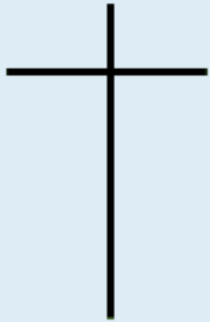


Confirmation Meeting

Thursday 21st September 2023

Welcome



In the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that by the gift of that same Spirit
we may be always truly wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation.
Amen.



Acts of the Apostles



‘When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house... and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech’.

Sacramental Journey

BAPTISM

sustains life

EUCCHARIST

gives life

RECONCILIATION

strengthens life

CONFIRMATION

restores life

Why Confirmation?

BAPTISM *gives life*

RECONCILIATION *restores life*

EUCCHARIST *sustains life*

CONFIRMATION *strengthens life*

Making a Commitment

If you are an artist, you spend time working with materials and creating various pieces.

If you love music, you need to spend time and energy singing or playing an instrument to develop your talent.

If you love playing a sport, you need to attend training sessions and commit to a team.

Life as a Christian is no different.

There is a personal commitment involved in being a Christian.

At Confirmation you are invited to make a personal commitment to the Christian life. At baptism your parents and Godparents made promises on your behalf. Now this year you will make your own personal commitment on the day of your confirmation. You will renew your baptismal promises and commit your life to the Christian faith.

This means that you will confirm your faith in the God the Father, God the Son, and the God the Holy Spirit and you will promise to live your faith through prayer, attending Sunday Mass and practising the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit in your life. By living lives of peace, hope, joy, love and generosity who will witness to your faith and those around you will know that you are a Christian and follower of Jesus.

Your Saint's Name

The choosing of a saint name is an important part of the children's preparation for Confirmation. It should be someone

whom they admire

would aspire to be like

to whom they can offer their prayers of intercession.

The choosing of the saint's name is reaffirming the fact that the candidate is choosing to be a full member of the Church. The chosen saint's name has no legal status and is not used.

The children will be set a series of home learning activities, in which they will research and reflect upon their chosen saint. Each week, there will be a specific activity to complete, culminating in each child producing a 'My Chosen Saint Project'. These will then be shared as a exhibition for parents and Year 6 children to see.



Choosing your sponsor

A sponsor is a person who encourages and assists a candidate to embrace and actively practice the Catholic faith both before and after Confirmation. The sponsor also presents the candidate at the celebration of Confirmation.

The sponsor must be an **active, practicing Catholic** (baptised, confirmed and has made First Holy Communion), who can be a **role model** for the candidate, who is **16 years** or older.

Ideally, you should choose one of your godparents from Baptism, provided he or she meets the above guidelines. If it is not possible to choose a godparent as your sponsor (e.g. they are deceased, live too far away, or are no longer a practicing Catholic), then you might ask someone else whom you see as an example of a committed, practicing Catholic. This could be a grandparent, aunt or uncle, other relative, family friend, parent of one of your friends, a teacher.

Confirmation Preparation Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Thursday 21 st September	6pm	Sacramental Preparation meeting	parents/ carers, sponsors and <u>Confirmandi</u>	School
Saturday 23 rd September	5pm	Y6 at Mass	parents/ carers, sponsors and <u>Confirmandi</u>	Church
Thursday 9 th November	6pm School Hall	Sacramental Programme for Confirmation	parents/ carers, sponsors and <u>Confirmandi</u>	School
9 th and 10 th November	At the end of the school day	Saints Exhibition	Children in school, parents, sponsors	School
Tuesday 14 th November	During the school day	Y6 attend <u>Mass</u> Retreat Confession Benediction	<u>Confirmandi</u> and other Y6 pupils	Church
Saturday 18 th November	5pm	Y6 at Mass	parents/ carers, sponsors and <u>Confirmandi</u>	Church
	Approx. 6pm	Rehearsal for <u>Confirmandi</u>, sponsors and parents	parents/ carers, sponsors and <u>Confirmandi</u>	Church
Thursday 23rd November	7pm	Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation	parents/ carers, sponsors, guests and <u>Confirmandi</u>	Church

Outline of the course

- Preparation for Confirmation is woven into the curriculum from the Autumn term up to the Sacrament.
- We learn about the sacrament in the units highlighted below. During these units we focus on:
 - The Rite of the Confirmation, and the actions, signs and symbols of Baptism and Confirmation.
 - The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit.
 - The lives of the saints, including their chosen Confirmation Saint.
 - How the children follow Christ and how this can be challenging at times.
 - Belonging to our Church community.

RE	Unit B: Followers of Christ Unit E: Baptism and Confirmation Celebrations Unit J: Pentecost	Unit L (Part 1): Celebrating the Lives of the Saints Unit C: Advent	Unit D: Christmas Unit K: Belonging to the Church Community	Unit F: Lent Unit H: Holy Week	Unit I: Easter Unit L (Part 2): Celebrating the Life of Mary	Unit A: Story of the People of God Unit G: Prayers in the Lives of the Followers of Christ
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Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Through Confirmation the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are received. These gifts can help a person to live as a follower of Christ.



- **Wisdom:** perception, good judgement, astuteness.
- **Understanding:** Comprehension, perception, interpretation.
- **Counsel:** advice, direction, warning to others.
- **Fortitude:** strength, courage, resilience, determination.
- **Knowledge:** understanding of scripture and teachings of the Church.
- **Piety:** devotion, virtue, faithfulness, reverence.
- **Fear of the Lord:** awe, wonder, veneration, worship.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit



Through receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is hoped that through thoughts, words and actions, the candidate will bear the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.

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| Love | Gentleness |
| Peace | Faithfulness |
| Patience | Self-control |
| Kindness | Joy |
| Generosity | |

Questions?

If you have any questions, please do speak to Father Simon or email admin for the FAO of Mr Rooney or Miss Allison.

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