

REMINDER: This Sunday at 6.30 pm Special On Line Mass for all those awaiting the Sacrament of Confirmation to celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church.

WORK SHEET 2 FOR PARENTS

SOME HALF BAKED ANSWERS !

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

What, in your opinion, is the most important preparation for Holy Communion? To get to know new things about Jesus, like when he cried, smiled, got angry, got frightened, was strong. To learn about the groups of people he was close to.

Why do we receive Holy Communion? To show Jesus we love him and to tell him that we want him to be part of our lives and to let him help us be better people.

What actually happens when we receive Holy Communion? Our relationship with Jesus deepens. We come closer to him. We are doing what he asked us to do. Do this in memory.

Who should receive Holy Communion? Young people who with the help of their parents have discussed it and decided it's right for them and their families because Jesus is important in their lives and they want to follow him more closely.

Why should our First Holy Communion not be our last? For people who are serious about living like Jesus receiving Holy Communion is something that happens regularly. During our lives we try to know, understand and love Jesus better. Receiving Holy Communion regularly is a very important part of this. It was never meant to be a once off.

CONFIRMATION

Why is it called Confirmation? It is called confirmation because the young person who is receiving this sacrament is saying, yes I agree, I want to publicly confirm that I want to be a follower of Jesus. I confirm, I publicly state, I want to have Jesus at the centre of my life and to try to live as he asked me to.

What is being Confirmed? The young adult's commitment to Jesus and their family's promise to support them is being confirmed.

Why are we encouraged to take a saint's name at Confirmation? This marks the new beginning of becoming a young adult and choosing to be a better follower of Jesus. We choose a saint's name as an example of a woman, or man, whose example in leading a good life we admire and we pick their name to honour them and also as a way of asking them to help us.

What, practically speaking, actually happens at Confirmation? Each of the sacraments are God's way of being close to us at key moments in our lives. In Confirmation, as we decide as young adults that we want to live according to the Gospel, God wants to be with us in a special way, so he gives us the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us keep our promise and live it well.

How would you know the difference between a confirmed person and an unconfirmed person? The confirmed person prays daily. Attends the sacraments regularly. Is interested in the Church and tries to follow it's teaching. The confirmed person does their best to follow the example of Jesus.

AN INVITATION - A FEW PLACES REMAIN

(Workshop for Parents)

FANNING THE FLAME OF FAITH - a fresh and exciting look at sacrament.

SATURDAY 12th JUNE 10 am - 4 pm Venue: Scoil Brid, Celbridge Booking through the Parish Office.