

Final Preparation Mass

TASK 1. Bring anything you think that represents going on a journey. (tickets, map , bag or other.) Tabhair leat rud ar bith a léiríonn go bhfuil tú ag dul ar thuras. (ticéid, mala, léarscáil agus eir eile)

This year has been a journey to 1st Communion. Write down one way that it helped you to see God in the world and in your life. (Like when someone was kind to you etc....)

The gospel next Sunday has many messages for us, but we will keep it very simple for the children.

When Jesus rose from the dead, he met his friends a number of times before he went back to heaven.

In this gospel Jesus' friends meet him after they had been out fishing all night and caught nothing. They didn't know who he was. He looked different after all his suffering on Good Friday so they thought they were talking to a stranger. He asked them to put their nets back in the water and when they did they caught so many fish they were amazed. They began to think that it might be Jesus. He took bread and fish and gave it to them. It was the third time they saw Jesus after He died and rose again. This was all part of

the Journey they made with Him , from when he asked them to help him three years before until he went back to heaven.

So the question is this, what kind of journey are we on? Are we looking for God on our journey? Do we recognise Him in other people? Do we see Him in the world around us and feel good inside when we talk to Him in prayer, or when we come to church?

We are all on that journey of faith. Sometimes we see God clearly and other times we don't. We can begin to see who he really is, and feel good inside, when we know him better, by learning more about him, by living like he wants us to and by just enjoying having Him in our lives and hearts, just like his friends did on their journey.

I hope that your journey to 1st communion has helped you to see that living our faith , makes life better for us and for everyone around us . I really hope that you enjoyed the little tasks and that you had fun doing them.

I wish you all a blessed and super fun filled 1st Communion day, and pray that you continue to grow in faith, hope and love as life goes on.

Aideen

