

Confirmation Meeting

Wednesday 5th June, 2024



The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost



Commitment Promises

How are you doing?

Task: Take a few moments with your parents to reflect on the Commitment Promises you made a few months ago.

Did you promise to:

- Say more prayers.
- Attend Mass more often.
- Read more Bible stories.
- Learn about the lives of Saints so you can choose a Saint to inspire you.
- Care for a relative or neighbour by doing acts of kindness.

Do you need to work on your promises between now and when you are Confirmed?

Is there anything extra you can do to become closer to God in the next 10 days and after you are Confirmed?

Your chosen Confirmation name

- **Task: Take a few moments to tell your parents about the Saint whose name you have chosen. Think about:**
- Why have you chosen this saint?
- How will your saint inspire you in your future?
- Is your saint a 'Patron Saint' of anything?
- Is there something remarkable about the life of your Saint that inspires you?

What is Confirmation? How does it link to Baptism

Task:

- Children explain to your parents about what Confirmation is.
- How does Confirmation link to your Baptism?

Some words to help you...

Sacrament

Initiation

Full Member of the Catholic Church

Holy Spirit

Baptismal promises

Service of Light



You will need a **Baptismal Candle** for **Service of Light Mass** and **Confirmation**.

Y6 Candles lit – Parents to hold. Everyone will renew their Baptismal Promises

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Father

Do you reject Satan, and all his works, and all his empty promises?

Together all answer: I do

Father:

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

Father:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

Father:

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and today is given sacramentally in Confirmation?

All: I do.

Father:

Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

All: I do.

Father accepts their profession of faith by proclaiming the faith of the Church:

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.

We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The whole congregation responds: **Amen.**

Service of Light: Children's Promises

Father:

Dear boys and girls, you have expressed a readiness to prepare worthily for your Confirmation.

And so I ask you: Are you preparing for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation with the support of prayer and good deeds?

Children: We are

Father:

Are you getting to know the wonderful works of the Holy Spirit?

Children: We are

Father:

Have you chosen special ways of showing love to God and to your neighbour?

Children: We have

Father:

Have you undertaken responsibilities to spread the Kingdom of God?

Children: We have

Father:

Do you promise to carry out these responsibilities to the best of your ability?

Children: We do

Father:

Have you discussed these responsibilities with your parents and enlisted their help?

Children: We have

Father:

Have you the desire to grow in faith and become true and faithful followers of Jesus Christ?

Children: We have

Father:

You are God's children and the children of God's Kingdom. May each one of you grow in wisdom and strength and come to knowledge of God who loves you.

Children: Amen



Child:

Dear parents, we thank you for all you have done for us in our lives. We thank you for the love you have shown us and the sacrifices you have made for us. We thank you especially for sharing your faith with us, for telling us stories about God our Father, Jesus, Mary and the saints; for praying with us and for celebrating with us. We ask you to pass on to us the lighted candle which you first held for us in Baptism, it is a symbol of the faith you are passing on.

Father:

I now invite each parent to hand their lighted candle to their child.

Parent:

We pass these lighted candles to you. They are symbols of the faith we hand on to you. It is more precious than anything we can give. The faith we received from our own parents we give to you. Cherish it and guard it. We look forward to the day of your Confirmation with trust and hope. It is another sign that you are growing in the faith. Let the light of faith shine out in your lives, and in all you do, be assured of our guidance and unfailing love. **Amen.**



Service of Light

Sunday 9th June – 9:15 am

- School Uniform
- Baptismal Candle
- Join in all responses – especially Service of Light.
- Receive Communion

- The Piety stall at the back of church will be selling some lovely Confirmation gifts and cards!

Rite of Confirmation

- Renewal of Baptismal Promises (children hold their lit Baptismal Candle).
- Laying on of Hands Prayer.
- Anointing with Chrism.

Rite of Confirmation

Anointing with Chrism

- Each candidate stands or kneels in front of the Bishop.
- The sponsor places **his/her right hand** on the **candidates right shoulder** and gives the candidates Confirmation name to Father Adrian.
- Bishop anoints each child with chrism by making the sign of the cross on the forehead of the Confirmandi and says:
 - **(Confirmation Name), be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.**
 - **The newly confirmed responds: Amen.**
 - **Bishop says: Peace be with you.**
 - **The newly confirmed responds: And with your Spirit.**

Sponsors

- Sponsors should be:
- Over 16.
- **Practising Catholics** who **can receive Communion** with your child.
- **Not** a parent but **can be** a grandparent.
- **If your sponsor cannot attend**, a member of staff will stand in for your child.
- You will be able to **name your chosen sponsor** on the **parish records**.

Final Arrangements...

Confirmation: Thursday 20th June @ 7pm

- Winter uniform – no jumper.
- Baptismal Candle.
- Thursday 20th June: 7pm Confirmation – arrive in church no later than **6:45pm (Doors will open at 6:30pm)**.
- One main bench or a shorter side bench will be reserved for each family – let us know which one you would like.
- After Mass – children and family will be invited to have a photograph with the Bishop taken by a member of staff. Please stay in your seat until you are told to come forward.
- Light refreshments in the hall afterwards – including Confirmation cake!

Confirmation is a very special family moment...

Reverence Guide

We politely remind you and your guests that the occasion of Confirmation is a Mass.

In order to maintain a spiritual and reverent atmosphere which allows the children to focus on prayer and receiving this special Sacrament, the following points should be adhered to:

Reverence Guide

- Mobile phones and other electronic devices must be turned off throughout Mass.
- Chewing, eating and drinking are not permitted at all.
- The Mass card provided contain all the responses. Please use them to join in with the Mass
- Noise and unnecessary talking should be kept to a minimum before Mass starts and avoided during Mass.
- Photographs and videos are not permitted at all using any device until mass has finished.
- Please take your litter with you and ensure that your bench is left tidy.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

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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 will renew the face of the earth.

O God who instructed 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.

Through Christ Jesus our Lord,

Amen

