In my Thoughts and Prayers

Boys and girls,

I hope you are keeping well and staying safe. It might be that you are enjoying your freedom from school and making the most of a long break from class. It's been a number of weeks since the school closed and you last saw your teachers and your friends. I'm sure you are missing them very much and can't wait to get back to school.

I miss my visits to the school for services and I am especially disappointed at not being with you for Masses in the church. Lent was cut short for us this year and the Holy Week services I had to celebrate on my own. I much prefer to be with you, and for all of us to pray together in the school and at church during the special seasons of the Church year.

I was so looking forward to celebrating with primary 7 the Sacrament of Confirmation and with primary 4 their First Holy Communion. The Confirmation Mass has now passed and the First Communion Mass is scheduled for Sunday 3rd May. Both were cancelled because of the Coronavirus and will now take place when lockdown is lifted.

For months parents, teachers, clergy and parishioners looked forward to celebrating the sacraments with the children. Sadly, but for good reason, it has not been possible to do so. I pray each morning hoping that one day soon we will be able to go ahead with our celebrations as previously planned.

Like the children of P7 & P4, I am very disappointed and wonder when it will be possible for the Sacraments to be celebrated. I can assure them that when I get the green light I will move very quickly to make the appropriate preparations for the celebrations to proceed. We will have Masses to remember and feasts to enjoy!

Meantime, I want you to keep well and to stay safe; help your family by doing all that you can in your home to help each other, and I ask you especially, to pray each day for all affected by the virus and to ask the Father to keep everyone strong in faith, in hope and in love for each other.

God bless you and your family.

St Paul – Pray for us!