



Halston Street Parish, Dublin 7.

St Michan's Catholic Church.

'At the Heart of the Market's Area'

Registering your Child for a Sacrament in Halston Street Parish Class of 2022

The closing date for registrations is Friday 15th of October 2021.

Visit: www.halstonstreetparish.ie to register

Dear Parent / Guardian

I hope this letter finds you and your family well at this time. We have just finished the celebration of the Sacraments from the classes of 2020 and 2021. As you know the celebration of these Sacraments was delayed due to on-going COVID restrictions. We hope and pray that we can return to the normal schedule in 2022 of Confirmation in March and Holy Communion in May. Finalised dates will be confirmed in the New Year.

How to Register

This year we invite to register directly with us in the Parish through our Parish website – www.halstonstreetparish.ie under 'Sacraments' and 'Communion / Confirmation Registration'.

Our enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will take place on Sunday 31st of October 2021 at 12pm. It is important that you attend this Mass to as we begin the preparation programmes for the children and their families. You will also be invited to attend our monthly family Mass on the last Sunday of the Month at 12 pm.

Preparation Programmes

When you register your child from a Sacrament you are also registering them for the relevant sacramental preparation programme – there are tailored programmes for Holy Communion and Confirmation. These programmes are a joint venture between the schools, parish and parents.

In order for your child to get the most from their programme it is important that you do all you can to encourage and support them. A great way to do this is by using the '*Short Guide to First Confession and First Holy Communion*' or the '*Short Guide to Confirmation*' with them at home. These booklets will help you prepare as a family for Sacraments. When your registration is complete, you will be sent two copies of the relevant booklet by post. They are also available on our website on the 'First Holy Communion' and 'Confirmation' pages under the 'Sacraments' tab on the home page.

What you can do to support your child:

Sacristy: 01 873 0675

Pastoral Office: 01 873 7004

Email: halstonst@gmail.com

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In registering your child for a Sacrament, you are committing to a number of things:

1. **To participate in the family Mass each month** (last Sunday of the Month at 12pm)
2. **To take your child to visit the church or attend Mass at other times** – The more often they attend Mass the better.
3. **To pray with them at home as a family** – Grace before meals and prayer before bed are two great ways. Use simple prayers like the Hail Mary and encourage them to pray for what is important for them – school, sports, friends and family.
4. **To work through the relevant 'Short Guide' booklet with them** – this booklet will help you answer any questions they and provides information on the Sacraments and what they are.
5. **To encourage them as they prepare to receive their Sacraments** – Ask them about what they are learning and what it means to them. Be their support person. Tell them about what your faith means to you. Talk to them about God.

What to do now

If your child was baptised outside of Halston Street Parish (St Michan's Church or St Mary of the Angel's Church Street), you should make contact with the Parish they were baptised in a request a copy of their Baptismal certificate. If they were Baptised in Halston Street Parish, there is no need for a certificate.

Go onto www.halstonstreetparish.ie and fill out the 'Communion / Confirmation Registration Form' under 'Sacraments' on the home page. Submit this form to the parish. I have included a screenshot of the webpage.

The closing date for registrations is Friday 15th of October 2021. There is no cost for registration. Please note if your child was baptised outside of Halston Street Parish, you will need to submit a copy of their baptismal cert when you are registering. You can upload a scan / photo of the cert on the registration form.

We will confirm your registration by letter to the address given on the form.

The Parish is here to help you and we are very happy to answer any questions you might have. Please do not hesitate to contact me by email – halstonst@gmail.com or phone on 01 873 0675.

Kind regards

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