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*Through following Jesus, we aim to be a caring, happy school, where everyone is valued and appreciated and can reach their true potential. We hope to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.*

**READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE**

9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

The First Holy Communion celebrations are taking place over the next two weekends at St John Vianney Church.

**Mr Bonnar's Year 4 on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 10am**

**Mr Peacock's Year 4 on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 10am**

Over the last 9 months the children have been preparing on a regular basis with the teachers and the parish priests for this important sacrament. A reminder about the arrangements for each service:

- Arrival time at St John Vianney church 9:30am
- The sashes and medals will be sent home from school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> before their class Saturday mass
- Clothes
  - Girls – white dress, optional gloves, optional head dress and wear their medal
  - Boys – Grey trousers or shorts, white shirt and a red first holy communion tie and black shoes. Boys also need to wear their red sash and medal.
- Guests – 6 per pew sat with the communicant
- Guests – in addition to the above six all others are welcome to attend mass and sit with the parish
- Readings and preparations have all been run through with the children
- Children will have had several practices prior to their sacrament

All children will be given a certificate, a white beaded rosary set and a quilled cross on their photograph day (22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025) as a memory of their sacrament. School has purchased the rosary beads from Fr David, to support his work in Muhoroni, Kenya. All children need to go straight to church at 8:30am on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, dressed in their communion clothes, ready to



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have their photographs taken. They need to then bring a bag of party clothes to change to enjoy the rest of the day's celebrations including cake!

Father will offer advice about service protocol prior to each mass.

Best wishes,

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