

# Dear Pupils in Gaelscoil na Boinne

Welcome back to school! Our school missed you since Christmas. We are delighted to have you back with us.

Fr Warren and I look forward to working with you to prepare for your First Holy Communion.

Let us be very honest. We don't know when First Holy Communion can take place. At the moment, we don't even know if we will be allowed to have ceremonies for Holy Week and Easter. We want everyone to feel safe so we have to do what is necessary. As soon as we are told when First Holy Communion is possible, we will tell you and your parents and guardians immediately. However, it is likely that First Communion will not be possible until September.

Even if we have to wait until September, we want to use the time from now until then to get ready for your First Holy Communion. The more we prepare, the better it will be for all of us.

There will be four 'events' as part of the preparations during March, April, May and June.

- **Thursday 25 March** at 7.30pm, we want you to join us for a Zoom session with you and your parents for 20 minutes
- **On a Saturday in April**, we will have a prayer-time together with you and your classmates, possibly in the parish church if it's possible
- **In May**, we will do another Zoom session to learn the story of Zacchaeus and forgiveness
- **In June**, we will invite you to make your First Confession, either in school or in the parish church, depending on the public health measures at the time.

This is a parish-based plan for First Holy Communion. It's our first time to try something like it and we hope it will help you and your families.

Taking part in Sunday Mass is the best way to get ready for First Holy Communion. Please tell your parents about our online Masses at **trimparish.com** on Sundays at 9am and 11am. It will be really good if you can join us on Sundays, especially during these Sundays of Lent from now until Easter Sunday.

**We will pray for you – please pray for us too.**

**Every blessing,**

Fr Paul Crosbie

