

Dear Parents/Guardians

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 are writing to you now as your child in Second Class is at an age when you might be thinking of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for him/ her. We have set provisional dates for 1st Communions 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.

The proposed dates for Scoil Bhríde, Kill 1st Communions are as follows:

Ms Buckley's Class - Saturday May 14th at 10am

Ms Kealy's Class - Saturday May 14th at 12 noon

Ms Touhy's Class - Saturday May 21st at 12 noon

The proposed date for St Anne's NS, Ardclough 1st Communion is as follows:

Ms Buckley / Ms Knightly's Class - Saturday May 28th at 10am

Ms O'Donovan's Class - Saturday May 28th at 12 noon

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

While the second 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 Holy Communion 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 sacraments that you do so on our on-line enrolment form. You can enrol very simply by clicking on to the link below..... and fill in the necessary details by:

MONDAY 31st January



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 10th 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 happy & safe New Year

Yours sincerely,

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Fr Matt Kelly

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