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Dear Parents and Carers,

Preparations for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are very close, and we wanted to keep you informed of all plans.

Our fantastic catechists from St. Monica's Church have been visiting school each week to teach children about the meaning of the Sacrament and what will happen during the ceremony. We cannot thank them enough.

Father Ged invites all children to Mass on either a Saturday evening at 4:30pm or on a Sunday morning at 9:30am.

My First Reconciliation

Starting this week, Father Ged will come into school to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to the children before they make their First Holy Communions in June. This will be during normal school hours.

Date of the First Holy Communion: Thursday 21st May 2026, 10am

On the day, pupils should be dropped off in school uniform at **St Monica's Parish Hall at 8:35am prompt**; a professional photographer has been booked in for the day so please keep to the timings. Please note, school jumpers or cardigans will not be worn for photographs or during the service.

Father Ged has kindly requested that 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 during the service.

Children not making their communion this year should arrive at school at the normal time of 8:45am. 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 lunch bags and coats 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 prompt. Our church can hold up to 4 family members per pupil. 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 and can go straight to the church at 9:50am with their family. Siblings should then be 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 after the Mass.

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

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