

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents

HOLY COMMUNIONS - ARRANGEMENTS

We're pleased to remind you that the First Communion Mass is on **SATURDAY 19th MAY 2018**, in St Mary of the Angels' church, Hooton.

The Mass begins at 10.00 a.m. sharp. Please be there by about 9.40 a.m. at the latest.

We need to organise the children who are reading etc. They will be sitting **together on the altar** during most of the Mass – *so if they are late it will be very obvious!*

The girls will wear white dresses; and the boys will wear white shirts, grey/dark trousers, school-type shoes and a red tie (*nice ties with Holy Communion embroidery are still available in school for £4.50*).

Because the church is quite small, you are requested politely **to follow common sense, and only bring a sensible number of close family to the service.** (For example, one mum was telling me that she'll be bringing just parents and grandparents, with the rest of the family joining them for a party later.) Everyone will make their own judgment. Your co-operation will be appreciated. There'll be no reserved seats; so, again, please arrive in plenty of time.

There will be opportunities to take your own photographs, either as a group or individual photos, outside the church; **although, as a matter of respect, no photography or videos are allowed inside St Mary of the Angels Church until after the mass has finished.**

Fr Louis and Deacon Tony will lead; the school staff will be attending; and the children will take part in the readings, the offertory and so on. We are all looking forward to it!

The parishioners are kindly arranging refreshments and a buffet for the children in the hall afterwards, which the children all enjoy; and we invite you to join us there, before you leave for your own celebrations.

For pupils in St. Mary's school, we will also have a little party in school on Monday afternoon, 21st May, where the Communicants' class friends can also join in the celebrations.

Deacon Tony and Father Louis would love to see the children again in their Communion outfits on the next day, Sunday 20th May, at 9.00 Mass. The parishioners would love to see all their wonderful First Communion outfits too!

Many thanks and we are all looking forward to the day.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of all at school, Father Louis and Deacon Tony.

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