

MEMO - CONFIRMATION UPDATE

TO:

All Confirmation Candidates, those chosen for the special role of Sponsor, Mums, Dads, sisters and brothers, most especially Granny and Grandad and of course all those in school who have worked so hard with us and for us.

FROM: Fr Joe

Firstly thank you so much for your patience. Thank you being so creative and positive in these difficult last few months. As I have often told you, we are very proud of you.

I want to thank everyone at home. I'd say nobody wants to hear the phrase 'home schooling' ever again!

A special word of thanks to Catriona and each member of the Confirmation Team. We are very indebted to them for all their hard work.

Now, the Good News, at last, we can talk about your special day. The day when in a very sacred and profound way you will receive the Holy Spirit.

Whilst nobody knows for sure how things will be in September we have to plan and remain hopeful.

Catriona has been in touch with your Principal with the specific date for your class. By the way I mean your Primary school Principal, even though you have graduated I feel sure your Principal and class teacher will want to celebrate this great day in your life with you.

We would never have thought we would be celebrating Confirmation like this, but of course we will do our best. It is a beautiful sacrament and we will celebrate it prayerfully and in a memorable way.

We can work out details closer to the time but with the ongoing restrictions and the fact that I will be officiating at all ten ceremonies please note that the capacity of the church with social distancing will mean that it will be the Confirmation candidate, her/his parents and sponsor. Other details, such as singing and processions, neither of which are permitted at the moment, we will have another look at it, towards the end of the summer.

At least now you have a date and a time. Meanwhile I hope you have a great summer, stay safe and be happy. Don't forget to say a little prayer for me as I will you.