



**NEWRY  
CATHEDRAL  
PARISH**

19 September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

To assist you and your child/children on their faith journey, it is planned to have a family Mass once a month in St. Brigid's Church beginning on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 at 7.30pm. Learning about our faith, practicing it, and handing it on to the next generation is a challenge for us all. The school and the Parish wish to assist parents in their endeavours.


The Mass is the greatest gift left to us by Jesus. We are responding to his command at the Last Supper, "Do this in memory of me". We, as Catholics, believe that at the consecration the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. We accept this doctrine in faith.

At Mass we listen to the Word of God in the readings. We try to reflect on what has been said and the homily helps us to understand the message for us that weekend. At the Offertory, with the bread and wine, we offer ourselves. We bring all our prayers and petitions and place them in Jesus' hands. It is during Mass that we are closest to our loved ones, who are living in a new and changed way. The doctrine of the Communion of Saints says that they are celebrating with us at this time.

In Communion we receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Just as we need food and water to nourish us and keep us alive, Christ's Body and Blood gives us spiritual nourishment.

We, the Priests of the Parish, and the Chaplains of the Parish Schools invite you and your child/children to come to these family Masses. Together we can build up a community and enable our young people to grow in their faith.

Yours sincerely

  
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Very Rev. Canon Francis Brown  
Administrator