

Year 6 Confirmation Meeting.



Wednesday 6th November 2024
1:15pm

Sunday Mass – 17th November 10:30am at
Holy Family

Confirmation Mass
Thursday 5th December 2024
6pm at Holy Family Church
Bishop David Evans

What is Confirmation?



Confirmation is a Sacrament in which the Holy Spirit is given to those already baptised. It is one of the sacraments of initiation (the others being the Sacraments of Baptism & Eucharist.)

A Sacrament is a gift from God. The Sacrament of Confirmation is received only once and is an affirmation of our faith. It is a means by which the candidate publically professes their faith and shows their commitment to becoming a full member of the Church.



The Sacrament of Confirmation is rooted in the event of Pentecost. It is through the power of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that the disciples received at Pentecost that they were able to leave the Upper Room and go out into the streets of Jerusalem to proclaim the Good News.

Reference to the Holy Spirit is made 69 times in the Acts of the Apostles and Letters of the New Testament. It is the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit that helped the Apostles face the many challenges that occurred as they spread the Good News to the early Church.



<https://bustedhalo.com/video/confirmation-why-were-confirmed>

What are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Through Confirmation, the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are received.

These gifts are:

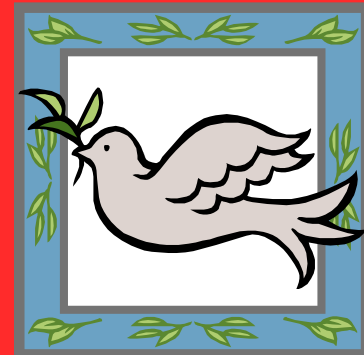
- Wisdom
- Understanding
- Counsel
- Fortitude
- Knowledge
- Piety
- Fear of the Lord



Fruits of the Holy Spirit

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

- love
- joy
- peace
- patience
- kindness
- Goodness
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self control



Sponsor



Each person being confirmed will need a sponsor who must be a baptised Catholic over the age of 14. Parents cannot be sponsors of their own children.

What happens at the Sacrament of Confirmation?

1. The candidates stand and renew their Baptismal Promises
2. The bishop lays his hands upon those present by extending his hands over them and at the same time prays for the Holy Spirit to come to them
3. Each candidate kneels before the bishop in turn. Their sponsor stands behind them with their right hand placed on the candidate's right shoulder. The bishop addresses each candidate by their new saint's name and anoints them with the Oil of Chrism on their forehead.

Confirmation Mass



Children wear their school uniform for the service.

The Confirmandi and Sponsor need to be at Holy Family Church for 5:30pm. They should collect a card from tables at the back of the Church and ask the sponsor to sign it. The sponsor and Confirmandi sit together in designated pews.

The Sacrament of Confirmation takes place within the Mass. There is a booklet to follow for all of the Readings and Hymns.

During the Confirmation the Sponsor places their right hand on the right shoulder of the Confirmandi and passes the card to Fr. Fretch. The Confirmandi kneels in front of the Bishop .

There will be a Confirmation certificate to collect at the back of the Church.

Thank you

