

# **Ballyhale, Knocktopher, Knockmoylan**

## ***PARISH***

September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On September 11<sup>th</sup> Confirmation will take place. It has been a long time coming and we look forward to finally celebrating this sacrament in our parish. You have all received your allotted time but if you have misplaced the time for your service please let me or the school know and we will send out the time.

The following are guidelines for Confirmation in light of Covid-19

### Arrival at the Church

- Members of the same household should enter the church together. They should then occupy one household seat. They should always observe physical distancing during and after the service. Face coverings should be worn by those over the age of 12 years.
- Any person who may still be vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus is strongly advised not to attend the ceremony.
- The total number present should not exceed the maximum number allowed under public health guidelines for religious services. Therefore only parents and siblings are permitted to Knocktopher church with the Confirmation Candidate. Each Confirmation service will be live and can be viewed on our **"Ballyhale Parish"** **Facebook Page** for those unable to attend.

### The Ceremony

- A steward will seat each family household and the candidate should sit at the end of the pew nearest the aisle. They should remain in their seats throughout the ceremony until they are brought forward for Confirmation.
- With regard to the administration of sacraments Fr. Sean will have a suitable container with the oil of chrism, cotton buds will be used to anoint each candidate. The cotton buds are carefully disposed of after each candidate is anointed.
- Each candidate will come towards the altar for the Confirmation ceremony, they will be guided by a steward and the parents will come forward with them.
- The candidates will have Confirmation cards with their name and Confirmation name clearly written on it. Badges will be given on arrival at the church.
- A Confirmation booklet will be provided for members of all families attending the ceremonies. This booklet contains readings and the ceremony of Confirmation.
- A photographer will be available after the ceremony for family photographs.
- Physical distancing should be always observed in the grounds of the church.
- If you have any questions please do contact me or Scoil Phádraig.

Yours truly,

Fr. Seán.  
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