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## FIRST PENANCE AND FIRST EUCHARIST 2022

Dear Parents,

Enrolment for the **Sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist** is later this year because of the Covid19 restrictions. In normal time we would have an enrolment night for parents in the Pastoral Centre, followed by an Enrolment Ceremony in the Church. This year I propose to have the two occasions in the one session in

**St Patrick's Church on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.**

Both parents and your son/daughter are asked to attend. The **enrolment form** is enclosed – please fill it in and have it **returned to the parish office**, or on the Tuesday evening – enrolment can be made at the back of the Church **from 6.30am to 7pm**. Please come early so that you will have the candle and Thumbs book for the enrolment ceremony.

Much of the work of preparation is done in school but the home and the parish have an important role to play in helping our children understand what it means to share in the Bread of Life for the first time. The most important preparation of your child for Holy Communion is yours as parents, **praying** with them at home, **sharing your own faith** with them and bringing them faithfully to **Mass every Sunday**. To help and support you with this responsibility, we will be using the Parish Programme “**Do this in Memory**”. This programme helps our children and their families as they prepare for these Sacraments. It aims to help parents and parish become more actively involved in the sacramental preparation for First Penance and First Eucharist.

**The attendance of both parents at this meeting is essential.** If you are unable to attend for any reason we would ask you make contact with the Parish Office at **98-51295** beforehand. If we do not hear from you we will take it as an indication that you do not wish to present your child for these Sacraments.

This time of preparation for Sacraments is an opportunity for us all to be renewed and nourished in our own faith journey. We look forward to seeing you on the night of the 19<sup>th</sup> October, and we pray every Blessing on you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

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Fr Cathal Ó Fearraí P.P.