



# MY FIRST CONFESSION

*Mo Chéad Aithrí*



## HYMN 1

*Fáilte & Welcome*

**Sagart:** *In ainm an Athar agus a Mhic agus a Spioraid Naoimh. Amen.*

*Tá fáilte romhaibh go léir; You're all very welcome, na páistí, & your families, Múinteoirí agus ár gcairde.*

**Celebrant:** Parents — when you brought your child to the church to be baptised, you accepted the responsibility of accompanying your child on their journey of faith. Today your child takes another step on that journey.

***What do you now ask of God's Church for your child?***

**Parents:** We ask for the Sacrament of Penance.



**Celebrant:** This evening, we will celebrate the love and forgiveness of God. Even if we forget God he never forgets us. But when we fail to show love to others – God still loves us. This evening we want to praise and thank God for his goodness, his kindness and for forgiving us. We are going to remember the times...

- ✓ *Nuair a bhíomar – michíneálta*
- ✓ *Nuair a – d'fhágamar cosán Dé*
- ✓ When we were careless about people
- ✓ When we did or said things that hurt others
- ✓ When we were not faithful to our promises.

## THE STORY OF THE LOST SHEEP

Once there was a shepherd, a good shepherd. He had one hundred sheep. He loved every one of them. He knew the name of each one of the sheep. The sheep knew that the shepherd would never let them come to harm. One day the good shepherd was out with his flock. When he counted his sheep he realised that one sheep was missing. He was very worried. He looked all around. He called the lost sheep's name. There was no answer. He decided he must go and look for it. He searched and searched. He called and called. Then he heard something. He looked closer. There it was — his lost sheep! He found it. He picked the sheep up and carried it on his shoulders back to the flock. Now the good shepherd was happy again. That evening he led his flock back home. He went to his friends' house and told them: 'A terrible thing happened today. I lost one of my sheep. Even though I have ninety-nine other sheep, I love each one of them. So I went to look for my sheep and I found it. Now I am happy again.'



## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

### *Scrú dú Coinsiasa*

**Léitheoir:** *Má bhí uaireanta nár dúirt mo phaidreacha...*

**Freagra:** *Tá brón orainn.*

**Léitheoir:** *Má bhí uaireanta ann nár inis mé an fhírinne...*

**Freagra:** *Tá brón orainn.*

**Reader:** If there were times when we didn't pray to God our Father...

**All:** We are sorry.

**Reader:** If there were times when we said No to our Mammies and Daddies when they asked us to do something.

**All: We are sorry.**

**Reader:** If there were times when we took things that did not belong to us and kept them.

**All: We are sorry.**

**Reader:** If there were times when we were angry or bad tempered.

**All: We are sorry.**

**Reader:** If there were times when we hurt others.

**All: We are sorry.**

**Reader:** If there were times when we deceived others and told lies.

**All: We are sorry.**



## PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

*O my God, Help me to remember the times when I didn't live as Jesus asked me to. Help me to be sorry and to try again. Amen.*



## CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## CONFESSIO *Aithrí*

**Child:** Bless me Father, for I have sinned.

This is my First Confession. I did not show love when I....

**Páiste:** *Beannaith mé a Athair mar loit mé grá Dé.*

*Nír thaispeáin mé grá nuair....*

After Confession, the child returns to be greeted by their parent(s).

Parents and family may now come forward to receive the Sacrament of Penance.



## AFTER CONFESSIO

### Act of Sorrow

### Parents and Children

*O my God, I thank you for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again. Amen.*



### Prayer after Forgiveness

*O my God, thank you for forgiving me. Help me to love others. Help me to live as Jesus asked me to. Amen.*



## CONCLUSION

May God bless all those who care and love these children.  
May they always be an example of love and goodness and  
may they accompany these children on their faith journey.

**Go in peace and live like Jesus.**



## FINAL HYMN