



THE PARISH OF S MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, LEEDS

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The Sacrament of Holy Confirmation - Formation 2020 / 2021

7th November AD 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

At the time of writing we are experiencing lockdown once again - the Coronavirus pandemic has come to significantly disrupt and change our lives but the call of Faith continues.

In the life of the Church we pray to be empowered by the Holy Spirit and such an outpouring begins primarily when we receive the gift of Holy Confirmation. I remain delighted that your child has made his or her First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and that their journey of faith continues, not least by attending Sunday Mass each week, probably via the online provision during the lockdown. I particularly look forward to working together in partnership with you and your child to further form them as they now resume their preparations to receive the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation in the Parish, hopefully next year.

The next stage in your child's preparation formation will take place during nine sessions where I will offer informal presentations alongside family catechesis. As you will recall, family catechesis is a method of teaching that supports parents in assisting their own children in the lifelong call to holiness in the Church. By actively supporting and accompanying your child you will be able to share your own experiences of the sacramental life of the Church and to help shape your children's understanding of Catholicism, specifically surrounding Holy Mass and Holy Confirmation, as well as the life, gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

As a Parish family we are aware that we must treat everyone equally so there will be five socially distanced places given to each family for one of the two Confirmation Masses, mentioned overleaf.

Meanwhile, please remember to regularly attend Mass with your child in the Parish (booking free tickets online via the Parish website or <https://www.stmaximiliankolbeparishleeds.co.uk/mass-booking/>) when churches open once again; only by attending Holy Mass can we enable our children to further develop their knowledge and understanding of the commitment they are about to make. During the lockdown please watch the live streaming of Holy Mass on a Sunday: <https://www.stmaximiliankolbeparishleeds.co.uk/media/>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to make contact, I'm very happy to help you and your child.

In these uncertain times please take care and be assured of my prayers.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev Fr T Whitwell.



Confirmation

Formation Sessions* will all take place via MS Teams (please send your e-mail address to Fr Whitwell before lunchtime on Friday, 13th November: Fr Whitwell's e-mail address is at the top of this letter):

Session 1	Saturday, 14 th November 2020, 12:00 -13:00
Session 2	Saturday, 21 st November 2020, 12:00 -13:00
Session 3	Saturday, 28 th November 2020, 12:00 -13:00
Session 4	Saturday, 14 th November 2020, 12:00 -13:00
Session 5	Saturday, 5 th December 2020, 12:00 -13:00
Session 6	Saturday, 12 th December 2020, 12:00 -13:00
Session 7	Saturday, 16 th January 2020, 12:00 -13:00
Session 8	Saturday, 23 rd January 2021, 12:00 -13:00
Session 9	Saturday, 30 th January 2021, 12:00 -13:00

Confirmation Masses	<p>6.00 pm, Friday 5th & 12th February 2021* (S Anthony of Padua Catholic Church)</p> <p>(Candidate + up to 5 tickets)</p> <p>Children will be allocated a particular Mass AFTER they've completed ALL nine sessions</p>
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NB. The dates and times mentioned above are subject to change given the present Covid-19 pandemic.

Remember!	Commitment is key to being Confirmed, so please be ready to wholly commit to the formation sessions, weekly Sunday Mass and to being open to the life of the Holy Spirit in the Church.
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