



CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Parish of Marino

28th April, 2020.

Dear Boys, Girls & Parents,

As you know by now, the First Holy Communions due to take place next month have had to be cancelled because of government restrictions. We know this is very disappointing for you all and we hope and pray that we can all get together sooner rather than later to celebrate this special day with you.

The Archbishop was in touch to say that the Communions will definitely not happen during May or June so it looks like the earliest they can happen is the Autumn, presuming that large gatherings will be allowed to happen then. Perhaps we will end up celebrating the Communions in smaller groups at that stage.

We will be in touch again as soon we get any more guidance from the Archbishop & the health authorities. In the meantime, we are asking you, boys & girls, to keep doing the work your teachers give you from the '*Grow in Love*' programme & to follow along with Mass on a Sunday. Each week, on Wednesdays, we will post up something on the parish website for you to do, under the '**Faith at Home**' section (marinoparish.ie). Then when we do get the go ahead to celebrate, you will be ready to welcome Jesus into your hearts.

Thank you for making this sacrifice for the sake of everyone. We are here every day waiting for your big day to arrive, and we are keeping in touch with the school so that we can come up with the best plan for us all.

God bless & keep you all safe and well.

Fr Tom Noone & Anne Dooley.