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Dear parents and carers,

I am happy to inform you of the process and dates for Confirmation 2023. Your child is able to celebrate their Confirmation if

1. are Baptised Catholic and have completed their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion
2. they are in Year 6 or above
3. they have freely decided to be Confirmed

There will not be a parent information meeting for Confirmation, however you and your child must attend a meeting (times are below) with one of our priests.

If your child would like to be Confirmed they are to do the following:

1. Write a letter to Fr Greg requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation. The letter should address the following 3 points:
 - a) *State that he/she is freely requesting that the Church Confirm them (ie they want to be Confirmed)*
 - b) *Briefly state why he/she wants to be Confirmed (ie do they intend to live a Christian life? Will Confirmation help them do that?)*
 - c) *Briefly explain what they understand the Sacrament of Confirmation to be. The letter should be hand written and no more than three paragraphs.*

2. Meet with Fr Greg or Fr Karl at the Parish office 84 Hill St next to St Joseph's Church during one of the times below. **You do not book an appointment.**

- Sat 15 July 2- 3:30pm
- Sat 22 July 2- 3:30pm
- Fri 28 July 3- 5:30pm
- Thu 3 Aug 3- 5:30pm
- Sat 5 Aug 2- 3:30pm
- Fri 21 July 3- 5:30pm
- Thu 27 July 3- 5:30pm
- Wed 2 Aug 3- 5:30pm
- Fri 4 Aug 3- 5:30pm

At this meeting you must bring your child's letter to Fr Greg, a copy of your child's Baptism certificate and a copy of their Sponsor's Baptism certificate.

Once you have attended this meeting you will be given information on how to book for Confirmation.

3. All Confirmations will be celebrated during the normal Mass times on:
 - 26th & 27th August- Fr Greg will be celebrating these Confirmations.
 - 2nd & 3rd September- Fr Greg will be celebrating these Confirmations.
 - 9th & 10th September- Bishop Michael will be celebrating these Confirmations.

Your child is to wear smart attire befitting this special occasion.

Take care
Liss Ryan
Sacramental Coordinator