



Gaelscoil an Chaistil

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A thuismitheoir, a chara,

Beidh Céad Chomaoineach do pháistí Rang 5 ar siúl **Dé Domhnaigh 4 Deireadh Fómhair ar 12.00**. Mar is eol duit, leis na srianta atá i bhfeidhm le Covid – 19, beidh sé éagsúil ó sheirbhísí a bhí againn roimhe. Seo thíos na socruithe don bhliain seo.

Faraor, tá cuma air seo go bhfuil neart ann nach bhfuil ceadaithe. Ach beidh na páistí ullmhaithe go maith don seirbhís, beidh siad páirteach sa seirbhís ag tabhairt na freagraí seirbhíse agus beidh ócáid iontach agus sultmhar againn.

First Communion for Rang 5 will take place on **Sunday 4 October at 12.00**. As you're aware, with restrictions in place because of Covid – 19, it will be a bit different to previous services. Here are the details for this year.

Unfortunately, it might look like there are a lot of things no longer allowed. But the children will be fully prepared for the service, they will be able to participate in the responses together and it will be a lovely, enjoyable occasion.

- The diocese asks that everyone wear a face covering during the service, if possible.
- One pew is being allocated for each Rang 5 child along with their family members.
- We will be using the main body of the chapel and children will know which pew that they should be in.
- Only one instrumentalist and one singer are permitted and as such we have approached previous past pupils, Dearbhla and Eve Garnéir, to sing and play for us. The parish have advised us that neither congregation nor children will be permitted to sing.
- Only one reader is permitted at the lectern and so, I will say the readings and the prayers of the faithful on behalf of the children.
- There will be no Offertory Procession.
- All families to the right of the altar will go up for Communion first, row by row and then all families on the left. If someone doesn't wish to receive Communion, they should approach the altar with their arms crossed in front of their chest, in order to receive a blessing instead.
- We will be unable to take photographs inside the chapel or on the front steps after the service as there are other services taking place after ours. However, we may be able to move to the side or back of the chapel to take photographs.
- Unfortunately, we are unable to host refreshments in the school hall after the service. We are disappointed about this but will be organizing gift bags for the children.

Ag dúil leis an ócáid a cheiliúradh leat / We're looking forward to celebrating the occasion with you.

Le gach dea-ghuí,
Brídín