



ST MAUR'S PARISH RUSH

Enrolment for the the Sacrament of Confirmation 2021/22

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I write to you in relation to the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming year. You presented your child for Baptism and your child was welcomed into the faith community and the life of grace. Confirmation will be another very important step in the journey of faith for your child, and indeed for all the family.

While all involved in the faith formation of your child have important roles to play, the Rite of Baptism emphasises that **parents are the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith**. A child's faith grows where there is an atmosphere of faith, expressed in prayer and good works. Just as in Baptism your child was welcomed into the Christian community so now Confirmation enriches, and in a sense fulfils, your child's Baptismal calling.

As a sign that you are willing to participate in your child's preparation for Confirmation, I invite you to make a declaration of your commitment and your desire to have your child confirmed in our parish. I invite you to talk to your child about Confirmation. When you have done so, I invite you and your child to sign the form below, as a sign of your willingness to prepare for this milestone events. I thank you for the support and encouragement which you give as your child prepares for the celebration of the Sacrament.

The dates for Confirmation are arranged, and the timetable of events is attached. The timetable is also posted on the Parish Website (www.rushparish.ie). We will be keeping up to date with changes in Government relaxation of restrictions and responding to them as appropriate. Our '**Led by the Spirit**' core team and other Parish volunteers are disappointed and miss the interaction with this vibrant Young Generation! In the meantime, all our Church Masses and Services can be viewed on the webcam – to access this please see our website www.rushparish.ie. We look forward to being creative and innovative with you in finding new ways to be a faith community together.

In the meantime, the constant truth that parents are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith takes on an added significance in these times. We pray that God will bless you in all your daily living out of sharing faith, hope and love with your child.

Initially, let's begin by completing and returning the forms (along with Baptism certificates where applicable) to the school.

Yours Sincerely,



Fr Kevin Bartley