



Dear Parent/Carer,

Our Parish community is excited to share in the celebration of First Holy Communion with Primary 4, **Saturday 12th May, 1pm**. I am sure it will be a beautiful and very spiritual event. Here are a few reminders for parent/carers.

- Children should be at the Church and seated by 12:45pm.
- Parents/Carers will accompany their child to the altar to receive the sacrament, acting as a witness to this special event. This means that up to two seats will be reserved at the front of the Church for two nominated persons per child. If parent/carers wish to receive communion themselves, Fr Paul asks they come up separately, with the rest of the congregation.
- Additional family members are welcome but should sit in unreserved seats.
- Before the final hymn the First Communicants will gather on the Altar for the official photograph, Fr Paul asks parent/carers do not leave seats or take photographs at this point.
- After the official photograph, the children will sing 'My Shepherd is the Lord'. Following this, the school choir will sing as the First Communicants leave the altar and leave the Church, with parents/carers.
- Girls can wear veils as part of their outfit, if desired, however these should be worn back and not covering the face.
- Any accessories, such as gloves, bags etc should not be brought to their seats to avoid unnecessary distraction.

On **Sunday the 13th May**, First Communicants and Confirmandi children are invited to attend the May Procession at 10am Mass. This will allow our First Communicants to wear their outfits again and share their celebration with the wider Parish. Children participating in the procession should go to the tearoom before 10am mass to collect their sash.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

Kind Regards

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