



FIRST *Communion*



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Every year thousands of 6 and 7 year olds across the UK are welcomed into the Catholic church - it's a huge moment for them. The celebrations around the service get bigger and more elaborate every year with £1000 dresses, big family parties, tanning salons, limos and fake nails all the order of the day - but is this at the expense of the religious meaning?

This film brings privileged access to a fascinating, unseen world, as we follow the emotional rollercoaster of Holy Communion Season from October to July through the eyes and experience of the children themselves. Months of hard work go into preparing the children to commit to the Catholic Faith and receive the Eucharist for the first time.

Running parallel are the parents' preparations - outfits for everyone and a party for all. It's as big a day as Christmas. We will cast children and their families from diverse backgrounds and follow them over the 8 months of preparation from communities in Northern Ireland, Liverpool and Birmingham. Alongside them will be the supporting cast of teachers, dressmakers, priests and party planners all working to make this a day they will never forget.



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