

# St. Conleth's Parish

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Dear Parent/Guardian

As restrictions on the celebration of First Holy Communion are lifting on July 5th, we are planning to celebrate the sacrament with those children who have been waiting since May 2020. While these Ceremonies will be very different to previous years, they will still be happy and joy filled occasions. In preparation for the day we ask you to please take note of the following points of Information:

- As we are very restricted in the numbers we can have in our churches, a **maximum of 2 adults (parents/guardians)** can accompany each child. The ceremonies will be carried on webcam.
- We ask all adults attending to please wear a face covering.
- A steward will show you to your seat on the day; we appreciate your co-operation with them.
- Holy Communion will be distributed to each child and parents/guardians in their seats.
- Photographs cannot be taken in the church after the ceremony as the church will need to be cleaned and sanitised between each ceremony.
- Parents can dress their children as they wish; there is NO requirement to wear traditional Communion dresses or suits.
- Individual First Confessions will **NOT** take place before First Communions. Instead there will be a shared celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the beginning of each Holy Communion Ceremony.

I know this is a different way of celebrating First Holy Communion and I thank you for your patience and understanding as we plan for this very important occasion in the life of your child and family.

The ceremonies for St. Conleth & Mary's School will be as follows:

Ms McGrath's Class: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July in St. Conleth's Parish Church at 6pm  
Ms Walsh's Class: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July in St. Conleth's Parish Church at 7.30pm  
Ms Lawler's Class: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July in St. Conleth's Parish Church at 6pm

We look forward to welcoming you and your child on this very special occasion.

Yours sincerely,

*F. Rourke O'Donoghue P.P.*

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