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## **Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion Ceremonies 2021**

**June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**Dear Father, Parent/Guardian, Principal,**

**I write this letter in the light of the most recent statement from the Government and the Public Health authorities on today, Wednesday,**

**June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.**

**From the Government website:**

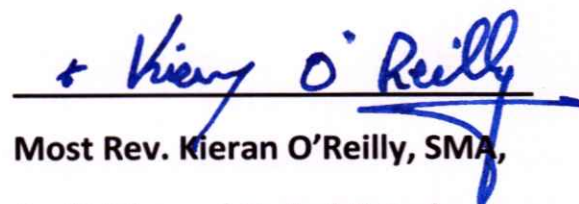
From 5 <sup>th</sup> July	It is advised that religious ceremonies such as Baptisms, First Holy Communion and Confirmations should not take place at this time.
Other religious ceremonies	Further advice will follow on resumption of these ceremonies when it is safe to do so

**I had hoped that at the beginning of the month of July Confirmation and First Holy Communion ceremonies could take place. However, in the light of the above statement from the Government I now ask that all ceremonies be deferred until it is safe to hold them.**

**I am disappointed to have to convey this decision to you as I know it impacts on many throughout the Archdiocese, especially the young members of our church communities preparing for the sacraments, their parents, families and the school personnel. In the interest of the wellbeing of our communities and society I ask you to abide by the advice we have received.**

**Assuring you of my good wishes,**

**Yours sincerely,**



**Most Rev. Kieran O'Reilly, SMA,**

**Archbishop of Cashel & Emly.**



**YOUR WORD IS TRUTH**  
JOHN 17:17