



Blessings for New School Year 2022

Blessing of Junior Infants

Blessing for Children

Blessing for Teachers and Staff

Blessing for Parents and Guardians

Blessing for Parishioners

Blessing for School Bags

Blessing of Junior Infants

May God bless you as you begin your time here in (name of school.)

May Jesus be your friend to accompany you on your journey.

May the Holy Spirit inspire you in all your activities. Amen.

Blessing for Children

Loving God,

We ask your blessing upon these children.

We are thankful for their energy and their enthusiasm.

Gift them with open hearts to seek you and hear your word.

Help them recognize that living our faith is a way of life.

We ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessing for Teachers and Staff

Loving God,

We ask your blessing upon these men and women, our teachers and staff.

We are thankful for their generous spirit, as well as their care for our young people.

Gift them with wisdom and patience in their ministry.

Help them to gently guide our children as they journey in faith.

We ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessing for Parents and Guardians

Loving God,

We ask your blessing upon parents and guardians.

We are thankful for the love and care they have for their children.

Gift them with insight and perseverance as they share their faith with their children.

Help them to share an abundance of love with their children,

so that their children may come to know your love.

We ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessing for Parishioners

Loving God,

We ask your blessing upon all of us.

Through our Baptism, we are responsible for helping each other come to know you.

We are especially responsible for all our children.

Help us to live as models of faith in action, as witnesses to your love,
so that these children may be inspired to live a life of faith.

We ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessing of School Bags

God of love,

we believe that you are the source of all wisdom, peace and true happiness.

As we remember all who have started back to school in these recent weeks, we pray that they begin this new year of learning with open minds and open hearts. May it be a year full of promise for each one of them and for all who will guide and teach them.

May they continue to grow in knowledge, wisdom and love for God and one another. Send down your blessing on these school bags and backpacks and all who carry them during this school year. When they feel nervous, may they be filled with God's peace,

when they are distracted, may the light of God's wisdom give them focus and when they feel tired, may God's Holy Spirit fill them with energy.

May their minds always be open to learning. May their friends always build them up and may they be a friend who supports and encourages.

May they always be aware of God's loving presence in every moment of every day and may they bring that loving presence to everyone you meet. And may almighty God bless you... **Amen.**

(Blessing of School Bags source: KANDLE)