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Dear Parents/Carers,

Postponement of the First Holy Communion 2020

Following on from the Prime Ministers address on Saturday 31st October 2020, it is apparent that churches will not be able to open except for private prayer from 5th November 2020. The earliest they are expected to open again would be the 6th December and that date is purely speculative at this present time.

In light of this new national guidance for church closure, we have had to take the very sad decision to postpone all the First Holy Communion Masses, which were planned for this week and next.

We all recognise that this is not what you may have envisaged when your child started their First Holy Communion journey in September 2019, however we had truly hoped to make their day as special as possible. When we have further information about how and when the First Holy Communion services can take place you will all be contacted, however at this time it is not thought to be before Christmas.

In light, of such disappointing news, the children asked if they could still have their party, so we have decided to go ahead with a Pre-Holy Communion Celebration in school instead. On Wednesday 18th November, the Year 5 children are invited to wear either their First Holy Communion clothes or any party clothes into school for the day to enjoy a whole class celebratory party.

We continue to keep the whole parish and most especially our First Holy Communicants in our prayers.

God bless all of you,

Fr D Donnelly

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