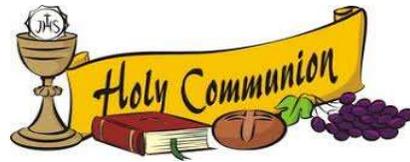


Hello to all the P4 girls and boys,

I hope you are all keeping well and working hard. I'm sure you all realise by now that we are not going to be able to celebrate our First Holy Communion Day as planned on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020.



I understand that this is a big disappointment to you all. I know the care, the expense and most of all the thought and love that mummies and daddies give in preparing and getting ready for this special day. First Communion Day is always the most beautiful child, family, school and parish celebration each year. It's always wonderful to see grannies, grandas and everybody else with the children in the Chapel and afterwards in school for their community celebration.



I promise you, we will have this celebration at a time in the future when all of this has ended. Primary 4 girls and boys will have their very special First Communion celebration – and what a wonderful celebration we will have. So, for now just keep looking forward with excitement until then.

In the meantime, Fr Connolly, Fr Hughes, Mrs Mc Knight and I want to invite you to join in a special online mass on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 6.30 pm to mark the date we should all have been together. We will remember the P4 class and their families during this mass which will be broadcast live on the parish website. Don't forget to email or send in your drawings/photo for us to put on the Clonfeacle Parish page.



As we can't receive Jesus in Holy Communion at this time, Pope Francis has told us that we can receive Jesus into our hearts by saying this special prayer:

*My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you are already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.*

I have included some Holy Communion preparation activities in your next learning pack to help focus your thinking on this special sacrament.

Remember, at this time, the most important thing is that everyone can stay safe. This time will pass, very slowly maybe, but it will pass. When it does we will be back together, back with our friends, back playing, back learning in school and back with all our families.

God bless,  
Mrs Bríghid Hughes