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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I am writing to update you on our plans for Sacramental preparation. From Wednesday 24th February 2021, all Sacramental preparations and learning will continue virtually via Google Classrooms, for all children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion this year.

However, due to the COVID pandemic and the restrictions that are in place, there have been some changes made to the way these preparations will take place.

Mass of Enrolment - Bishop John has recorded a Mass of Enrolment service for all children who will be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Holy Eucharist. Mass of Enrolment would normally have taken place at Sunday Mass, however, due to the level 4 restrictions, the Church and other places of Worship are closed at this time. This recording can be viewed by all children and their Parents/Carers via You Tube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s06dk60BMMA> or Google Classrooms **no later than Friday 19th February 2021**. This will allow further teaching and learning to take place.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – No confirmed date as of yet, as we are awaiting further guidance from the Scottish Government. I will update you as soon as I have more information. However, the children may receive their Reconciliation in school, if restrictions do not allow us to gather in the Church during these unprecedented times.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist (First Communion) – The children will make their First Holy Communion on the 8th May 2021 and 15th May 2021 at 10:00 am & 12:00 pm in St Charles' RC. However, this is subject to change and I will notify you with finer details of the date and time as soon as I can.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation and patience during these unprecedented times and would ask you to please contact me as soon as possible if your child has not been Baptised or you do not wish your child to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist this year,.

I am continuing to work closely with Bishop John, the Diocese of Paisley and Fr Jim our School Chaplain to ensure that Sacramental celebrations go ahead as planned, where possible.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Paulie Kelly".

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