



ST AMBROSE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Confirmation - Monday 7th December

Dear parent/carers.

We are very much looking forward to celebrating your son or daughter's Confirmation on Monday 7th December. Due to COVID guidance, Bishop Evans has delegated the responsibility to Father Lamb to administer the sacrament (cannon 884 of the Code of Canon Law). Please see the following advice on practical arrangements for this special day:

- Mass will begin at 7pm in St Ambrose's Church. Please arrive at the main door at the front of Church by 6:45pm where you will then be directed to your pew.
- Each family (3 people including your child) will be allocated to one row, labelled with your child's name. The names and order in the Church will be drawn out of a hat to ensure fairness.
- The Confirmation Mass will be live-streamed from the Parish website so that other family members can join in with the Mass at home.
- Please ensure your son or daughter sits by the centre aisle and they should be smartly dressed for the occasion.
- Adults must wear face coverings during the Mass and adhere to social distancing.
- When the time comes for your child to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they will be directed by Miss Holtom and Mrs Brocklesby as to where to go.
- Your child will then proceed to Father Lamb where they will need to clearly state their Confirmation name when asked for it. Father Lamb will use a cotton swab (instead of his right thumb) to anoint your child with the oil of Chrism.
- On this occasion, your son's sponsor will be George Nixon and your daughter's sponsor will be Miriam Cunliffe, both of whom are active members of the parish. They will be stood near Father Lamb when your child is anointed with the oil of Chrism.
- Communion will be distributed to families in your allocated pew and you are asked to not move around in them.
- At the end of Mass your child will be called by name to stand where they are to receive their certificate from Father Lamb.
- Please do not use cameras during the Mass itself. After Mass, individual children will be able to have a photograph in front of the altar with Father Lamb.
- Please remain seated until you are directed to leave at the end of Mass.
- Please **do not** gather outside the Church before or after Mass.
- We will celebrate with the children in school on Tuesday - unfortunately on this occasion there will be no party afterwards.
- Accompanying this letter is an information sheet regarding Baptism and Confirmation details. Please complete this by Thursday 3rd December and return to Miss Holtom, in order for school to prepare a Confirmation card, which the Confirmation Sponsors will sign prior to the evening.
- On Monday, your child will go home with three copies of the Confirmation booklet. Please remember to bring this with you on the evening.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs E Brocklesby
Principal

Miss L Holtom
Vice Principal

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