



# Parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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## Confirmation Application Form (Year 9 and above)

**CLOSING DATE: 27th September 2020**

**Please complete clearly and in BLOCK CAPITALS and Return to the Parish Office**

You **MUST ENCLOSE** a photocopy of your Baptismal and First Holy Communion Certificates

Fee: **£100**, which includes the Spiritual Retreat at Claret Centre, Buckden, Cambs. Given the present circumstances we will wait until the beginning of the programme to collect the fee.

### For Administration Purpose Only

Paid       Photocopies of Baptismal Certificate and Holy Communion Certificate       Interviewed

Candidate's Full Name:

Candidate's Address:

Post Code:

Candidate's School:

Candidate's Mobile:       Candidate's e-mail:

Date of Birth:       Date of Baptism:

Date of First Holy Communion:       Place of First Holy Communion:

**Please, specify any** special needs/medical conditions/allergies and any medication being taken (this is in accordance with Safeguarding guidelines and will only be passed on to catechists on a need to know basis)

Name of Father/ guardian:

Phone number/s:

Name of Mother/ guardian:

Phone number/s:

Please write a few words outlining why you wish to be confirmed

**Candidate's Promise of Commitment**

I have **made a free and personal choice** to join in the preparation for this sacrament.

Preparation includes:

sessions at church; involvement in parish community projects; attendance at weekly Sunday Mass; attendance at the retreat days; attendance at Rites of Enrolment; personal preparation (occasionally research, prayer); choosing the name of a saint, who you consider as a personal role model and you would like to take his/her name as your confirmation name.

I will take attendance at the sessions seriously and really try to make this a time of spiritual growth. I further:

understand that all these elements of preparation are important; promise to do my utmost to participate accordingly; promise to behave with respect towards all persons (i.e. catechists, other candidates, visiting speakers) involved in preparation and understand action may be taken which will involve my parents/guardians should I breach this promise; feel able to discuss any doubts that may arise during the period of preparation with a catechist or a priest of the parish; promise to contact the catechist or parish office should I be absent from any aspect of preparation; and I understand that if I fail to fulfil these promises, I may be deferred for next year's confirmation programme.

Signed (candidate):

Date:

**INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED**

Please download the form and fill in or fill in your details online, print and submit at the church office

**For Parents/Guardians**

**1. Emergency Medical Care.** In case of my/our absence or any delay in obtaining my/our signature, I/we authorise the catechist to sign on my/our behalf any forms of consent requested by the medical authorities in an event of an emergency.

**2. Data Protection.** I agree that the information contained on this form may be kept and used for parish purposes. I agree to inform in writing any changes in contact details as soon as possible.

**3. Boundaries.** If you live outside the boundaries of the Parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (even if you regularly worship here), please contact Daniel in the parish office. Please do not delay in sending in your application before the closing date and remember to provide a copy of the Baptism Certificate and First Holy Communion of your son/daughter.

**4. Confirmation Date.** Notification of the Confirmation date will be given as soon as we receive the information from Bishop.

**5. Parents'/Guardians' Pledge of Support.** Even though the decision to be confirmed lies with your son/daughter, the role of parents/guardians in supporting the whole process is vital.

- I/We have read through and discussed the contents of this form with my son/daughter.
- I/We promise to encourage our son/daughter to attend all aspects of preparation.
- I/We promise to attend the Parent's meeting and liturgical celebrations that form part of the preparation.
- I/We will bring to the attention of the pastoral assistant or parish priest any queries, issues or problems that may arise during the period of preparation.

**6. Transport arrangements.** Please can you specify if you will be picking up and dropping off your son/daughter for each session or will you authorise he/she to make their own way to and from the session.

Signed (1st Parent/Guardian)

Signed (2nd Parent/ Guardian)



## Parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

In the Pastoral Care of the Claretian Missionaries.

### **CANDIDATES INVITATION LETTER 2020-2021**

#### **CONFIRMATION 2020-21**

1<sup>st</sup> July 2020

Dear Prospective Candidate,

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Team I am inviting you to enroll in the preparatory journey which leads to the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are still having to be flexible in organizing next years activities because of the covid-19 situation. Once we know how many wish to enroll, we will plan our programme taking account of the governments guidance about activities.

As you may know, in Confirmation a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit deepens our love for God, strengthens us in our faith, and gives us courage for the work God wants us to do as members of the Church and for the welfare of the human family.

It is up to **you** to decide whether or not you want to be Confirmed and, therefore, complete your sacraments of initiation. No one else can or should make that decision for you - there is an opportunity offered each year to be Confirmed should you decide not to go ahead this year. But if you choose to be a candidate for Confirmation this year, the following things will be expected of you:

- To attend Sunday Mass regularly at the parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- To take part in a sincere and wholehearted way in a process of preparation which is a mixture of sessions (Thursdays 18:30 to 19:45), discussions, activities and a spiritual retreat to take place on a weekend. **This spiritual retreat at The Claret Centre, Buckden Towers, Cambridgeshire, is compulsory.**
- To undertake some work of service in the parish.
- To be prepared to devote time for personal reflection on the topics to be discussed and share your ideas with others.

The fee, which covers resources, material and the cost of both, the trip and the accommodation for the two-day retreat, is £100.

**Please read this letter with your parents/guardians and, if you decide to enroll, fill in the attached form and return it to the Parish Office no later than the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 without the fee.**

There will be a first Confirmation Meeting (candidates and their parents/guardians) which date, time and place will be announced in the parish webpage. So please checking the parish webpage. **At this meeting we will announce (and confirm) details of the spiritual retreat in Buckden.**

With every good wish and blessing,

Daniel Ortiz.

Parish Pastoral Assistant.

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