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Dear **Parents/Guardians of Primary 5 Children**

First Holy Communion Saturday 3rd October

Our Primary 5 class has been working extremely hard preparing for their First Holy Communion this Saturday. We would like to remind you of the arrangements for Saturday.

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, the First Communicants **can be accompanied by up to a maximum of 6 family members from the same bubble in the chapel**. For those family members unable to attend the Communion due to these restrictions, the Masses can be viewed on the parish webcam: www.churchservices.tv/loughbrickland Please note that this webcam is live at all times. Adults are asked to wear a mask inside the chapel. Everyone is reminded of their responsibilities regarding social distancing.

The first Mass is at 10.30am, the chapel will be open from 10.00am and you are asked to be seated by 10.20am. You are asked to have left the grounds of the chapel by 11.45am to allow time for the cleaning of the chapel for the second Mass. The second Mass is at 12.30pm; the chapel will be open at 12 noon and you are asked to be seated by 12.20pm.

We understand it is unusual for a class to celebrate this special day separately, however it is important that we protect our families and our community by ensuring we can adhere to social distancing guidelines during our celebrations. Therefore, there will be no celebrations in school after mass. Instead, on Monday 5th October we will have a treat to celebrate all their hard work in class.

Many people have contributed to ensuring that the children's big day is a success. Thanks to Miss O'Dowd for preparing the class, Fr Corr for preparing the Liturgy and practicing with the children on Friday, Felicity Colgan for helping with the booklet and prayers, Lily Byrne for the flowers in the chapel, our church sacristan, Kathleen Kearney, Alva Morgan for preparing the Communion certificates, Maria O'Neill for the music and beautiful singing, the PTA for the gifts and certificates, Mrs Murray for the celebratory cake and the staff for all their assistance. Thanks to you, the parents, for your perseverance and help in preparing the children for their Communion in this unique year. Finally, congratulations and thanks to the First Communicants for their great efforts in preparing so thoroughly for the sacrament. You deserve your big day and your family celebrations. We hope that you will all have a memorable day. God bless.

Yours sincerely,

Donal McNally
(Principal)