



**PARISH UPDATES: THE SACRAMENTS OF
FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION**
Mountview & Blakestown

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The re-opening of our churches is a new beginning and is welcomed by people of faith. During the lockdown, many religious events had to be cancelled or postponed. We are now in a position to plan for the future. The proposed date to celebrate the **Sacrament of First Confession for pupils of St. Philip the Apostle JNS is on 11th (Tue) August.** Each ceremony will be according to the classes as listed below. We highly encourage both the parents to attend the ceremony in the church.

The proposed date to celebrate the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion for pupils of St. Philip the Apostle JNS is 18th (Tue) & 25th (Tue) August.** Each ceremony will be again according to their class groupings as listed below. Each candidate can invite 4 other family members to attend this ceremony in the church. (All members invited (4) have to sit together along with the candidate (1) and therefore they need to be people from the same household as there will be no room for social distancing as we take the whole class in for one celebration). The number of guests allowed for each candidate (4) is based on the understanding that Govt. regulations will allow 100 people for indoor gathering by then.

As you can imagine, it will, unfortunately, be a simple celebration of the Eucharist with minimum involvement from the school and candidates. **We will not have our usual meeting with parents this year, however we hope to have a note prepared in the next two weeks for the attention of parents and candidates with all relevant information as to how the ceremony will unfold on the day.**

It is important to remember that our experience of Mass and all liturgical events will be quite different as the guidelines set out by the public health authority are implemented. The Covid-19 virus means we have to learn new ways of being together in Church to ensure the comfort and safety of everyone.

Just as Ms. O’Connell awaits government advice and guidelines on the return to school after the summer break, here in the parish we also await government advice that will further ease restrictions.

Let us now look forward to celebrating these **Sacraments on the above dates in August** with the boys and girls who have been so patiently waiting to receive Jesus into their hearts. May God Bless you all!

Fr. Binoy Mathew svd
08/06/2020

Date	Event	Class	Time
11 th August - Tue	1 st Confession	Ms O’Hare	5.30pm
11 th August - Tue	1 st Confession	Mr Conneely	6 pm
11 th August - Tue	1 st Confession	Ms Watson	6.30 pm
11 th August - Tue	1 st Confession	Ms O’Hare & Maye	7 pm
18 th August - Tue	1 st Holy Communion	Ms O’Hare	12.30 pm
18 th August - Tue	1 st Holy Communion	Mr. Conneely	03 pm
25 th August - Tue	1 st Holy Communion	Ms Watson	12.30 pm
25 th August - Tue	1 st Holy Communion	Ms O’Hare & Maye	03 pm