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Dear Parents,

As with almost every area of lives, the coronavirus pandemic has meant many changes in the way we live. It has been no different for practising our faith and celebrating important sacramental moments. Over the summer we have opened our churches for prayer and for the celebration of Holy Mass. It has been wonderful to welcome our parishioners back to church. It was a joy to welcome a number of people into the Catholic Church and celebrate First Confession and First Holy Communion with the children of the parish. Things are different, but they have brought with it much beauty and grace.

I am now able to turn my attention to the celebration of Confirmation. Unfortunately, we will not be joined by the Archbishop, as originally planned, but he has given special permission for me to celebrate Confirmation with our candidates. As you can imagine, it will be different to previous years, but I hope and pray that it will be an important moment in their lives of faith.

We will be celebrating four Masses with the celebration of Confirmation

Monday 23rd November at 7.00 p.m.

Tuesday 24th November at 7.00 p.m.

Thursday 26th November at 7.00 p.m.

Friday 27th November at 7.00 p.m.

At each Mass we can only accommodate a maximum of 11 candidates. The candidates will sit on the first row (without sponsors). Each family will then be given one bench which can seat up to five people. These must be from your household or support bubble. *I must stress, it is not possible for any other people to attend these celebrations.* Each of these celebrations will be livestreamed so that family and friends may participate from home. Please note, not all the candidates will be visible due to the position of the camera. These measures will ensure that Confirmation will be celebrated worthily and safely.

If you would like your child to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at these celebrations, I would like to invite you to come to Holy Mass (the times are on our website) as a family to **collect the Confirmation Preparation Form**. This form asks for details of Confirmation Name, sponsor, place of Baptism etc. and helps me for the celebration. Once it has been completed, please bring it with you the next time you come as a family for Holy Mass.

If you would like your child to receive the sacrament, **please complete the attached form and return to school**, selecting which Confirmation Mass you would prefer to attend.

If it has been a while since you have been to church, I would like you to use these opportunities to come to Holy Mass so that you can be familiar with how Holy Mass is currently celebrated. There is no pressure for anyone to receive Confirmation at this time. If your faith or circumstances mean that this is not the right time, a delay is permissible and appropriate.

Please keep the children and the celebration of Confirmation in your prayers, especially that we can go ahead as planned!

God bless,
Fr Michael Glover
Parish Priest

Sacrament of Confirmation

Child's name: _____

Class: _____

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I would like my child to receive the sacrament of Confirmation

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I can commit to attending Mass to collect and return the Confirmation Preparation Form

Please state your order of preference for the Confirmation Mass (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th choice)

Mass	Choice
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Tuesday 24th November at 7.00 p.m.	
Thursday 26th November at 7.00 p.m.	
Friday 27th November at 7.00 p.m.	

Please return this form to school as soon as possible.

Thank you

Fr Michael Glover