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14th March 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope this letter finds you well.

During the last school year your child was confirmed and is now attending post-primary school. It was a difficult year and much that we had planned was put aside. This Lent, we would like to provide ongoing support for you as parents to help your child to continue to grow in faith. We would also like your child to know that within our Parish we want to keep in contact with them, with each other and to continue to support them as they journey in faith in their new school.

We are offering the children who last year received the Sacrament of Confirmation, the opportunity to participate in the GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) programme. The programme is planned as a follow-up to Confirmation.

Through various fun activities we hope that our children will learn and experience that faith relates to all parts of life. The activities that we have planned encourage all to have fun, to be adventurous, experience new ways of praying and to grow in faith together.

Please note the dates, times and venues for all activities

Activities will start at 10am and end at 12noon

The venue will be **St Mary's Parish Hall, Martinstown**

Activities will take place on **Saturday mornings**.

1. **Saturday 26th March**
2. **Saturday 2 April**
3. **Saturday 9th April**
4. **Also Saturday 9th April - Vigil Mass followed by celebration**

If you give your daughter/son permission to participate in the GIFT 1 programme, please read the Code of Conduct and complete the consent form attached.

If you as a parent/guardian would like to help facilitate the programme there will be a short meeting at the Parochial House, the 22nd March.

Thank you for your co-operation and kindness and **please contact me to register your interest if you wish for your child to join the programme: glenravel@downandconnor.org**

GIFT- Code of Conduct

For Young People- Gift Members

We agree to:

- Come to GIFT Programme with a willingness to participate.
- Show respect to everyone in the GIFT programme and other people who will be using the Youth Centre (No running within the building, shouting or swearing. The GIFT programme promotes respect and challenges all forms of bullying.)
- Attend all sessions and arrive on time- on arrival to register their attendance.
- To remain in the building until the session is complete.
- Respect the Parish property and GIFT resources.
- Never tamper with the fire extinguishers, block the stairs or fire exits.

For Parents/Guardians

- To bring their children to the venue (refer to programme for detail) at the required time.
- To collect your children at the end of each session- 1PM. The GIFT programme can only be responsible for its members during the time that the programme is facilitated 10AM – 12noon.
- To complete the consent form.
- To familiarise themselves with the Code of Conduct.
- To encourage their children to participate positively in the GIFT programme adhering at all times to their Code of Conduct.