

## **Dear Parents of Children in Our Lady of Good Counsel Girls & St Mary's Boys National Schools, Ferrybank**

First of all I wish all of you a very happy New Year. 2020 was very difficult year in so many ways, hopefully 2021 will be much better for all of us.

Your child is now in second class which is traditionally the time when First Communion is celebrated.

### **In Ferrybank it is hoped to celebrate first Communion on Saturday 29th May 2021**

If Covid restrictions are still in force (and hopefully they won't be) we may have to change the date & have a number of ceremonies similar to 2020. We will keep you updated as the situation develops.

If you wish your child to receive First Holy Communion this coming year **please fill in the attached form and return it to us at the Parish Office by Friday 22nd January. You can drop it in (along with a baptism cert. if required) through the letterbox or send it back to us by email. You can also download the form from our parish website:**

**[www.ferrybanksieverueparishes.ie](http://www.ferrybanksieverueparishes.ie)**

### **First Communion Programme**

In past years we had a Communion programme with monthly Mass in which the Children were involved as they prepared for First Confession and First Communion. Because of the Covid restrictions we will not be able to have those Masses this year.

However we have a different programme lined up and it is online! It is called '**MyFaith**' and you will see information about it below.

**It can be done at home and once we have received your Registration Form we will be able to send you the letter with all the details & codes you need to login and begin - along with a special workbook which will be of great help too! and we will connect with all of you from time to time via zoom or other technology with updates and information.**

### **So what is MyFaith?**

MyFaith is an online parish-based programme that allows the children to journey towards the celebration of the Sacraments in the company of their families, supported by their parishes. Designed to support children preparing for First Confession and for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. This online and interactive programme leads children through the steps necessary to understand, appreciate and, in time, fruitfully celebrate, and then live, the Sacraments.

### **The Course Companion**

Children will be introduced to Ich Thus, a most important fish, who will guide those preparing for Communion and Confirmation, in very different ways, to the same result. Online video modules, online interactive games/challenges and quizzes to reinforce learning, downloadable resources; moments of prayer; an appreciation of the journey towards celebrating the Sacraments are the key elements of what we hope will be an immense support to parishes in their efforts to help children on their faith journey. New modules released every two weeks ensuring the journey of preparation will continue as the day of celebration draws closer.

We will log in to track, encourage and support the children on their journey & will be in contact again soon to update you

Best Wishes & looking forward to receiving your registration form & sending you our programme details.

Fr Kieran - Parish Office 051 830813

**PARISH OF FERRYBANK  
DIOCESE OF OSSORY**

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021**

**PARISHES:** **Ferrybank**

**Proposed Date of First communion**

Dear First Communion Children, Parents and Guardians,  
Please complete both sides of this form and return it to the Parish Office within the next two weeks.

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

NAME OF CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PRIMARY SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

*I wish to celebrate the Sacrament of First Communion*

SIGNED BY CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSED BY PARENTS/GUARDIANS: \_\_\_\_\_

**BAPTISM**

Each child registered to receive First Communion must be Baptised.

(Please tick the appropriate box)

My Child was Baptised in FERRYBANK Church

My Child was Baptised in another Church

If your child was baptised in **another Church** please provide a Certificate of Baptism which can be ordered from the parish where your child was Baptised. Please include the Certificate when returning this form. If you need any assistance in getting a certificate we will be happy to help you.

**FIRST COMMUNION DATE & COVID - 19**

**DUE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH SITUATION RELATING TO THE COVID - 19 PANDEMIC WE WISH TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE DATE AND MANNER OF CELEBRATING FIRST COMMUNION MAY CHANGE. YOU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY CHANGES WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE CELEBRATION.**

**PROGRAMME OF PREPARATION**

Each child and family is expected to take part in a programme of preparation. Please confirm that you are happy to take part by ticking the Box

## FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS

FATHER'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME	
MOTHER'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME:	
FAMILY CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER:	
FAMILY CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS	
FAMILY POSTAL ADDRESS	

I / We support \_\_\_\_\_ 's application for First Communion and will continue to help them in their preparation.

I / We furthermore consent to the information on this application form being used by the parish of Ferrybank in order to contact us about sacramental preparation and celebration, subject to the relevant General Data Protection Regulations.

***Please note: Family home address, contact mobile number, and email are required to ensure the parish can maintain effective and timely communication with you as may be necessary.***

***Privacy Notice and Data Protection Consent***

The information on this form will be used by the parish to facilitate the celebration of your child's First Communion and to register the First Communion in the appropriate parish. The parish is the data controller for the data you provide on this form and can be contacted at: Ferrybank & Slieverue Parish Office. The information on the form will not be otherwise shared by the Parish. The form will be destroyed within 12 months of your child's First Communion, however, the information in the Sacramental Register will be retained permanently. By signing this form, you consent to the parishes of Ferrybank & Slieverue collecting and processing the data on the form as outlined.

**Please return this form (and copy of Baptismal Certificate, if required) by dropping in to Ferrybank & Slieverue Parish Office, Ross Rd, Ferrybank or by email to [ferrybank@ossory.ie](mailto:ferrybank@ossory.ie)  
Ferrybank & Slieverue Parish Office 051 830813**

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT(S) / GUARDIAN(S) DATE