

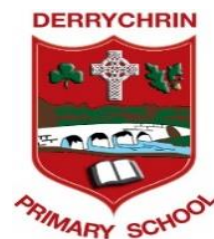


Parish of St. Patrick's Ballinderry

Mass for the First Communicants

of

Ballylifford PS and Derrychrin PS



Dear Parents/Carers,

Following discussions with Rev. Fr Donnelly both primary schools Ballylifford PS and Derrychrin PS are pleased to inform you of the official arrangements for this year's First Holy Communion in Ballinderry Parish.

We are living in very strange times and have to abide by the social distancing rules which have been laid out for us all. As a result, First Communion will take the form of four separate masses over two weekends. Ballylifford PS will only have one mass celebrations and Derrychrin PS will have three masses.

Weekend One: Saturday 19th September & Sunday 20th September.

Weekend Two: Saturday 26th September & Sunday 27th September.

Ballylifford PS First Communion will take place on **Sunday 20th September** and Derrychrin PS will take place on Saturday 19th, Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th of September. All masses will begin at **12:00noon**.

First Communion children may be accompanied into the church only by their parents & siblings - brothers & sisters. Unfortunately, nobody else is allowed to attend.

All First Communion services will be broadcast live on Ballinderry Parish Webcam - no recording shall take place.

Each family will have a pew at which to sit - creating a 'family bubble'.

We are restricted to a maximum number of 48 being in the church at any time so we ask people to be considerate of this number.

We aim to make this a very special occasion for our First Communion children and hope that they all enjoy their big day.

Thank you
Mr Ciaran McElroy