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Dear Parents & Guardians,

I am writing to you regarding First Holy Communion preparation in St Michael's Parish 2021/22. As you are aware, school and parish work very closely with parents and children in preparation for receiving First Confession and First Holy Communion.

An important part of this preparation is our parish based catechesis programme: *Do This In Memory*, centred in the parish celebration of the Sunday Mass and in the home. The programme resources are designed to help parents, families and the parish to become actively involved in preparation for the sacraments. This parish preparation takes place once a month (at 10.30am Mass in St Michael's Church, Enniskillen) for six months before First Holy Communion and concludes during the parish celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Attendance at the 10.30am Mass in St Michael's Church, Enniskillen, on the particular preparation Sundays is an important requirement for children receiving First Holy Communion. As a parish, we are keen to offer parents and children every opportunity to grow in faith together. This coming Sunday (21st November) we have our Enrolment Mass, when all children who wish to receive First Holy Communion in May 2022, will be formally enrolled for the sacrament in our Parish.

Our expectation is that you and your child will attend all of the *Do This In Memory* Masses (dates on our parish website). Due to Covid-19, the capacity of the church is reduced at this time, so it would be best if one parent and the P.4 son/daughter attend the preparation Mass - if at all possible.

We encourage the rest of the family to prayerfully watch in over the webcam. Some parents and children may not feel comfortable attending congregational gatherings, in which case, we encourage you to watch in over the webcam. Please contact me via email if this is your intention.

For this Sunday, please refer to pages 10 - 14 of the THUMB Book and Kids Stuff, parts 1 & 2 (at the back of the book) in preparation for Mass. A short video re: The Priest getting ready for Mass is published on our Parish Facebook page, please watch it before Mass and don't forget to take your Grapevine Folder and Thumb Book to Mass on Sunday.

*Please note: dates for D.T.I.M. Masses and Holy Communions are published on our parish website.*

Sincere thanks for the support you give to parish life. I look forward to welcoming you and your child this Sunday.

God bless, *Fr Raymond.*