



*Holy Cross Parish of
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Dear Children & Parents of Second Class,

Greetings and best wishes to you all. I hope you are all keeping safe and well in these difficult times. Covid-19 has impacted our lives immeasurably in these last few months, affecting also the preparation of our young people for the sacraments of our Catholic faith. As the restrictions are gradually easing, it is now possible for us in Holy Cross parish to provide you with provisional dates for the celebration of First Holy Communion. You will find these in the timetable on the next page.

As certain restrictions with regard to physical distancing will likely be still in place, it will only be possible to admit the children themselves and their immediate family into the church. This is the only way that will enable us to accommodate up to sixty children at a time, i.e. two/three classes. The Masses will take place on Friday evenings in September, at 6pm (see timetable on next page).

There have been some queries about applications. Each student has already applied earlier in the year (October 2019), and as we have everyone's application, no further action is required. The ceremony for Gaelscoil Philib Barún will be celebrated *as Gaeilge*, as originally planned.

In the meantime, to help prepare your child for First Holy Communion, I would encourage you to use a little book called 'Youcat Kids' which is a helpful manual in preparing children for First Holy Communion, and for other topics about the faith. You can find it online, or we can order it in our parish office for you (it costs €11.50). We look forward to welcoming all our children for First Holy Communion in September, and we wish to thank our schools and teachers once again for the invaluable help they provide to both parents and parish in forming our children in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely,



Mgr. Nicholas O'Mahony PP.

Provisional Dates of First Holy Communions
September 2020

School / Class	Provisional Date of First Holy Communion
<u>Gaelscoil Philib Barún</u> Múinteoir Órna's Class	Friday 11th September 6pm
<u>Glór na Mara</u> Both classes	Friday 18th September 6pm
<u>Holy Cross</u> All Classes	Friday 25th September 6pm