

# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

KILMACANOGUE NATIONAL SCHOOL  
ST. MOCHONOG'S CHURCH, KILMACANOGUE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> 2021

10am, 12 noon





## *Happy in the Presence of the Lord*

### *Chorus*

*Happy in the presence of the Lord.  
We come and sing our praise to Lord Jesus,  
Happy in the presence of the Lord.  
We come and sing our praise to the Lord of all.*

1.

*Come and share the bread of life,  
Bread that will feed us, help us and protect us,  
Come and share the stories of old,  
Stories of Jesus, his work and his world*

### *Chorus*

2.

*Come and share the mem'ries we've had,  
Happy days, sad days, days full of joy,  
Come to tell the Lord that we love,  
We'll live the life he told us to live*

### *Chorus*

## **Words of Welcome**

**Celebrant:** We are here today to celebrate a special occasion, the First Holy Communion of these wonderful children. The children will be sharing the Bread of Life for the first time. Through His life, death and resurrection, Jesus is and always will be present in a special way in the lives of these children who have waited a long time to make their First Holy Communion.

## **Penitential Rite**

**Celebrant:** The children did not have an opportunity earlier this year to make their First Confession which is also called the Sacrament of Reconciliation and so we will now celebrate this sacrament together as one big family, the family of God.

Let us bow our heads in silence and remember a time when we did not show love to one another, or to our family or to our friends. Did we make bad choices like Zacchaeus the tax collector and were we mean to those around us?

*(a moment of silence)*

**Celebrant:** Children, let us now say together your special prayer asking God our Father for forgiveness.

**Children: O my God, help me to remember the times when I didn't live as Jesus asked me to. Help me to be sorry and to try again.**

**All: Amen**

**Celebrant:** Let us hear the children offer up their own special Act of Sorrow.

**Children: O my God, I thank you for loving me. I'm sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again.**

**All: Amen**

Prayer of Absolution

**Celebrant:** And my brothers and sisters as adults, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries as we all pray

**All: I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done  
and in what I have failed to do,  
(All strike their chest three times)  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore, I asked blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen**

**Celebrant:** Let us remember the times when we haven't lived like Jesus, times when the connection between ourselves and others was broken or weakened, times when we strayed from God's love.

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, you have come to show us how to love. You have shown us how to share our lives with others.

Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, you forgive us when we are being selfish and think only of ourselves. We know that you are with us and that you forgive us today. We know that you will be with us tomorrow.

Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who searches for us when we are lost. You look after all people everywhere.

Lord, have mercy. **All: Lord, have mercy**

**Celebrant:** May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

**Celebrant:** And children, now that you have been forgiven, please say your special prayer after forgiveness.

**Children: O my God, thank you for forgiving me. Help me to love others. Help me to live as Jesus asked me to.**

**All: Amen**

**Celebrant:** We have now completed the Penitential Rite which is the Forgiveness part of our special First Holy Communion Mass.

Let us continue on with the Mass as we pray for these children who are about to make their first Holy Communion.

**Celebrant:** God our Father, you are indeed our Father. You watch over us with gentle care. Today, we joyfully present these children for their First Holy Communion. We pray that in the years ahead they may often return to be nourished and fed at the altar. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading**

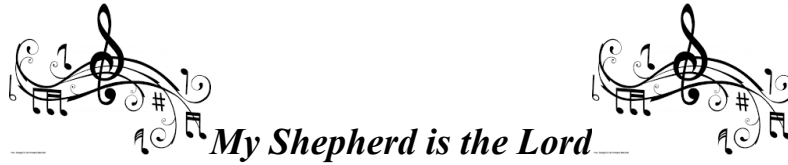
A reading from the first book of Kings.

The angel of the Lord came to Elijah in the desert and woke him and said: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you." So Elijah got up and ate and drank and strengthened by this food he walked forty days and nights until he reached the mountain of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

***Responsorial Psalm:***



*My Shepherd is the Lord*

*He tends all my needs,*

*By quiet streams*

*He plants a dream,*

*Of peace and love for me, He shepherds me,*

*Sometimes when I'm afraid,*

*Sad and all alone,*

*He makes my tears disappear,*

*With your touch of joy,*

*You shepherd me,*

*You give me food to eat,*

*Bless me every day,*

*You give me rest,*

*As your guest forever in your home,*

*You shepherd me,*

*My Shepherd is the Lord,*

*He tends all my needs,*

*By quiet streams He plants a dream,*

*Of peace and love for me, He shepherds me*

## **Second Reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

All those who believed in Jesus Christ lived together in a community and they shared everything together. They sold their things and shared the money with everybody, depending on what each person needed. Every day they went as a group to the Temple. They broke the bread in their homes, sharing food gladly and generously. They praised God and the people respected them.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

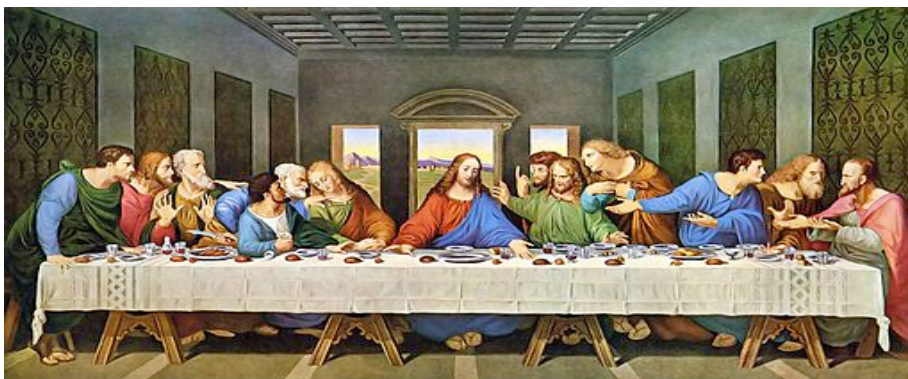
## **Gospel Acclamation:**

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Oh Lord to whom shall we go?**

**You alone are the Word of Life. May your word be our prayer  
and the song we sing**

**Alleluia, Alleluia**



## **Gospel:**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Celebrant:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (22:14-15a, 19-20)

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

**Celebrant:** When the hour came Jesus took his place at the table and the apostles with him. And he said to them, “I have longed to eat this Passover with you.” Then Jesus took some bread and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body which will be given for you: do this in memorial of me.” He did the same with the cup after supper, and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## HOMILY

### Prayers of the Faithful

**Celebrant:** Having listened to the Words of God in the Gospel let us now think of our needs and turn to God in prayer.

**Celebrant:** We pray for and remember those who haven't got enough food and who often have to go hungry. We also pray for those who are sick and worried, that God Our Father may shed his healing light on them.

Lord hear us.

**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

**Celebrant:** We pray for those who helped the children prepare for this special day. We pray for the Principal, and all the teachers, especially their class teachers, who have prepared the children so well for their First Holy Communion

Lord hear us.

**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

**Celebrant:** We pray especially for the children here today as they celebrate our First Holy Communion. May they always try to live like Jesus and grow more like him as they follow in his footsteps each day of their lives.



Lord hear us

**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

**Celebrant:** We pray for the wonderful families here today. May God bless them and keep them safe. We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear us.

**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

**Celebrant:** We pray for Pope Francis and Archbishop Dermot Farrell and all our clergy that God may inspire us in all our decisions as we guide God's children along the right path.

Lord hear us.

**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



### Eucharistic Prayer for Children

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**All: It is right and just.**

**Celebrant:** God our Father, you have brought us here together so that we can give you thanks and praise for all the wonderful things you have done.

We thank you for all that is beautiful in the world and for the happiness you have given us. We praise you for daylight and for your word which lights up our minds. We praise you for the earth, and for all the people who live on it, and for our life which comes from you. We know that you are good. You love us and do great things for us.

Father, you are always thinking about your people, you never forget us. You sent your Son, Jesus, who gave his life for us and who came to save us. He cured the sick people; He cared for those who were poor and wept with those who were sad. He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive each other. He loved everyone and showed us how to be kind.

He took children in his arms and blessed them. God Our Father, all over the world your people praise you. So now we pray with the whole Church: with Francis our Pope and Dermot Farrell our Archbishop. In heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the saints always sing your praise. Now, we join with them and with the angels to adore you as we say:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Celebrant:** God Our Father, you are most holy and we want to show you that we are grateful. We bring you bread and wine and ask you to send your Holy Spirit to make these gifts the + Body and Blood of Jesus your Son. Then we can offer to you what you have given to us.

On the night before he died, Jesus was having supper with his apostles. He took bread from the table. He gave you thanks and praise.

Then he broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said:

**TAKE THIS ALL OF YOU, AND EAT THIS:  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR  
YOU.**

When supper was ended, Jesus took the cup that was filled with wine. He thanked you, gave it to his friends and said:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT:  
THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE  
NEW AND ETERNAL CHALICE WHICH WILL BE Poured  
OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF  
SINS.**

Then he said: **DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

We do now what Jesus told us to do. We remember his death and resurrection and we offer You, Father, the bread that gives us life and the cup that saves us. Jesus brings us to you: welcome us as you welcome him.

**Celebrant:** Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith.

**All: Christ has died alleluia, Christ is risen alleluia,  
Christ will come again alleluia**

**Celebrant:** Father, because you love us, you invite us to come to your table. Fill us with the joy of the Holy Spirit as we receive the body and blood of your Son. Lord, you never forget any of your children. We ask you to take care of those we love, especially those for whom we now pray. We pray also, for those we have loved who have died and gone before us.

Remember everyone who is suffering from pain or sorrow. Remember Christians everywhere and all other people in the world. We are filled with wonder and praise when we see what you do for us through Jesus Christ your Son and so we say:

Through him,

And with him  
And in him,  
O God Almighty Father,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
All glory and honour is yours,  
Forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

### COMMUNION RITE

**Celebrant:** Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words Jesus taught us as I invite the children to stand in their places and do the actions as we say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into  
temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**Celebrant:** Deliver us Lord from every evil and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and  
forever.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of your church and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Celebrant:** Let us offer one another the Sign of Peace with a wave or a smile

**All:**           **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

**Celebrant:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lord.

**All:**           **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**



**Celebrant:** And now children you will receive your very First Holy Communion. Loving Father, each day we see signs of your love and goodness all around us. Bless these children who will share the Bread of Life today. May they know your love and protection. May they learn from the love and life of Jesus, your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Children, please say your special prayer together before you receive your First Holy Communion

## Prayer before Communion

**Children: Lord Jesus, come to me.**

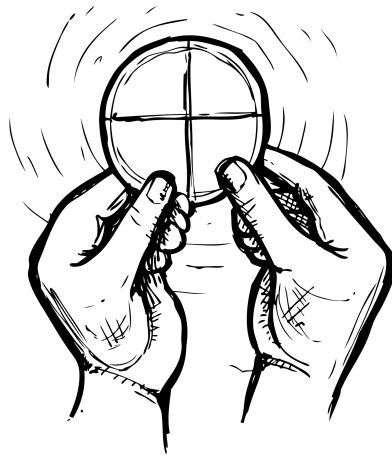
**Lord Jesus, give me your love.**

**Lord Jesus, come to me and give me yourself.**

**Lord Jesus, friend of children, come to me.**

**Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen**



CHILDREN AND CONGREGATION RECEIVE COMMUNION

### *Céad Míle Fáilte Romhat*

Céad míle fáilte romhat a Íosa, a Íosa  
Céad míle fáilte romhat a Íosa,  
Céad míle fáilte romhat a Shláinitheoir  
Céad míle, míle fáilte romhat Íosa, a Íosa  
Glór agus moladh duit a Íosa, a Íosa  
Glór agus moladh duit a Íosa,  
Glór agus moladh duit a Shláinitheoir  
Glór, moladh agus buíochas duit Íosa, a Íosa

**Prayer after Communion**

**Children: Lord Jesus, I love and adore you.  
You're a special friend to me.  
Welcome, Lord Jesus, O welcome,  
thank you for coming to me.  
Thank you, Lord Jesus, O thank you  
For giving yourself to me  
Make me strong to show your love  
wherever I may be.**



**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay.  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all of us children in your loving care  
and bring us to heaven to live with you there.  
I'm ready now, Lord Jesus  
to show how much I care.  
I'm ready now to give your love  
at home and everywhere. Amen**

## CONCLUDING RITE

**Celebrant:** Today has been a very special day for all the children and their parents and guardians and families. This day will live forever in their hearts along with the love of God which they have received through their First Holy Communion

And so, to the final Blessing, let us bow our head.

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Celebrant:** May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**







## *Go Now in Peace*

*Go now in peace together today,  
Jesus is here in a very special way.  
Tell all you meet, that He is gentle and kind,  
Praise Him and love Him in body, soul and mind.*

*Go in peace! Go in love! Go in joy! Every girl and  
boy!*

*Go in peace! Go in love! Go in joy! Every girl and  
boy!*

*Bring all the love we've had here today.  
Share it around, don't let it fade away.  
Love one another as Jesus Christ loves you.  
Praise him and love him in everything you do.*

*Go in peace! Go in love! Go in joy! Every girl and  
boy!*

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# CONGRATULATIONS

*(names of all the children making their First Holy Communion)*

Valentina Connolly

Darcy Duff

Adam Dunne

Madison Henderson

Meara Lynch

Oisín Mahony

Ethan McCann

Georgia McErlane

Zoe McRory

Charlie Moore

Nathan Mulligan

Ciaran Mulligan

Kate Mullins

Juliette Murray

Indie Owens

Ellanie Owens

Cian Murray Quinn

Aron Redden

Lucas Redden

Darren Redmond

Sophie Wolohan

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*(names of all the children making their First Holy Communion)*

Roberto Arencibia Dunne

James Birchall Dwyer

Sean Bryan

Logan Burke Farrell

Elizabeth Cafferkey

Sadhbh Carr

Elaine Conroy

Megan Driver

Felice Farrelly

Emily Flynn Boughton

Emie Free

Layla Henderson

Finn Kynes

Freya McBrearty

Aimee Merrigan

Emily Morris

Alex Tracey