

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The preparation for any sacrament is a very special time in the moral and spiritual development of young people. The programme used here within the Parish promotes active co-operation between parents, catechists, priests and the entire parish community, whilst recognising the central role of parents as the prime educators in a child's religious development.

As parents we should be the best educators of our children, particularly in the ways of their faith. We do this through our regular practice and the living out of our own faith. All this is part of the Sacramental preparation and for this reason, preparation needs to be a true family journey. Also, working through the course with their child gives parents an opportunity to rediscover their own faith. This is truly a God given opportunity.

What does the course involve?

The young people are prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation by coming along to sessions held at the church. The programme giving times and dates will be given to all parents whose children enrol for the instruction.

Preparation for the course is given in the Post-Holy Communion Course that the applicant should be attending and by continuing commitment to Sunday Mass by attending regularly. This course starts in September and is a two year course. There are separate sessions during the course for parents.

The young people, providing they are considered to be ready by the catechists and providing they have shown that they and their parents have been regular attenders at Sunday mass and that the candidates have been regular attenders at the instruction sessions will be put forward to the parish priest with the request that their names be put forward to the Bishop for Confirmation. Dates for the conferring of the sacrament of Confirmation by the Bishop will be given to each family as soon as they are available.

Thoughts for Parents & Guardians to ponder

This is a special time in the spiritual development of my child. Perhaps now is the time to think through my own values and attitudes:

- Is there any unsolved problem in my own life that I need to put in order?
- By my actions, what am I teaching my child about their faith?
- Do I take my child to mass on a regular basis?
- Do I pray with my child?
- What do I want for my child?
- Do I practically support my child in their growth in faith?
- Do I understand the true meaning of these sacraments and do I use them regularly myself?

If you would like to talk to anyone about these or any other questions you may have, a member of the catechetical team or the parish priest would be only too pleased to give you time.

What do I do next?

Simply fill in the attached form and hand it in to the parish priest or one of the catechists after mass in ordered to be registered for the next course. Alternatively drop the form into the Presbytery. Courses are run annually but take two years to complete. Please bring your child's Baptismal certificate to the first meeting.

Sacrament of Confirmation Registration Form.

I wish to enrol my child in the preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. I commit myself to the journey which includes the regular practice of my Catholic Faith.

Candidate's Full Name.....

Father's Name.....

Mother's name.....
(**née**.....)

Address.....
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Post code.....**T/phone**.....

Date of Birth.....

Email Address:.....

Church and date of Baptism:
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School presently attending.....
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Parish presently registered in.....
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Godparents - at least one of the Godparents must be a Confirmed practising catholic of over 16 years and be able to produce a letter from their priest testifying to their practice.

Godparents.....
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Protecting your Privacy:

I consent to the Parish holding and processing my personal details for the purposes of administering the preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

I consent to the Parish contacting me to keep me informed about routine Parish business

I would like to be contacted by:

Post address:.....

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Phone Number:.....

Email Address:.....

Parents' signatures:

Father.....

Mother.....

Date:

The Parish will use your details to administer the preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. This may include publishing your name on the weekly newsletter, and/or sharing your information with external organisations when required by Law. You can read the Diocese's full Privacy Notice on the Parish Website at <http://www.ourlady-starofthesea.com/GDPR/Privacy.pdf>

The parish will securely store your data. Please inform the Confirmation Coordinator or the Parish Office if you no longer want your data to be held and used for Parish routine business. We comply with data protection and marketing legislation and the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Practice. We do not transfer your data to third parties to use for their own marketing or fundraising purposes.

Always Remember.

What you say in front of children is important.

What we do in front of children is more important.

But what we are and the example we set is most important of all.



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