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Dear Parents and Carers,

Since we are only a week away from our First Holy Communion Masses, here is a reminder of the dates of your child's First Holy Communion with Father Ged.

Tuesday 11th June at 10am: Year 4

Friday 14th June at 10am: Year 5

Pupils are to be dropped off in school uniform at St Monica's Parish Hall at 8:35am prompt; a professional photographer has been booked in for each day so please keep to the timings. Please note, school jumpers or cardigans will not be worn for photographs or during the service. Rosary beads, bibles, gloves etc. should not be brought to church. It is upsetting for children if they lose them and takes their focus away from the Sacrament itself. As children will be walking back to school, please provide a suitable rain coat which can be left at the Parish Hall.

Children not making their communion this year should arrive at school at the normal time of 8:45. They will be taken over to church to join in with the rest of their year group.

Children will not need their school bags; however, should your child have their packed lunch with them, this may be left at the Parish Hall during the service. Children having school dinners, this will be provided as usual. Children will return to the hall to collect these after their Communion Mass and will return to school with staff.

Parents and carers are asked to arrive at St. Monica's Church at 9:50am. Our church can hold up to 4 family members per pupil and seats will be allocated in alphabetical order to accommodate this. Should additional family members wish to attend, there may be extra seating available at the back of the church.

Siblings at St. Monica's

Siblings of pupils receiving the Sacrament may attend the mass with families. Siblings can go straight to the church and must be brought to church at 9:50am, and then dropped off straight after mass at school by an adult to receive their attendance mark.

For safeguarding reasons, we ask that families refrain from taking photographs in church; we will take photographs of the day. There will be an opportunity for you to take a photograph with your child outside of church after the Mass.

Whilst we are in church for the Communion Masses, out of respect, please note that food or drink is not allowed in church. Also, can we ask that all mobile phones are turned off for the duration of the Mass.

After Mass, children will continue to celebrate their special day with a disco and a class party. All children from the year group will participate in this celebration.

If you cannot make it, the live stream can be accessed for the occasion:
<https://www.churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church>

Yours Faithfully,

The St Monica's Team