

## Confirmation Programme for all in the parish programme

The confirmation programme is about helping children to take their own proper place in the life of the parish, sharing in the responsibilities for ministry and other aspects of parish life.

The liturgical highlight is the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, but the programme extends beyond that.

Tuesday 18 September, 7pm	Meeting for parents in St Nicholas church
Saturday 22 September, after 6pm Mass	Meeting in St Nicholas church for children who are to enrol in the programme
Sat 29 or Sun 30 September	<b>Formal Enrolment in the Confirmation programme (at any Sunday Mass)</b>
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 6pm Mass, and rehearsal afterwards	<b>Prayer for those to be Confirmed and, following the Mass, Rehearsal for Confirmation</b>
7pm, 13th December	<b>Celebration of Confirmation with Bishop Robert Byrne</b>
<i>To be completed and submitted at Sunday Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> March</i>	<p><b>Introduction of Winter project</b> This is a project for you to investigate a social concern of your choice (for example racism, bullying, refugees, care for the environment).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose your project</li> <li>• What does our faith have to say about it?</li> <li>• Prepare a pack of what you discover and think</li> </ul> <p>Design a poster to encourage other people to behave in the way that our faith encourages.</p>
Any Sunday Mass 2/3 March	<b>Prayer of Blessing for Lent for the newly confirmed</b>
18-21 April	<p><b>Triduum.</b> It is hoped that the newly confirmed will take an active part in the celebration of the Triduum – the Mass of Holy Thursday evening; Good Friday afternoon and Holy Saturday night...</p>
<i>To be completed and submitted at Mass at Pentecost, 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<p><b>Easter: Project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose your project – a way in which you can serve the parish community, or your local community.</li> <li>• Choose something that involves you serving for c1hour a week during the Easter season.</li> <li>• Keep a photo diary of what you do, and write a short account of what you did and what you felt about it. Who knows, it might end up in the parish magazine...</li> </ul>
Saturday 6pm Mass on 16 <sup>th</sup> June,	<p><b>Prayer for newly confirmed as they prepare for Secondary School.</b> <b>End of Programme celebration after Mass</b></p>