

The Parishes of St. Mark's Springfield / St. Aidan's, Brookfield / St. Thomas the Apostle, Jobstown

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We are delighted to announce First Holy Communion and Confirmation dates for 2023. As with the last two years the sacraments will be celebrated on a class-by-class basis, with some classes celebrating together due to the capacity of some of our Churches.

As there is only one full time priest now operating within the three parishes, this has placed considerable pressure on how we offer the sacraments to the children of our ten schools. As a result, the celebration of First Holy Communion will move to regular Sunday Mass times, as it is not possible to put on extra Masses throughout the week.

The celebration of Confirmation will remain as it has been for the past two years, with ceremonies taking place in the evening during weekdays.

All children **MUST** be baptised Roman Catholics in order to receive the sacraments. If your child has not yet been baptised you must contact St. Mark's Parish Office **as soon as possible** to register, 014620777. The office is open Monday -Friday 10.30am-12.30pm. At least one parent/guardian must be a verifiably Roman Catholic to have your child baptised.

For the Sacrament of First Holy Communion you will need your child's Roman Catholic Baptism certificate which must be handed into the school/class teacher no later than 31st March 2023.

For the Sacrament of Confirmation you will need to fill out an application form/card that will, in due course, be available in the schools or can be collected in the parish offices of St. Thomas, Jobstown or St. Mark, Springfield. The completed card, with attached Baptism cert, must be returned to your child's school no later than 31st March 2023.

To compliment the preparation work done in school, our parishes will offer various resources between now and May to help you and your child/children prepare for these great gifts of God. The best preparation for receiving the sacraments is to pray every day with your children and bring them along to our Sunday Masses in our parishes.

Details of the celebration of First Confession for those receiving their First Holy Communion will be issued in due course.

The Parish Team

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