



We received the very sad news this morning of the death of Msgr. Tom Coonan. He has served as our school chaplain for over twenty five years and was a much loved and valued member of our school community. He was deeply appreciated by students, staff and parents alike for his kindness and for the interest he showed in everything that was happening in our school.

He had a special gift for connecting with our pupils and through his many visits to our classrooms, he shared the message of Jesus' love for us all. He worked very closely with 2nd and 6th Classes every year helping them prepare for the sacraments.

He continued his dedicated service to our school as chairperson of our board of management up to 2024 and as a member of the board for the last two years. His wisdom, guidance and friendship has left a lasting imprint on our school.

We extend our sincere sympathies to his family and friends, his parish community and all who mourn his loss.

Ní bheidh a leithéid arís ann.

Funeral arrangements can be found [here](#).

Pupils, past pupils, parents and staff are invited to stand in a guard of honour at Raheen Church on Monday. Current pupils can wear the school uniform if possible. We plan to assemble at 1.15pm.

Yours faithfully.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Micheál Hyland". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Micheál Hyland

Principal