



23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

*Dear Boys and Girls of 6<sup>th</sup> Classes in St. Joseph's,*

*I hope that you and your families managed to join the Graduation Ceremony from St. Mary's Church via webcam this evening. I would like to thank Fr. Declan and the priests of Navan Parish for giving us the opportunity to join with you in prayer on your special evening. We thank especially our chaplain, Fr. Louis Illah.*

*As I said to you earlier, you have shown yourselves to be so talented academically, artistically and in your sporting achievements throughout your time in St. Joseph's. You have shown great kindness in your interactions with the younger children and great resilience in how you have managed during this long period of school closure and we are very proud of you all. We thank you for the great contribution which you and your parents have made to the life of our school in so*

*many ways. You are now, and will continue to be, an important part of the story of St. Joseph's Mercy Primary School.*

*On your behalf, and on my own, I would like to express my thanks to your class teachers, Mrs. Casey, Ms. Smith and Ms. Briody, for their dedication and hard work with you in 6<sup>th</sup> class, and to Mr. Lynch, Ms. Rogers and Ms. Sylvia Noonan who also worked with you this year. Every member of staff of St. Joseph's has played their part in shaping your journey through primary school and this evening we thank them all sincerely.*

*As you graduate we wish you every blessing and success for the future. Be kind, be responsible and always do your best. Never be afraid to ask for help if you need it. There are always people at home and in school whom you can turn to in times of uncertainty or difficulty. We will miss you in St. Joseph's but we look forward to your visits and to hearing how you are getting on in your secondary schools.*

*Beannacht Dé oraibh go léir, go dté sibh slán agus go n-éirí libh i gcónaí.*

*Le gach dea-ghuí,*

*Ann Murphy*