



17th November, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 5,

First Holy Communion Mass – Saturday 20th November, 2021

The children in Miss Dolphin's class will make their First Holy Communion in the celebration of Mass this Saturday at 10.00am at St. John Vianney church.

Due to current legislation and Diocesan guidance, each child will be given an allocated pew for their guests to sit with them. The people who sit together in that pew should be from as few households as possible to minimise any possible COVID-19 spread.

Order of the Day – What will happen when you arrive in church?

Children should arrive at church between 9.30am – 9.40am.

On arrival at church, you will be greeted by a steward from church, who will administer hand sanitiser. Your child will show you to your seat. All adults (unless exempt) must wear a face covering in line with Diocesan guidelines. In line with current guidelines, the pews for our children will be pre-allocated and they have been pulled out of a hat in the interests of fairness.

Father Martin will give Holy Communion to the First Holy Communion children first and then parishioners and their families will be invited up in turn by the church stewards.

Father Martin will also present the children with their certificates before the end of the Mass.

Families will be invited to take photographs in church after Mass with each family group taking photographs one group at a time.

Miss McMasters' photographs

The Photographer has been booked for **Monday 22nd November** to take Miss McMaster's children's photographs both individually and as a class in church. Children should arrive at St. John Vianney church at **8.30am** and no later than **8.45am** in their **First Holy Communion clothes**. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME** from the previous time of 8.50am.

Miss Dolphin's photographs

Due to circumstances beyond Father Martin's control, the children in Miss Dolphin's class will now also have their photograph taken on Monday 22nd November.

The children in **Miss Dolphin's class** should also be dropped off at St. John Vianney church at **8.30am** and no later than **8.45am** in their **First Holy Communion clothes** on **Monday 22nd November** to have their photographs taken both individually and as a class in church.

First Holy Communion Party in School

Once the children have had their photographs taken on Monday 22nd November, they will get changed into their **own clothes** and they will be walked back to school by Mr Bonnar, Miss McMaster and Miss Dolphin. Children should bring a suitable bag to transport their communion outfit back to school.

The children will then celebrate making their First Holy Communion with a party day in school. We will provide the cake and party food for all of our children. If your child has a food allergy we ask that, due to the change in legislation and the introduction of Natasha's Law, that you please provide a plate of party food yourself to ensure that no child is jeopardised by any cross contamination of party food and allergies.

All children in Year 5 should wear their own clothes on 22nd November as ALL children in Year 5, regardless of whether or not they have made their First Holy Communion, will take part in the Party Day with their class.

We continue to keep all of our Year 5 children in our prayers and we ask God to bless them all at this time.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs A.D. Thorpe
Headteacher