



The Parish of Porthkerry & Rhoose

'Loving Jesus. Serving the Community.'

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Children and Communion

In September 2016 the Bench of Bishops made the following ruling: "Baptism alone should be seen as the gateway into participation in the life of the church including admission to the Sacrament of Holy Communion." From Advent Sunday 2016 all the baptised were given permission to receive communion, whatever their age. Parishes have been given until Advent Sunday 2017 to implement this.

Children need their parents' permission to receive communion (and children under 5 are not allowed by law to receive the wine), and we need to keep a record of this. You are very welcome to withhold your permission until you feel your child is ready, at which time a new form can be requested.

We will put in place fun, age appropriate courses of preparation for those who would like it, to enable your child to understand the importance of receiving communion, and to grow in their own relationship with the Lord.

Please could you complete and return the form below.

Child's Name _____

Child's Date of Birth _____

Child's Date & Place of Baptism _____

Please tick the appropriate box:

My child has not been baptised

My child has not been baptised and I would like to arrange his/her baptism

I do not give my child permission to receive holy communion at this time

I give my child permission to receive holy communion following an appropriate course of preparation

I give my child permission to receive holy communion without a course of preparation

Signed (parent or adult with parental responsibility) _____

Date _____

This form will be kept confidential and stored securely.

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