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25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A
20th September, 2020

HOLY MASS

Holy Mass is celebrated at the following times:

Monday: 10.00am
Thursday 6.00pm
Saturday: 10.00am , 6.00pm
Sunday: 10.00am , 12.00 noon, 5.15pm

Due to the Corona Virus situation, and in accordance with Government Guidance, it has been necessary to introduce a booking system for those wishing to attend public Mass. To access the booking system please got to

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-at-st-leonards-east-kilbride-registration-113399436768>.

Holy Mass may be followed online at the parish website

www.saintleonard.uk

CONFESSION & ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

These sacraments may be celebrated by contacting Fr. Dominic to make personal arrangements



The first shall be last and the last shall be first.

PRAYER REQUESTS

**Please pray for all who are sick and for
all the faithful departed.**

Recently deceased : Donnie MacDonald

Anniversary : Mary & Joe Carroll

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all well in these challenging times, please know that you are remembered in the prayers of the parish community.

Having met recently with the headteachers of St. Leonard's and St. Hilary's, and following diocesan advice, it has been decided to move forward with a series of First Communion celebrations. These celebrations will have to be conducted in line with current regulations stipulated by the government and by the Catholic Church in Scotland.

This will mean a maximum number of 50 persons present for each First Communion Mass and keeping a two metre physical distance throughout the ceremony. Because numbers attending all Masses are restricted, we propose having up to 6 children making their First Communion at each Mass with 6 family members able to attend for each child. Alternatively you may wish to take part in a celebration involving 15 children accompanied by 2 adults. A third option is for families to use our online booking system to book into any Sunday Mass with your child. Our stewards will be on duty at each First Communion Mass for the safety of everyone and they will be responsible for the sanitisation of the church before and after each Mass, as they are on Sundays and on weekdays.

It will also mean that face coverings are to be worn by everyone over 5 years of age unless they have a genuine health issue. We will also have to note the names and contact details of all present at each Mass. There will also be no opportunity for free movement around the church before, during and after the First Communion Mass. We will do our utmost to make First Communion Day a special day in the lives of our First Communion children and their families. Current guidelines mean we cannot have any singing during Masses and we are unable to have Readers, Offertory Processors or the Sign of Peace. Indications are that we are likely to have these restrictions in place for the next year or so. I have also been advised to inform you that any celebrations you have after the First Communion Mass should be in line with current government guidelines.

So now I offer you some dates and times for First Holy Communions in the weeks to come. Please make arrangements directly with me and not through the schools.

To book your child's First Communion please phone 01355 247471 from Monday 14th September.

Sunday 20th September at 2.00pm (6 children)

Saturday 26th September at 10.00am (6 children)

Sunday 27th September at 2.00pm (15 children)

Sunday 11th October at 2.00pm (6 children)

Saturday 17th October at 10.00am (6 children)

Saturday 17th October at 2.00pm (6 children)

Sunday 18th October at 2.00pm (6 children)

The parish has a store of first communion dresses which are available for hire at a cost of £10.00 per dress (to cover dry cleaning costs).

There may well be a feeling of preferring to delay First Holy Communion until 2021 in the hope that restrictions will be eased by that time but, of course, in these times, nothing is sure.

I look forward to hearing from you about First Communion for your child. Please contact me from Monday 14th September.

With every blessing,

Rev. Dominic A.P. Quinn