

## **Message to First Communion Boys and Girls**

I hope you are all well and remembering to talk to Jesus every day! We don't know yet when you will be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation or your First Communion but it will happen and when it does, what a very happy day that will be 😊. In the meantime we need you to continue getting ready for these two very special sacraments.

This Sunday should have been one of our preparation Masses for First Communion. You can still pray along with the Mass as Fr Tom will be live streaming it from the parish website at 11 am and he will be including a **special blessing for all of you First Communion boys and girls.**

### **4 things to do for Sunday:**

1. Read the Gospel story (on the next page)
2. Watch this video <https://youtu.be/ITmbTuutBgg>
3. Enter this great competition (<https://www.wmi.ie/wp-content/uploads-2020-02-easter-colouring-competition-pdf>) – send in your entry to the address at the bottom of the picture. (The closing date has been extended to 19<sup>th</sup> April). Don't forget to send me a photo of your picture ([anne.dooley@gmail.com](mailto:anne.dooley@gmail.com)) & we will post your photos on the website.
4. Pray the Holy Holy (also on the next page) - what part of today's Gospel story does it remind you of?

### **Your Holy Week Challenge 😊**

Starting this Sunday and running until Easter Sunday, we are going to set a daily challenge to help you to get ready for the great Feast of Easter. Check out the parish website every day to see what the challenge is!

***Challenge 1 - Complete steps 1-4 above.***

Have fun 😊😊😊

Anne Dooley.

## **Palm Sunday Gospel**

### **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus went on to Jerusalem. When he got close, he sent two of his disciples on ahead and told them: 'Go in to next town. When you enter it, you will see a donkey tied up. Untie it and bring it here to me. If anyone asks you why you are taking it, just say: the Master needs it and will send it back directly'.

The two disciples went in to the town and found the donkey just as Jesus had told them. While they were untying it, the owner came and asked them what they were doing. They gave him the answer Jesus had told them and the owner let them go.

They took the donkey back to Jesus, threw their cloaks on its back and he sat on it.

Great crowds of people came out to greet him. They spread their cloaks on the road, others cut branches from the trees and spread them in his path or waved them, shouting 'Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest heavens'.

Then some of the Pharisees in the crowd spoke to Jesus. 'Teacher', they said, 'tell your disciples to be quiet!'

Jesus answered, 'I tell you that if they keep quiet, the very stones in the road will start to shout'.

**THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST**

## **Holy Holy**

Holy Holy Holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.