



26th April 2021

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to let you know that we are now finalising arrangements with Fr White for our children to make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 8th May 2021 at 11:00am. I know the children are keen to finally celebrate this day.

Unfortunately, due to ongoing restrictions in the number of people permitted in the church, Fr White has asked that **only three people per family** attend this celebration- this includes the child receiving the sacrament. Seating will be arranged in line with social distancing recommendations. The children will be seated together at the front of the chapel.

The teachers are continuing to focus on the preparation of this sacrament in class and have sent home special prayers for the children to learn. Videos have also been produced to help with the preparation of First Holy Communion and are available on the Diocesan website. We intend to look at these video in class and recommend that you also view them at home to help to prepare your child for this sacrament. There are three 30 minute videos in total under the heading **Come to the Table of the Lord** and they are set out as follows:

1. **Lesson 1: The Sacrament of Reconciliation**
2. **Lesson 2: The Mass - The order of the Mass**
3. **Lesson 3: The Mass – Receiving Holy Communion**

Please click the link below to view the videos.

<https://www.downandconnor.org/blog/2020/08/13/holy-communion-preparation-resources/>

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Principal