

7th September, 2020

To the parents/guardians of Miss Herrick's Class

Dear Parents/Guardians

Just a few items for your attention regarding the First Communion

- First Communion will take place in the Lough Church on **Saturday, September 19th at 11am. Families should be in their seats by 10.50am.**
- **The First Communion child should be accompanied by two parents/adults only.** This is to complying with the Government's guidelines on group gatherings in Church and at the moment the Church is limited to 50 persons for any Church ceremonies.
- The Communion child and the two parents/adults will sit at one end of the pew in Section 1 of the Lough Church. This is the area straight in front of the altar as you come inside the side door, nearest the gate. There will be two families in each pew, with a two meter distance between them.
- The Priest will give a general absolution in place of the First Penance before the First Communion Mass begins.
- The girls wear their Communion dress.
- The boys should wear their school uniform with a white shirt and a white communion rosette. These rosettes are usually available in Eason's or the card shop in Merchant's Quay. *Unfortunately, due to social distancing restrictions, we are unable to fit the boys for blazers this year.*
- No jewellery, Prayer Books, Rosary Beads, umbrellas, gloves or bags should be worn at the church.
- **Children do not need to wear a mask in the Church but all adults are required to do so.**

Please remember that the First Holy Communion is a very special Sacrament, especially for the children and we would be obliged if they were not disturbed during the Ceremony. Your co-operation is requested by taking note of the Priest's instructions at the beginning of Mass. Please ensure that all mobile phones are turned off before you go into the Church.

Thank you

F. Hurley