



The Sacrament of Confirmation 2021/22

For those who are Baptised and have received their First Holy Communion, one further *Sacrament of Initiation* enables them to commit to their faith wholeheartedly. We hope you feel you are ready to take this step.

Confirmation is both a **gift** and an **invitation**. The Holy Spirit comes to the individual who is anointed with the *oil of chrism*, and helps him or her live a life of faith.

Parents bring their babies to church to be Baptised and at Confirmation it is the young person who takes responsibility themselves for leading an active Christian life.

Commitment to the Faith: Considerations before embarking on the programme:

- Attendance at Sunday Mass each week
- A commitment to the programme
- Seeking to grow in faith and witness
- Opportunities discover what faith means in your life through 'Seeing, Judging and Acting'
- Respecting others in the group and in the church

*If you are in Years 10 to 12 (and will be 17 or under on 30th June 2021) and you wish to receive this sacrament, please complete the attached form.
(Retain this top copy for your information)*

THE PROGRAMME

Applications open: 24th October 2021
Applications close: 19th November 2021

All Sessions: 4pm on Sundays in the Presbytery unless otherwise specified

Session 1: 21st November 2021

Session 2: 5th December 2021

Reconciliations: aiding the fruitful reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation
Saturdays throughout Advent & Lent
Currently: 10.30am or 5.15pm

2022

Session 3: 6th February 2022

Session 4: 27th February 2022

Session 5: 13th March 2022

The Easter Triduum (14th - 16th April 2022)
The Pinnacle of the Church's Liturgical Year

Session 6: 24th April 2022

Session 7: 22nd May 2020

Confirmation Mass

Session 8: Rehearsal tbc

Confirmation Mass: tbc

Session 9: Celebratory Barbeque tbc

The bishop has indicated his intention to return to May / June Confirmations, but the exact date is not yet known. This course will be an in-person course, but we will use ZOOM if the COVID guidance changes in the country. At present, we are not planning a residential retreat but will continue to explore options or alternatives. We currently have no service project in mind but may discuss the possibilities with the Candidates as the course develops.



The Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary: Bexhill on Sea



APPLICATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Personal Information - *Please supply a passport size photo*

(please complete in black ink in capital letters):

Name: (Surname) _____ (Forenames) _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Telephone: (HOME) _____ (MOBILE) _____

Applicant's e-mail: _____

Current School & Form: _____

Name of Parents / guardians: _____

Parent/Guardian e-mail _____

Your Sacramental History:

Church you attend: _____

Before, during and after the preparation you are required to attend Church. You also need to be committed to the programme

Church of Baptism: _____

If you were baptised outside of St Mary Magdalene's Parish Community please submit a copy of your baptismal certificate with this application (it will be returned once checked) and provide the full postal address:

If you were baptised according to the rites of the **Church of England or another non-Catholic Church** please submit a copy of your **'certificate of reception into full communion with the Catholic Church'** with this application (it will be returned to you once checked), and state the **Church and date** of your **'reception into full communion with the Catholic Church'**:

If this Church is not St Mary Magdalene's Parish Community please supply the full postal address:

Signed: _____ (Applicant)

Date: _____

Please attach photograph

Once complete please return this application to **St Mary Magdalene's Parish Office, Sea Road, Bexhill, East Sussex, TN40 1RH**. If at any time (*prior, during or after the Confirmation programme*) you would like to speak with the Parish Priest, please feel free to make an appointment through the Parish Office on 01424 210263