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Dear Primary 5 Parents,

We find ourselves in exceptional times and circumstances. However, I am delighted to report that your children have settled fantastically well into Primary 5 and into Mr White's classroom. They are a credit to all of you. As you all know the postponed May Holy Communion date for 2020 had to be rearranged for Saturday 24th October. This was to allow for the already planned chapel refurbishments to take place. Those refurbishments are now set to be finished ahead of schedule, thanks in no small part to the excellent work of members of our local community.

This has created an opportunity for us as a school to have two Holy Communion dates this year.

1. **Saturday 17th of October at 1030**
whilst also keeping
2. **Saturday 24th of October at 1030.**

The addition of the earlier date is a helpful hand, especially given the ever changing situation that we find ourselves in. As a family you may now choose to opt for the sooner date. A date that might suit you better given the current situation we find ourselves in. We also will retain the existing date should you prefer that option. Keeping this option open also gives us flexibility should your own personal or the local/national context change between now and then.

I would ask that you either contact **Mrs Dale in the school office** on 40671363 with your preferred date or send an email to info@stcolmans.annaclone.ni.sch.uk no later than **Friday 9th of October**.

Canon Kearney has kindly agreed to officiate on both dates.

There is now a government and church recommendation that all adults wear a face-mask when in an enclosed space (children under the age of 12 are exempt). At both masses social distancing will take place in accordance with the current guidelines. This means that each family will be allocated one row in the church. We ask that at both masses families limit attendance to the **child plus 2 adults**.



An usher will lead each family to a row. As families arrive, they will be directed to socially distanced seating. Children will sit with their family.

Holy Communion will be received by all communicants and congregation in the hand.

The school photographer will be present at both masses. The group photo will take place at 10.25 on both dates and then can be digitally remastered to include all.

Thank you Mr White and Mrs Quinn for all of your hard work in preparing our children for the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

We are very much looking forward to seeing all our children and families on both dates for what will be two **very special** First Holy Communion masses and we wish everyone many blessings on this long-awaited occasion.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Kevin O'Neill

