

First Holy Communion and Confirmation for the children of Johnstownbridge N.S

Fr. Sean is looking forward to the celebrations of First Communion (11.00am) and Confirmation (12.15pm) on Saturday 18 May.

The Confirmation candidates will be welcome to attend Mass on Thursday 16th May at 10.00am in Johnstownbridge and also to make confession afterwards. Parents are most welcome to attend also.

The celebrations will be outside on the lawn as heretofore. We would advise all candidates for Communion to register their presence at the gate from 10.30am, where they will receive their designated space. No seating will be provided but people are free to bring camp seats if desired, particularly for older guests.

We would ask people to respect the nature of the sacrament with due decorum and silence while Communion is being distributed. The ceremony will be simple with an emphasis on the Eucharist and welcoming Christ into the lives of those making Communion for the first time.

There will be a brief period afterward, but we ask those who are not staying for Confirmation to make space for the Confirmation candidates and their families by 12.00 noon.

We will open registration for the Confirmation candidates at 12.00 noon and the ceremony will be in the context of a liturgy of God's Word. Again, we would recognize the importance of a respectful and prayerful atmosphere. Confirmation candidates are asked to bring a card with their name and chosen confirmation name (in large print) on one side and then the full name, confirmation name and sponsor's name on the other side. This will be retained by the confirming priest, but it can be returned, on request, after registration.

We will examine the possibilities of making the pledge later. Obviously if the weather proves inclement, we will be forced to move the celebration indoors but hopefully we will be lucky enough to proceed as heretofore.