

Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your family are well and are managing to cope as best you can with your daily lives amid the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions. We are still living in unprecedented challenging times that have affected all of our lives and that we never could have predicted would be still going on after nearly two years.

One of the big changes we have been dealing with in the parish is coming up with a new way of planning, preparing and celebrating the sacraments that have traditionally been school-based. The move away from school-based sacraments has been talked about for a long time but the reality of Covid 19 has speeded up the process.

We have set provisional dates for the sacraments but please understand that it cannot be guaranteed that there will not be changes to the dates if further restrictions are imposed by the government over the next number of weeks or months.

While the sixth class religion programme will continue through school, the enrolment and celebration of the sacraments will take place in the parish. All parents who want their children to receive their Confirmation will be expected to take part in both the school and parish-based preparation. We want to invite you, then, if you wish to enrol your child for the sacrament that you do so on our on-line enrolment system. You can enrol very simply by clicking on to the link below..... and fill in the necessary details by:

Monday 31st January



The proposed date for Scoil Bhríde Confirmation is as follows:

Ms Jameson's Class - Saturday 4th June at 10am
Mr Kelly's Class - Saturday 4th June at 12 noon
Ms Holland's Class - Saturday 4th June at 2pm

The proposed date for St Anne's NS, Ardclough Confirmation is as follows:

Mr O'Leary's Class - Saturday 11th June at 11am
Mr O'Hanlon's Class - Saturday 11th June at 1pm

At the moment we are hoping that each child will be allowed to have their parents, a sponsor, siblings and grandparents present for the ceremony. This will be confirmed closer to the date.

After the closing date we will be in contact with those who enrol, with details of the preparation we will be doing here in the parish beginning with a **VIRTUAL ENROLMENT SERVICE** via webcam on **THURSDAY 24th February at 7pm**

If you have any queries please contact the parish office on 045 878 008 or by email to sacraments.killparish@gmail.com In the meantime, we wish you and your family a safe and peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Fr Willie O'Byrne PP

Fr Matt Kelly

Ms Jean Roche
Sacramental Coordinator