

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Following HSE guidelines and directives, it is with regret that I make the following announcement:

The ceremony of confirmation of your child at St Martin's Church, scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> June, is postponed to a later date.

During these uncertain times for all of us, and of immense hardship and sadness for some, I continue to pray for you and your child. I look forward to a return to normality when we can celebrate the gift of your child and of the action of the Holy Spirit who empowers him or her to bring love and mercy to all people.

I will especially pray for your child and you as a family on the 5<sup>th</sup> June - the date when your child should have been confirmed. I will pray too for your teachers who continue to be their guides and mentors. I will especially remember those who have suffered bereavement or serious illness or loss due to Covid 19.

I encourage you to decide on some prayer ritual to mark the 5<sup>th</sup> June as a family. In the meantime you can continue preparation for your child's confirmation, which we look forward to celebrating in accordance with ongoing HSE guidelines.

Every blessing during these days,

Fr. Michael Hurley PP