

# ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYERS THIS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SEASON WITH **One4all**<sup>®</sup> LIMITED EDITION HOLY COMMUNION GIFT CARDS

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First Holy Communion season kicks off this weekend and we, family and friends, are faced with the task of choosing the right present. It is always a struggle to find a suitability generous yet relatively moderate gift for the seven year old making their First Holy Communion. In these recessionary times we can't afford to be as extravagant as we once were but we don't want to be mean either. **One4all**<sup>®</sup> has the answer to your prayers this year with their limited edition Holy Communion Gift Card. The little ones making their First Holy Communion will love the specially customised

**One4all**<sup>®</sup> Holy Communion Gift Card as it is their very own grown-up way to buy what they want to mark their special day.

The Holy Communion Gift Cards from **One4all**<sup>®</sup> offers aunts, uncles, godparents, grandparents and friends a tasteful alternative to cash that will be appreciated by the most important person on the day, the child receiving the Eucharist. One of the great advantages of the Gift Card is that they can be purchased for any value from €15 - €250 which offers the giver more room to manoeuvre their purse strings.

Michael Dawson Group CEO at One4all says: "More people are buying vouchers and gift cards as Holy Communion presents because they offer convenience for the givers and choice and flexibility for the receivers. With **One4all**<sup>®</sup>, children can pick their own gift or put the voucher aside for a rainy day."

Where / how to purchase

The **One4all**<sup>®</sup> limited edition **One4all**<sup>®</sup> Holy Communion Gift Card is available online at [One4all.ie](http://One4all.ie) and can be accompanied with a teddy bear and gift tin.

With more than 4,500 outlets to spend the Gift Voucher and over 3,000 outlets to spend the **One4all**<sup>®</sup> Gift Card, including big brand stores such as Eurocycles, Byrnes World of Wonder, Toy City, Eason and Urban Kids, **One4all**<sup>®</sup> really is the ultimate gift of choice and flexibility.

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Simply pop into your local Post Office, local store where you see the PostPoint sign, visit [www.one4all.ie](http://www.one4all.ie), or call 01 – 8708111.

## First Holy Communion Trivia

### Did you know?

- First Holy Communion is the common name for a person's first reception of the sacrament of the Eucharist.
- A child must be baptised before he/she can have their First Holy Communion.
- In Europe, the tradition is that the Communion child receives favours, treats wrapped in Italian fabric, at their Communion breakfast and these can include sugared almonds or chocolate.
- In Ireland, approximately 70,000 kids make their communion every year.\*
- Holy Communion clothes for girls are white as they symbolise purity.
- In many countries boys wear military uniforms.
- Historically, Communion dresses were worn short but over the years, the hemlines have dropped dramatically to resemble mini wedding dresses.
- Over the past decade, the occasion has turned from a low key religious appreciation to a full blown party for the kids with spray tans, limousines and €50 notes in envelopes.
- The average amount spent by parents in Ireland on a First Holy Communion outfit is €500 for a girl and €250 for a boy. Across the world, many families hand down the Holy Communion outfits to the younger siblings.

### Notes to Editors

\* Based on approximate figures from INTO on the number of pupils in second class in primary schools throughout Ireland who are making their Holy Communion this year.