

# Glenavy & Killead Parish

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## First Holy Communion Enrolment Sunday

23 September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a parish we are looking forward to the first step in your child's preparation for their first Holy Communion. This will take the form of an Enrolment Ceremony held during **9.30am Mass** on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September** in **St Joseph's Church, Glenavy**.

It is important that you and your child are present at this celebration as it enables you to formally request that your child be prepared for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Due to the limited space I would ask that just your immediate family attend.

As was explained at our meeting in the Primary School on Thursday 19 September, if you also wish your child to take part in the **Do This In Memory** preparation programme you will need to purchase the programme material costing **£10**. This material may be purchased at the back of the Church after the Mass on Sunday. The material consists of the **THUMB** book, and a **Do This in Memory** candle which can also be used at times of family prayer at home. The **Grapevine** leaflet will be distributed to the children at the end of each Mass throughout the programme.

At the distribution of Holy Communion this Sunday, your child will be invited forward for a blessing. Please instruct them to cross their arms upon their chest which is the recognised sign that they do not wish to receive the Host. This is also the sign for adults who wish to enter a spiritual communion at Mass.

I am very grateful to the parents at our meeting last week who volunteered to assist me as a co-ordinating group for the programme.

If you would be interested in helping this group, please complete the slip below and return it to your child's teacher.

The First Holy Communion programme is a wonderfully positive sign in our Parish community as another generation is introduced by their parents, with the support of the School and the wider Parish community, to this most precious of God's gifts. I pray that your participation will be a source of blessings and graces for your vocation as a parent and to your family.

With my prayerful good wishes.



Fr Colm Mc Bride PP

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*If you would be willing to help the parents group, please tick one or any number of statements and return this slip to your child's class teacher.*

I would be willing to deliver a Reading at a 'Do This In Memory' Mass. \_\_\_\_\_

My family would be willing to take part in the Offertory procession. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: Email/ Telephone.....