

Parent's Page

FAMILY PRAYER SPACE:

So hopefully, with your child you will set up your family prayer space. The month of November is the time that we traditionally remember and pray for our dead. Here are a few ideas as to how you might pray as a family for those who have died.

- Gather some fallen leaves and place them in your prayer space, one leaf for each person that you want to pray for and remember.
- Place a photograph or a memoriam card in the prayer space and then every night you can take a few moments as a family to pray for those who have died.
- Help your child to write a Family Remembrance Book, where you can write the names of all those family members who have died.
- You could also write the names of people who you might consider as modern day saints. People whose lives you would like your child to copy. These people could be family members, a saint of the Church, some famous person, or even just somebody you know who is a good example of living a Christian life.
- There is a lovely tradition in the Catholic Church during the month of November of visiting a cemetery and praying for those who have died. If visiting a cemetery is not possible then whenever you pass by a cemetery it is also a nice custom to teach your children to make the sign of the cross and to say a short prayer for those who have died. Here's a simple prayer for those who have died: **"May they Rest in Peace. Amen"**

I am a Parent dear Lord
I ask nothing from you for me.
I pray only that in your mercy
you would grant my children
their needs.

May their lives be long and
healthy. May they achieve
all their dreams. May they
be who they were born to be.
And may they know to their
last days that they were
deeply loved by me.

Amen.

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Setting up a Family Sacred Space

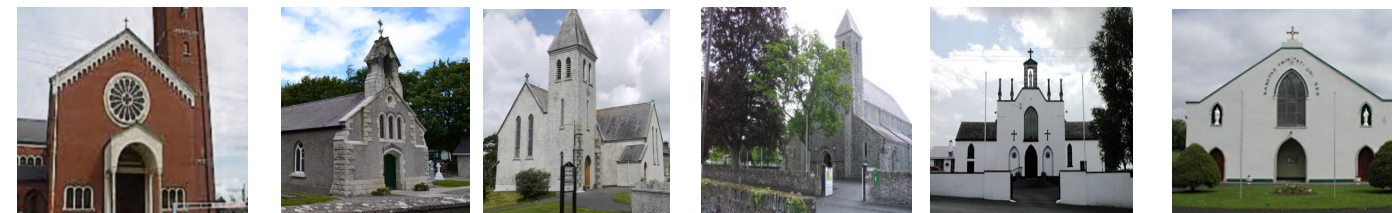
Getting Started Checklist:

A small table/shelf/space - even a window sill.
A cloth - white to start but this can change during the year.
A small bottle or bowl of Holy Water.
A candle
A cross and an image of Mary or your favourite saint.

Here's a picture of a Sacred Space, but you can make it any way you like.



PARISHES OF ATHY, NARRAGHMORE & MOONE



DTIM NEWSLETTER

Family Resource Sheet for the Sacraments of
Reconciliation & Holy Communion
November 2022 - Enrolment Sunday



WELCOME to our Parish Preparation Programme for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist (Holy Communion). This resource is meant for use together by the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the child preparing for the sacraments. There are activities for the child to do, with which they might need some help, but there are also suggestions for the parent(s)/guardian(s) to do. Please do work through it together.

November is the month when we especially remember our dead. If you are thinking of setting up a Sacred Space in your home it might be a nice idea to include a photo of a deceased family members. You can also make it fun by searching for a nice autumn leaf. You could collect a leaf for each person you that you want to remember. If you do not have any family member to pray for perhaps pray for those who have died and have no one to pray for them.

As this is Enrolment Sunday, it might be good to chat about how, as a family, you are going to prepare for Reconciliation and Holy Communion. You might want to talk to your child about why it is important to you that your child celebrates these sacraments and what they mean to you, you might have to think about it first. But don't forget, you are not in this on your own, we are community, made up of home school and parish, preparing our younger members for the next steps in a life long adventure in faith.

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ACTIVITY PAGE

MASS MISSING WORDS

Can you fill in the missing words from the list below?

Tip: Cross off each word as you use it, if you get stuck the answer is at the bottom of the page.

We begin Mass by making the sign of the _____ and blessing ourselves in the _____ of the Father and of the _____ and of the Holy Spirit. The priest then greets everyone and says something like; "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of GOD and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all." We answer him by saying: "And with your _____."

The priest then asks us to think of times when we made bad choices or didn't live from the best that is in us and together we say _____ for these and all our sins.

Then we say a lovely prayer called the Gloria, when we give _____ to GOD.

This means that we are telling GOD how great we think HE is.

The priest then says the Opening Prayer of the mass which is called the collect. After this we listen to what GOD is saying to us as we read from the book that is all about GOD and how much HE _____ us. This book is called the _____.

After have heard about Jesus in the story from the _____, the priest might talk to us for a few minutes. We call this his homily or _____.

After that we say a really long prayer which is all about what we believe about GOD and the Church. It is called The _____. The word creed means 'I believe' which is how this prayer begins. After this we pray for each other in the Prayer of the _____.

Then we bring bread and _____ to the Altar, this is called the _____, for the priest to say the prayer of thanks to GOD,

After the priest has said the special prayer of thanks, called the Eucharistic Prayer, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us, called the Our _____. We then get ready for _____ Communion. After Holy Communion, we are sent out to tell everyone all about _____ and how much HE loves _____.

Gospel, Spirit, Sorry, Faithful, Holy, Sermon, Loves, Glory, Name, Everyone, Wine, Father, GOD, Offertory, Cross, Creed, Son, Bible,

Here is the solution:

Cross, Name, Son, Spirit, Sorry, Glory, Loves, Bible, Gospel, Sermon, Creed, Faithful, Wine, Offertory, Father, Holy, GOD, Everyone.

At Mass the priest wears special clothes called 'Vestments'.

There are different coloured vestments for different times. What colour did the priest wear at mass today? Colour in his vestment in this picture in that colour.

The Parish Priest is the priest who is in charge of our parish, do you know his name? Write it here:

Fr _____ (Tip: his name is on the front page)

There are two other priests in our parish, do you know their names? Write them here. Fr _____ and

Fr _____.

Our priests are very special to us because without them we would not have Holy Communion.

Remember to pray for our priests every day.



LEARNING THE MASS

When we gather at mass it is important that we are all able to participate as fully possible. Each month we will include some of the prayers and mass responses that you can practice with your child. Let's start at the beginning.

After the entrance Hymn the priest says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

And the people say: **Amen**

The priest then greets the people saying:

The Lord be with you

And the people say: **And with your Spirit.**

Or he may say:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And the people say: **And with your spirit**

Making the Sign of the Cross



LET'S PRAY TOGETHER

Prayer to the Guardian Angel

Angel sent by God to guide me,
Be my light and walk beside me,
Be my guardian and protect me,
On the paths of life direct me. Amen.

**Your angel
is
always
with you**

