

Parish Newsletter & COVID Update

12/13 September 2020



Confirmation Congratulations

Congratulations to the boys from Mr Howard's Class in St Paul's, Brunswick Street who made their Confirmation this Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers as they take the big step into secondary school.

Next Saturday (19th) we welcome the pupils from Mr Cunningham's Class.

First Confession & First Holy Communion

It was agreed with the Principal's of Presentation Primary George's Hill and St Paul's Brunswick Street to hold the first confession on Wednesday 23rd of September in the Church at 10.30am. Due to COVID restrictions we have asked the teachers to bring the classes over to the Church on the day.

Rehearsal for the First Holy Communions will take place at 10.30 am on Wednesday 30th of September. The Communions themselves take place at 11am on the 2nd (George's Hill & St Paul's) and 9th (St Paul's) of September. Letters will be sent to the parents this coming week with full information.



Baptisms



We welcome with great joy Daral & Craig O'Brien who will be Baptised this Sunday at the 12pm Mass. Congratulations to their parents, godparents and family at this special time.

We hold baptisms on the 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month at the 12 pm Mass. To book a baptism please visit our website:

www.halstonstreetparish.ie and complete the baptismal booking form on the 'Baptism' page.

COVID-19 Update

Coronavirus COVID-19 Update

This week the Archbishop of Dublin wrote to all parishes in the Archdiocese reminding us of **our responsibility to act at all times in accordance with the current norms**. He noted that in some parishes social distancing has been an issue and he once more **reminded all parishes of the importance of social distancing before, during and after any gathering in the church**. He also

reminded us of the guidelines provided by the Irish Bishops Conference that prescribe how we operate at this time of COVID-19.

We are doing many things very well here in Halston Street. Thanks to everyone for their continued cooperation and to our fantastic volunteers who work very hard to ensure we have a clean and safe environment to come into.

As the numbers creep upwards once again we await further instructions from the HSE and the Archbishop as to how we should proceed. We will, of course, keep you posted. Some people have asked about a return to public weekday Mass. The honest answer is that we are not in a position to do that just now. We are open for funerals on weekdays as they arise and our volunteers provide cover for these events. To open the doors we need our volunteers to act as stewards and cleaners.



First Friday Calls

First Friday calls are a great tradition within the Catholic Church. Each First Friday, the priests of the parish bring the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of the Sick to those who cannot attend Mass or the Church. It's a powerful experience to be able to bring Jesus to the sick and for us to invite Jesus into our homes. If you know of anyone who would benefit from such a visit please contact Fr Martin or Fr Patrick. We always make contact with the person themselves or their family before commencing First Friday visits.

Thank you as always for your kindness, generosity and support. May the Lord bless and keep you in His care.