



*Holy Cross Parish of
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Summer 2020

Dear 6th Class Students & Parents,

Greetings and best wishes to you all. I hope you are all keeping safe and well in these difficult times. Covid-19 has impacted our lives immeasurably in these last few months, affecting also the preparation of our young people for the sacraments of our Catholic faith. As the restrictions are gradually easing, it is now possible for us in Holy Cross parish to provide you with provisional dates for the celebration of Confirmation. You will find these in the timetable on the next page.

As certain restrictions with regard to physical distancing will likely be still in place, it will only be possible to admit the children themselves, their sponsor, and two other adults into the church on the day. Each class will have its own ceremony. The liturgy will not be structured around the Mass but will instead consist of a slightly shorter ceremony, focusing on the Rite of Confirmation itself, with familiar hymns, prayers and readings. The children are to wear the school uniform of their new secondary school.

There have been some queries about applications. Each student has already applied earlier in the year (October 2019), and as we have everyone's application, no further action is required. Each class will have a scheduled rehearsal during the week of the Confirmation ceremony. It is necessary for each student to attend their rehearsal evening (see next page). The ceremony for Gaelscoil Philib Barún will be celebrated *as Gaeilge*, as originally planned.

Some classes have already received their white 'Confirmation Cards', which include their names, the names of parents and sponsors, and their new Confirmation name. If you have these already, please hold on to them for September. If you do not have a Confirmation Card, they will be distributed on the evening of the rehearsal.

In the meantime, to help prepare your child for Confirmation, I would encourage you to read the attached 14-page booklet with your child and to discuss the sacrament with them over the summer. Also available as a resource is a little orange-coloured book called 'Youcat Confirmation Book' which is a helpful manual in preparing children for Confirmation. You can find it online, or we can order it in our parish office for you (it costs €11.50). We look forward to welcoming all our children for Confirmation in September, and we wish to thank our schools and teachers once again for the invaluable help they provide to both parents and parish in forming our children in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely,

Mgr. Nicholas O'Mahony PP.

Provisional Dates of Confirmations and Rehearsal Ceremonies
September 2020

School / Class	Provisional Date of Confirmation	Rehearsal in Holy Cross Church (<u>All at 7pm</u>)
<u>Gaelscoil Philib Barún</u> Múinteoir Ben's Class	Saturday 12th September 10am	Wednesday 9 th Sept.
<u>Glór na Mara</u> Mr. Carroll's Class Ms. McCarthy's Class/Educate Together	Saturday 19th September 10am 12pm	Wednesday 16 th Sept. Thursday 17 th Sept.
<u>Holy Cross</u> Mrs. Hourihane's Class Mr. Beglin's Class Mr. Prendergast's Class	Saturday 26th September 10am 12pm 2pm	Tuesday 22 nd Sept. Wednesday 23 rd Sept. Thursday 24 th Sept.