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Dear Parent,

Your child's First Holy Communion mass will take place this **Friday, September 24th** at **12 noon** in St. Patrick's Church. In preparation for First Holy Communion masses in the parish during these Covid times, all schools have been given guidelines from the priests of the parish. Please see the attached page with the arrangements for the mass.

Your child will not attend school on Friday.

On your arrival at the church, you will be directed to your allocated seat by a member of the school staff.

Please be in the church by 11.45am at the latest.

The First Holy Communion Mass will be a very special celebration for your whole family. We look forward to meeting you on Friday and sharing this special occasion with you.

Scoil Iosa Staff

Parish of Kilmoremoy

First Holy Communion

As a parish community we happily anticipate the celebration of the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. It is important that these joyful occasions are celebrated with regard to the continuing threat posed by circulation of the virus and in compliance with public health requirements. For this reason, the Parish of Kilmoremoy are committed to the following guidelines.

Arrival at the Church

- Family members should enter the church together and then occupy one family seat. (Family includes parents, grandparents, and siblings of the First Communicant only). They should observe social distancing from other families at all times, before, during, and after the ceremony, and follow the direction of stewards at all times.
- Any family member who may be vulnerable to the Covid-19 virus should not be invited to the ceremony under any circumstances.

The Ceremony

- Music can be provided by an organist and a soloist. They can be from the school community.
- There will be one reading and five Prayers of the Faithful which may be read from the ambo.
- Gifts and symbols will not be brought to the Altar.
- At the time of Holy Communion, stewards will direct the people to the Altar, family by family, seat by seat.

Photography

- Mobile phones, ipads, or cameras may not be used during the ceremony.
- Group photographs are suspended at this time.
- Family photos may be taken outdoors.

Exiting the Church

- Please follow the direction of the stewards for an orderly exit from the church, family by family, seat by seat.

Once again, we thank you for your commitment to the life of the parish and to the faith of our Communicants.