



St. Paul's Parish, Ayrfield



Parish Office
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3rd September 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I wish to let you know and confirm that the Parish will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday the 18th September 2021.**

Since thankfully, there is now, an easing of restrictions for indoor gatherings in Church, up to **5 people** can accompany your child to the celebration.

You will enter the Church through the Blunden Drive entrance and on sanitising your hands you will be directed to your seat. At the end of the ceremony you will exit the Church at the Parish Office doors. Please take photographs outside the Church and not inside. Mask wearing is still required in church. The Church will have to be sanitised quickly for the next ceremony so please do not linger in the Church.

Other members of your family, relations and friends are invited to participate in the ceremony by watching online through our webstream. This can be found on the link on our website: **www.ayrfieldparish.ie**

The order of the First Communion ceremonies on the day will be as follows under the headings of the last school years teacher and please be in your seats at least 5 minutes beforehand;

10:00 am	Ms. O'Neill's Class.
11:15 am	Ms. O'Connor's Class.
12:30 pm	Ms. Gilligan's Class.

In the meantime, there is the important celebration of First Confession (First Penance / First Reconciliation). Because of the year we had I will administer the sacrament during school hours, over the coming week and I thank the Principle, Mr Broughan and their Teachers for their assistance.

I encourage you to talk to your child about their First Confession and I attach an article that you may find helpful, "hints on preparing your child for first confession".

After the difficult year we have had with the previous cancellations and the resulting disappointment specially for your child, I am looking forward to seeing you all in the 18th September. Please God it will be a happy and joyful day for your child and family. May we all continue to keep safe and abide by the health regulations concerning social gatherings.

Kind Wishes.

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