

Clonakilty Parish

First Holy Communion Enrolment at Sunday Mass

Baptism Candles are lit on the altar rails by parent leaders before Mass.

Children sit with their families (in their own clothes)

OPENING PRAYER

God our Father, we know that you love us as a parent loves their child. We know that you watch over us every day. Today, we ask you to bless the children of second class, as they prepare for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

PSALM

SECOND READING *(May be read by a parent or family member)*

GOSPEL

RITE OF ENROLMENT

PRIEST: We welcome the children by name.

_____ will now read their names.

(Once their names are all read, the priest invites the children to stand)

PRIEST: Dear children, (the answer to each question is "We Do")

Do you ask to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time?

CHILDREN We do.

PRIEST Children, do you promise to take your preparation seriously, both at home and in school?

CHILDREN We do.

COMMITMENT OF PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

PRIEST: We welcome parents and guardians and all those who love and take care of you. We ask God's blessing on them all, as they prepare with you to celebrate the sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion.

(Priest invites the parents and guardians to stand)

Priest (The answer to each question is "We do")

You have asked for the sacraments for your children. In so doing you are accepting the responsibility of helping them to grow in their understanding of the faith and their practice of the faith. You are the first of teachers in the ways of faith and may you be the best of teachers. Do you understand this?

Parents/Guardians: We do.

Priest

Do you promise to help, support and pray with your child in preparation for First Reconciliation and their First Holy Communion.

Parents/Guardians: We do.

Priest

Do you promise to create a Christian environment in your home and by your own good example to lead the child in the ways of faith?

Parents/Guardians: We do.

Priest

Do you promise to accompany your child to Mass on Sunday so as to share in the Eucharist, and be nourished at the table of the Lord?

Parents/Guardians: We do.

COMMITMENT OF THE PARISH COMMUNITY

(All please stand)

Priest

To all people of this faith community and all who pray here, do you promise to welcome and support these children in a special way this year?

ALL: We do

Priest: Do you promise to welcome and support the families of the children and to create bonds between us all that will endure for life?

ALL: We do.

Priest: Children, we are happy to welcome you and your families and to ask God to bless you all.

We now turn to God in prayer as we pray the Prayer of the Faithful. The prayers will be read by _____

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

(All stand) Priest invites those reading the prayers to come forward.

Priest

We pray to the Lord for all our needs, especially for the children of the preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

[Four prayers read by children and/or parents or other family members]

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PRIEST

God our Father, hear our prayers, which we present to you in the name of Jesus, who is with us today and always, for ever and ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

Bread and wine brought forward by ...[4]

During Holy Communion:

Parent Leaders extinguish Baptism Candles

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, these are your children given to us

To be cherished and loved

Moulded and formed, guided and instructed by us their parents, teachers and priests, to know your son Jesus and remain a true friend of his.

We ask you to bless us in our preparation with them during this special year of developing their faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FINAL BLESSING