**St Brigid’s PS**

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**Thursday, 01 October 2020**

Dear Parents,

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday 3rd October in Our Lady & St Patrick’s Church at 11am with Fr McCaughan the Celebrant.

**A few reminders in preparation for Saturday**

* **Please keep to the limited number of 5 per family, including child for Holy Communion.**
* **The chapel will be open from 10.30 am. Please be seated no later than 10.50 am.**
* Please enter via the main doors at the back of the chapel.
* If you are able to, we would ask if you would **wear a face covering** in the chapel for the service. The children do not have to wear a face covering, as those U13 are exempt.
* Each family will have a designated seat. Please remain in your seat during the service.
* Upon arrival, you will be guided to your seat. Please wait to be seated.
* Please respect social distancing when entering and leaving the church.
* **For the sacrament of First Holy Communion, the children will remain in their seats.**
* **Fr McCaughan will come to each child to give them communion.**
* **The children will be called up individually to receive their Holy Communion certificate before the final prayer.**
* At the end of the service, everyone is to remain seated until an usher guides you to leave.
* The car park and the school playground will be available for parking.
* Unfortunately, there will be no official photographer this year and no option to gather for a whole class photo.

**All protocols and routines due to Covid-19 must be adhered to.**

* Please maintain and encourage good hand and respiratory hygiene. Use hand sanitiser provided.
* Respect social distancing (2m)
* If you, or any member of your family (adult/child) have any symptoms of COVID-19, please do not come to the chapel for the service and follow the PHA guidance for households with a possible coronavirus infection.

Symptoms include:

* a high temperature (+37.8)
* a new and continuous cough
* a loss in your sense of smell or taste.

For those family members that cannot attend the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be steamed live on the Ballymoney Parish You Tube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmqCd9Qaf4G2P97fyUEDAJg>

Thank you for your co-operation in all of this and we hope that, regardless of all the current protocols and restrictions, you still have a lovely day together.

Kind Regards

Mrs Aileen McIlroy RE Co-ordinator

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