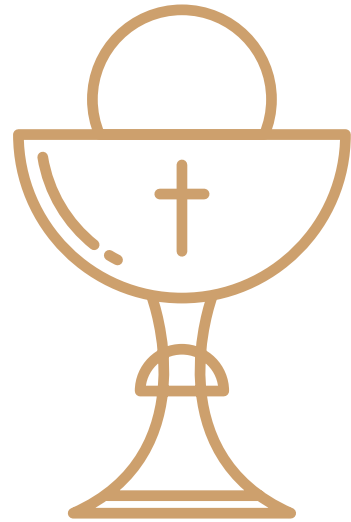


Preparing for First Holy Communion 2026

Parents Prayer

Loving God,
You are the giver of all we possess,
the source of all of our blessings.
We thank and praise you.
Thank you for the gift of our children.
Give us the strength and courage
to treat each day as a fresh start.
May our children come to know you and Jesus Christ,
whom you they will receive in Holy Communion.
May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love,
so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.
May their ears hear your voice.
May their eyes see your presence in all things.
May their lips proclaim your word.
May their hearts be your dwelling place.
May their hands do works of charity.
May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN



What do we need to know or think about?

- Why do I want my child to receive First Holy Communion?

How can you support your child for First Holy Communion?

- Talk to your children about First Holy Communion - let them ask questions
- Pray with your child or family each day
- Make a Prayer Space in your home – baptismal candle, memorial card, saint
- Weekly Mass on Sundays 7pm (Saturday Vigil), 9am, 10am (Boardmill) 11am, 12.30pm
- Children's Bible
- Read your child's Grow in Love Book
- Find online resources – parish online course during Lent
- Put up crucifix or a holy water font in your home – house blessing

Plans and preparations

- Preparation Masses
- Advent
- Christmas
- Lent

Volunteers needed for preparation Masses

- Three volunteers from each school
- Prayers of the Faithful & Offertory Gifts
- Teachers will help with other readers

First Holy Communion Preparation Masses in 2025

4/5 October 2025

Enrolment for First Holy Communion

Saturday 7pm Gaelscoil

Sunday 10am Boardsmill

Sunday 11am St Mary's, St Michael's and Educate Together

22/23 November 2025

Remembering our Baptism

Saturday 7pm Gaelscoil

Sunday 10am Boardsmill

Sunday 11am St Mary's, St Michael's and Educate Together

13/14 December 2025

Getting ready for Christmas

Saturday 7pm Gaelscoil

Sunday 10am Boardsmill

Sunday 11am St Mary's, St Michael's and Educate Together

