



OUR LADY IMMACULATE
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Confirmation Programme 2017

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ABOUT CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is the Sacrament that completes your initiation into the Church, confirms your Baptism and enables you to be a witness to the Gospel. It is also a time when the whole community of Our Lady Immaculate Parish will pray for the Holy Spirit to fill your life. It is a two way process – during the programme you will learn about the Sacrament of Confirmation and have the opportunity to choose to live and work as a member of the Catholic Church, and be a follower and disciple of Jesus. The Bishop then calls you to the fullness of the Christian life. The Sacrament is not an opportunity to choose to no longer attend Mass.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

If you are in year 9 or above at school, or in college, and you regularly come to Mass in Our Lady Immaculate Parish, then you are eligible to be confirmed in this parish in 2017. Going to Mass regularly during the programme is very much part of the programme.

HOW TO JOIN

If you would like to take part in the Confirmation Programme, please complete the attached application form, and Declaration of Commitment, place them in an envelope addressed to Andrew Richardson, and post that through the presbytery letterbox. It is essential that both forms are read and completed carefully in order that I have all the information required, and to ensure that you and your son / daughter understand the information provided fully. There will be no priest form signing sessions this year.

IMPORTANT: Please ensure you enclose a **photocopy of the baptismal certificate** in the above envelope – if you do not have a copy, please order one from your home parish now and provide it to me as soon as you have it. No candidate may start the course if we do not have a copy of the certificate, so now is the time to organise this, especially if an overseas parish is involved.

IMPORTANT DATES TO BEAR IN MIND – please put in diaries now!

- **Closing date** for applications: **Sunday 27th November 2016**. This will not be extended.
- **Parents meeting** for **at least one parent / guardian per candidate** (not candidates themselves) on **Tuesday 10th January at 7.30pm** in the hall. Parents, please bring your diary. It is absolutely essential that a parent attend.
- The **programme will run on Tuesdays at 7pm** (finishing at 8pm) and run on most Tuesdays during term time. Candidates are expected to attend all sessions. Start date will be **17th January**.
- The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated by The Bishop on **Saturday 3rd June at 11am**.
- **Weekend Retreat** at the Diocesan Youth Centre, Whitstable, Kent, **which is a compulsory part of the programme for ALL candidates wishing to be confirmed next year** will run from (we will work out at the parents meeting who is available for which weekend, so for now, please keep both weekends free) **Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th February or Friday 24th to Sunday 26th February**. (If appropriate, financial assistance can be made by the parish).

Further information on all of the above, along with a complete timetable, will be issued at the parents meeting. Please feel free to contact me if you have any immediate concerns or queries.

ANDREW RICHARDSON



APPLICATION FORM

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I wish to apply for confirmation in Our Lady Immaculate. My details are below (**please complete all fields and in block capitals**) which will also be kept on the parish database in a secure form:

Christian Name (candidate):

Surname (candidate):

Male / Female?:

Address (inc. post code):

Telephone:

D.O.B.:

I am in school year:

School / College attended:

Place (church name and postal address) & date of Baptism:

Place (church name and town) & date of First Communion:

Medical info we should be aware of (e.g. learning difficulties):

Parent's / Guardian's Names:

Parent / guardian's e-mail:

Mass time usually attended in OLI (please tick):

Saturday Evening

6pm Sunday

9am Sunday

Don't attend OLI

11am Sunday

Signed (Parent / Guardian):



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DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT

By asking to be enrolled as a candidate for confirmation,

I (candidate),

understand that I am undertaking to do my best to take a full part in all
the preparation sessions and celebrations
involved in the Confirmation programme, along with the weekend
retreat in Whitstable

I am committed to attending Mass regularly during the programme
and beyond, and taking a full part as a baptised Catholic

I ask for the prayers of my parish community of
Our Lady Immaculate, Tolworth
to help me as I accept the challenge
to grow in the knowledge of the Faith, and to try to live
as a faithful follower of Jesus.

Signed (candidate):

Signed (parent / guardian):

Date: