

Mary, Mother of Hope National Schools

First Holy Communion

Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Huntstown.

Children Making their First Holy Communion

First Communion Mass

Celebrant:

Fr George Adzato

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Gathering Song

Come, let us gather before Him.
Come, let's give thanks here today
Come, let us pray to the Father,
For He has shown us the way.

Jesus has called us by name.
Jesus has taught us to pray.
As friends we gather in His name.
With joy we sing and we say.

Come, let us gather before Him.
Come, let's give thanks here today
Come, let us pray to the Father,
For He has shown us the way.

Let us sing praise to the Lord.
All who now gather to pray
Now celebrate the love of God
On this, the Lord's special day

Come, let us gather before Him.
Come, let's give thanks here today
Come, let us pray to the Father,
For He has shown us the way.

SYMBOL PROCESSION

Fr George: I will now invite to come to the altar for the Presentation of Symbols and the children who are bringing up the Symbols to go to the back of the church please.

Lord we bring our religion book.
We remember all that we have learned about Jesus.

Lord we bring this Trócaire voucher.
May it allow us to share some of what we have with those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Lord we bring a copy.
We remember all that we have learned in school.

Lord we bring a toy.
We remember all the fun and games we had together.

Lord we bring a tin whistle.
We remember the joy we get from music.

Lord we bring a CD.
We think of how computers and technology help us to connect with each other.

INTRODUCTORY REFLECTION BY A PARENT

So girls and boys, as we gather here today, let us close our eyes and remember our time together as we prepared for this day.
We remember the year we have spent together.
We remember all that we have learned.
We remember the stories we have heard about Jesus

We give our thanks for the gift of life in ourselves and the gift of life that we share with others.

We give God thanks for all those who love us and who help us to grow and to learn.

We give thanks especially for Jesus, who showed us how much God loves us and all people.

INTRODUCTION

Fr George In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
All: **Amen**

Fr George The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your spirit**

Fr George:
My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Fr George:
I now invite to come forward for the Penitential Rite.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life;
Lord have mercy

All Sing: **Lord have Mercy**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins;
Christ have mercy

All Sing: **Christ have Mercy**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood;
Lord have mercy

All Sing: **Lord have Mercy**

Fr George: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

All Say: **Amen**

OPENING PRAYER

Fr George: Let us pray.

God our creator, you love us like a loving father loves his children. You care for us like a loving mother cares for her children. Help us always to know that you are with us and remember your love for us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Fr George: I now invite to the altar to read The First Reading

St. Paul wrote this letter to tell all the people what happened at the Last Supper.

'This is what happened at the Last Supper. On the night before he died, the Lord Jesus took bread and said a prayer over it. He said 'This is my Body'. Then he broke the bread and shared it with the Apostles. In the same way he took the cup filled with wine and said 'This cup filled with wine is the new covenant of my blood.' Then He passed around the cup and told them to drink from it.

He said to them: 'Do this in memory of me.'
The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Fr George: I now invite who are singing the Responsorial Psalm to come up to the altar.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(all children stand)

All Sing **My Shepherd is the Lord**
He tends all my needs
By quiet streams,
He plants a dream
Of peace and love for me
He shepherds me.

Sometimes when I'm afraid,
Sad and all alone,

You make my tears disappear
With your touch of joy,
You shepherd me.

All Sing **My Shepherd is the Lord**
He tends all my needs
By quiet streams,
He plants a dream
Of peace and love for me
He shepherds me.

You give me food to eat,
Bless me every day,
You give me rest as your guest,
Forever in your home,
You shepherd me.

All Sing **My Shepherd is the Lord**
He tends all my needs
By quiet streams,
He plants a dream
Of peace and love for me
He shepherds me.

Fr George: I now invite who are singing the Gospel Acclamation, Alleluia,
to come up to the altar.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia

(All sing)

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,

Jesus is risen, He has saved his people,
Sing out your praises, Al-le-lu-ia
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,

Fr George: Before we listen to the words of the Gospel, I would like to invite *Pavel* to present the Do This in Memory Book which tells us how to love as Jesus wants us to.



GOSPEL

Fr George: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Fr George: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord.



Fr George: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY: Fr George:

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Fr George: God our Father has given us His word that He will not be far from those who call upon Him in prayer. Let us ask Him, in faith and hope and love, to graciously hear us now.

Choir Sing: Oh, Lord hear us we pray.

All sing: Oh Lord, give us your love

We pray for our Mammies and Daddies, Grannies, Grandads, teachers, Fr George and all those who help us.

We pray for those with whom we share food every day. We remember those who have little food and often have to go hungry.

We pray for ourselves as we celebrate our First Holy Communion. May we always try to live like Jesus and grow more like Him each day of our lives.

We pray for all children everywhere who are suffering in any way. May God bless them and keep them safe.

We pray for the old, the sick and the lonely. Help us to be more caring towards them.

We pray for the earth. May we always look after and care for it.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Fr George: I will now invite to come to the altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the children who are bringing up the gifts to go to the back of the church please.

Lord we bring bread.
We remember all the times that Jesus shared bread with others.

Lord we bring wine.
We remember the way Jesus shared meals with others.

OFFERTORY HYMN
(all children stand)

We come to you Lord Jesus

We come to you Lord Jesus
To say our thanks to you
And in our Mass we bring ourselves
And everything we do.

We love you Lord Jesus
Stay with us we pray
Help us to be more like you each day.

We bring the bread, we bring the wine
We bring them now to you
We bring our work, we bring our play
And everything we do.

We love you Lord Jesus
Stay with us we pray
Help us to be more like you each day.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Fr George: Pray, my friends that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.**

Fr George: Lord, be pleased with the gifts we bring to the altar.
May we continue to grow in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Fr George: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Fr George: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Fr George: Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

Fr George: God, our loving Father, we are glad to give you thanks and praise because you love us.

Because you love us, you gave us this great and beautiful world.

Because you love us, you sent Jesus, your Son to bring us to you and gather us around him as the children of one family.

For such great love, we thank you with the angels and saints as they praise you and sing:

All Sing: **Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord of power, Lord of might. Heaven and Earth are filled with glory. Sing Hosanna evermore.**

CHILDREN'S EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Fr George:

Yes, Lord you are holy:

You are kind to us and to all.

For this we thank you.

We thank you above all for your Son, Jesus Christ.

He brought us the good news of life to be lived with you forever in Heaven.

He showed us the way to that life, the way of love,

He himself has gone that way before us.

He now brings us together to one table and asks us to do what he did.

Father, we ask you to bless these gifts of bread and wine and make them holy.

Change them for us into the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your Son.

On the night before he died for us,

he had supper for the last time with his disciples.

He took bread and gave you thanks.

He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, saying:

**TAKE THIS ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT,
THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

In the same way he took a chalice of wine. He gave you thanks and handed the chalice to his disciples saying:

**TAKE THIS ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT.
IT WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR ALL
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

Fr George: Let us now proclaim the mystery of faith in song.

All Sing: **He is Lord, he is Lord
 He is risen from the dead and he is Lord,
 Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is
 Lord.**

Fr George:

God, our Father, we remember with joy all that Jesus did to save us.
In this holy sacrifice, which he gave as a gift to his Church, We remember his
death and resurrection.

Father, in heaven, accept us together with your beloved Son,
He willingly died for us, but you raised to life again.

Jesus now lives with you in glory, but he is also here on earth, among us.

One day he will come in glory and in his kingdom there will be no more suffering,
no more tears, no more sadness.

Father in Heaven you have called us to receive the body and blood of Christ at
this table and to be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit.

Through this sacred meal give us strength to please you more and more.

Lord, our God, Remember Pope Francis, Diarmuid our Bishop, and all your People.
Fill all Christians with the gladness of Easter.

Help us to bring this joy to all who are sorrowful.
Bring us all at last together with Mary, Mother of God and all the saints,
To live with you and to be one with Christ in heaven.

Through Him,
With Him,
In Him,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All glory and honour is yours,
Almighty Father,
For ever and ever.
Amen

COMMUNION RITE

Fr George: I now invite who will be leading the Our Father, to come up to the altar.

All Sing: **Our father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
On Earth as is in Heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive offenders
Hallowed be thy name**

**And lead us not into temptation
Hallowed be thy name
But deliver us from evil
Hallowed be thy name**

Fr George: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Sing: **For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the Glory
For ever and ever
Hallowed be thy name**

Fr George: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
"I leave you peace, my peace I give you,"
Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church
And grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
Where you live for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

SIGN OF PEACE

Fr George: The peace of the Lord be with you always

All: And with your spirit

Fr George: Let us offer each other a sign of peace (children return to their seats)

BREAKING OF BREAD

All sing: Lamb of God, you take away the sin, the sin of all the world.
Give us mercy, give us mercy, give us mercy Lamb of God.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin, the sin of all the world.
Give us mercy, give us mercy, give us mercy Lamb of God
Lamb of God, you take away the sin, the sin of all the world
Grant us peace Lord, grant us peace Lord, grant us peace
O Lamb of God.



Fr George: I now invite all the children making their First Communion to lead the Childrens' Prayer before Communion.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, come to me,
Lord Jesus give me your love,
Lord Jesus, come to me and give me yourself
Lord Jesus, friend of children, come to me,
Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr George:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

CHILDREN AND CONGREGATION RECEIVE COMMUNION

**Céad Míle Fáilte Romhat
(all children stand)**

Céad míle fáilte romhat a Íosa, a Íosa
Céad míle fáilte romhat a Íosa,
Céad míle fáilte romhat a Shláinitheoir
Céad míle, míle fáilte romhat Íosa, a Íosa

Glór agus moladh duit a Íosa, a Íosa
Glór agus moladh duit a Íosa,
Glór agus moladh duit a Shláinitheoir
Glór, moladh agus buíochas duit Íosa, a Íosa

Fr George: I now ask who will be leading our Communion Hymns to come up to the altar.

**Happy in the Presence of the Lord
(all children stand)**

Chorus

*Happy in the presence of the Lord
We come and sing our praise to Lord Jesus
Happy in the presence of the Lord
We come and sing our praise to the Lord of all*

Come and share the bread of life
Bread that will feed us, help and protect us
Come and share the stories of old
Stories of Jesus, his work and his world.

Chorus

Come and share the memories we've had
Happy days, sad days, days full of joy
Come to tell the Lord that we love
We'll live the life he told us to live.

Chorus



Fr George: I now invite all the children making their First Communion to lead us in the Children's Prayer after Communion.

CHILDRENS' PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, I love and adore you.
You're a special friend to me.
Welcome, Lord Jesus, O welcome,
Thank you for coming to me.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, O Thank you,
For giving yourself to me.
Make me strong to show your love,
Wherever I may be.



Fr George: I now inviteto come up and read the Parent's Blessing.

PARENTS' BLESSING

When you were born,
Our hearts were so full of happiness,
That there was no room in us for words.

When you were growing,
Our hearts were so full of care for you.
That we spoke soothingly and sometimes sharply,
Fearful for your safety,
But always in the deepest places of our hearts,
We spoke lovingly.

Today,

As we watch you
Moving forward with your friends,
We marvel at all you have done and become.
Our spirits sing praise to God for the gift that is you.
And, though our hearts
Have stretched to love others,
Yet, there is a place within us.
That is yours and only yours always.
For the light you have shone on us,
For the life you have called us to,
For the special gift of God
You are now, and will ever be,
Thank you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Fr George: Loving God, each day we see signs of your love and goodness all around us. Bless these children who have shared in the Bread of Life today. May they know your love and protection. May they learn from the love and life of Jesus, your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Fr George: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr George: May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Fr George: Let us go in peace, the Mass is ended,

All: Thanks be to God.

Fr George: I now invite all of the children to sing our final hymn, Go Now in peace.

Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace together today,
Jesus is here in a very special way,
Tell all you meet that he is gentle and kind,
Praise him and love him in body, soul, and mind.

Chorus

*Go in peace, go in love, go in joy
Every girl and boy
Go in peace, go in love, go in joy
Every girl and boy*

Bring all the love we've had here today,
Share it around, don't let it fade away.
Love one another as Jesus Christ loves you,
Praise Him and love Him in everything you do.

Chorus

*Go in peace, go in love, go in joy
Every girl and boy
Go in peace, go in love, go in joy
Every girl and boy*

Many thanks to the children from who participated in the choir today and during the preparations for today's celebrations.

Choir

I made my First Holy Communion

in

Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Huntstown, Dublin 15

on May 17th 2020

The celebrant was

My teacher was _____

This is a photograph of me on my First Communion Day

*Congratulations to all of the boys and
girls from
on their
First Holy Communion Day*



We'd like to acknowledge the work done by
the parents involved in the Do this in
Memory Programme an the parish team.
Since last September they have helped to
prepare the children for today.