



First Reconciliation
& First Communion



Portlaoise
PARISH

2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we are all aware the year 2020 has thrown us many curve balls and has asked us to be patient in ways that we never imagined before. The current pandemic has greatly affected the life of our parish and indeed, how we practice our faith.

In previous years the dates for the celebration of both First Penance and First Holy Communion would have been announced at the beginning of September and we would have already invited the children to many Masses as preparation for the receiving of the sacraments. All of this has proved to be impossible given the current restrictions, which look likely to affect the first half of 2021 as well.

With all of this in mind we aim to be able to celebrate both First Penance and First Holy Communion before the end of the school year (1st July). We do not have any more details as of yet but we aim to keep all families informed as soon as details can be finalised. With this in mind, we invite you now to enrol your child for First Penance and First Holy Communion. As much of our preparation will take place virtually the information you provide will be vital in preparing your child to receive the sacraments in 2021.

John Byrne, P.P.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IN CAPITAL LETTERS

Full Name of Child: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Teacher: _____

My child is baptised yes no

Place of baptism (Town/Country) _____

Date of baptism (year at least) _____

A copy of the Baptismal Certificate needs to be provided to the Parish Centre no later than **Friday 28th March**, only if your child was not baptised in Portlaoise Parish (Portlaoise, The Heath, Ratheniska).

Father's Full Name: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____

Parent/Guardian mobile number: _____

Parent/Guardian email address: _____

ENROLMENT OF CANDIDATE

I wish to enrol in Portlaoise Parish to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion in 2021. I know that in doing so I am also making a commitment to engage in the preparation to receive the sacraments.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

For Parents/ Guardians

My child has enrolled in Portlaoise Parish to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion in 2021 with my permission. I will make every effort to support my child in their commitment to prepare for the sacrament.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

I give permission for Portlaoise Parish to contact me in relation to First Penance and First Holy Communion preparation and up to date details.

Please tick