Message for the First Holy Communion Children of 2020 in the parish.

Dear Children,

This weekend would normally be the celebration your First Holy Communion in the Cathedral. But this year things are a bit different. We have all been trying to mind ourselves and each other by staying away from school and from gatherings of any kind until the Covid-19 virus is sorted out. Then it will be safe for us to gather together again. It means that your First Holy Communion cannot be celebrated yet. But it will happen in the future and hopefully in the autumn. Don’t worry; we will have a great celebration with you when it is safe to do so.

I know that you have prepared well for First Holy Communion with your teachers. I hope you are still preparing with your parents and families. I am sure you are saying your prayers and maybe talking to your parents about what it means to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. I miss our meetings in the classroom and in the Cathedral and I hope that you are all doing well. I know that your teachers miss you too. Ms. McCarthy, Ms. Mahony, Miss. Geraghty, Miss Gallagher and recently, Miss Clarke have been working with you at a distance through emails and through the post. They send you good wishes today as well, as do the school Principals, Miss Regan and Mr. Coyle.

On this Sunday May 17th I am offering to 10am Mass in the Cathedral for you and for your families. It can be viewed on loughreacathedral.ie or on churchservices.tv/loughrea

Stay safe, see you soon please God.

Monsignor Cathal Geraghty.

Morning Prayer
Father in heaven you love me, you’re with me night and day, I want to love you always in all I do and say. I’ll try to please you Father, bless me through the day. Amen

Night Prayer
God Our Father, I’ve come to say, thank you for your love today. Thank you for my family and all the friends you give to me. Guard me in the dark of night and in the morning send your light. Amen

Prayers before Communion
Lord Jesus, come to me. Lord Jesus, give me your love. Lord Jesus, come to me and give me yourself. Lord Jesus, friend of children, come to me. Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.