



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The eleven parishes of Tallaght Deanery – **Bohernabreena, Killinarden, Kilnamanagh-Castleview, Springfield, Jobstown, Brookfield, St. Aengus's, St. Dominic's, St. Martin de Porres and St. Mary's** – share your sadness that we have not been in a position to celebrate the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmations this year to date. Our eleven parishes are committed to celebrating these sacraments in due course. However, we need your co-operation and patience. Resources vary considerably from parish to parish in relation to priests (elderly!), sizes of churches (social distancing), numbers of children for Sacraments, etc.

How, where and when we celebrate the Sacraments will have to change in the light of new realities. Each parish of the Tallaght Deanery will make its own arrangements, re: the celebration of the Sacraments. We are all struggling to re-organise ourselves in the light of covid-19.

When your parish has come up with its plan, the relevant information will be posted on parish and information platforms. The completion of Sacraments may take some time. Again, we ask for your patience and co-operation and remember that different parishes will make different arrangements due to their own particular circumstances. Many of our parishes are really struggling to manage on many levels. Perhaps there are ways you could use your gifts/talents to support your parish. Contact your parish locally.

Meanwhile, we wish you and your children a happy and safe summer. Stay together, pray together.

Yours in faith,

Fr. Pat McKinley V.F.

On behalf of the parishes of Tallaght Deanery