

St. Conleth's Parish

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Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Dear parents/Guardians,

As I write to you today the news headlines are suggesting that we might be in serious lockdown until May of this year.

Therefore it is impossible for us to speculate as to what dates may be available to celebrate the sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

The present situation is a difficult time for the children preparing for sacraments, especially those children who were due to receive their First Penance and First Holy Communion last year. All of us are suffering due to this pandemic; some more than most.

Even though there is uncertainty around dates for these important occasions the work of preparation can and must still continue. To complement the work taking place through the schools the Parish Team has provided a number of resources which we hope will help parents and guardians at this time.

As a first step to accessing these resources we would encourage parents/guardians to download the Newbridge Parish App which is available for Apple and android devices. Many of the resources will be made available through this app. When you download the app please make sure to have notifications enabled. It is further hoped that this can become a good means of communication between parents/guardians and the Parish into the future.

The Lenten season will begin on Ash Wednesday 17th of February. As we cannot hold a public ceremony ashes will be available to be collected from the churches on that day. It would be great if families made a particular effort to participate in Sunday Mass via the webcams, details of which are available at www.newbridgeparish.ie. There are other opportunities to join with the Parish in prayer during Lent and these also are listed on the website.

It is our plan to facilitate the celebration of the sacraments as soon as is safe, permissible and practicable. Unfortunately, as I said at the beginning, it is impossible to make plans due to the uncertainty around the length of the present lockdown.

We will be in touch as soon as we have further news.

With every good wish,

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