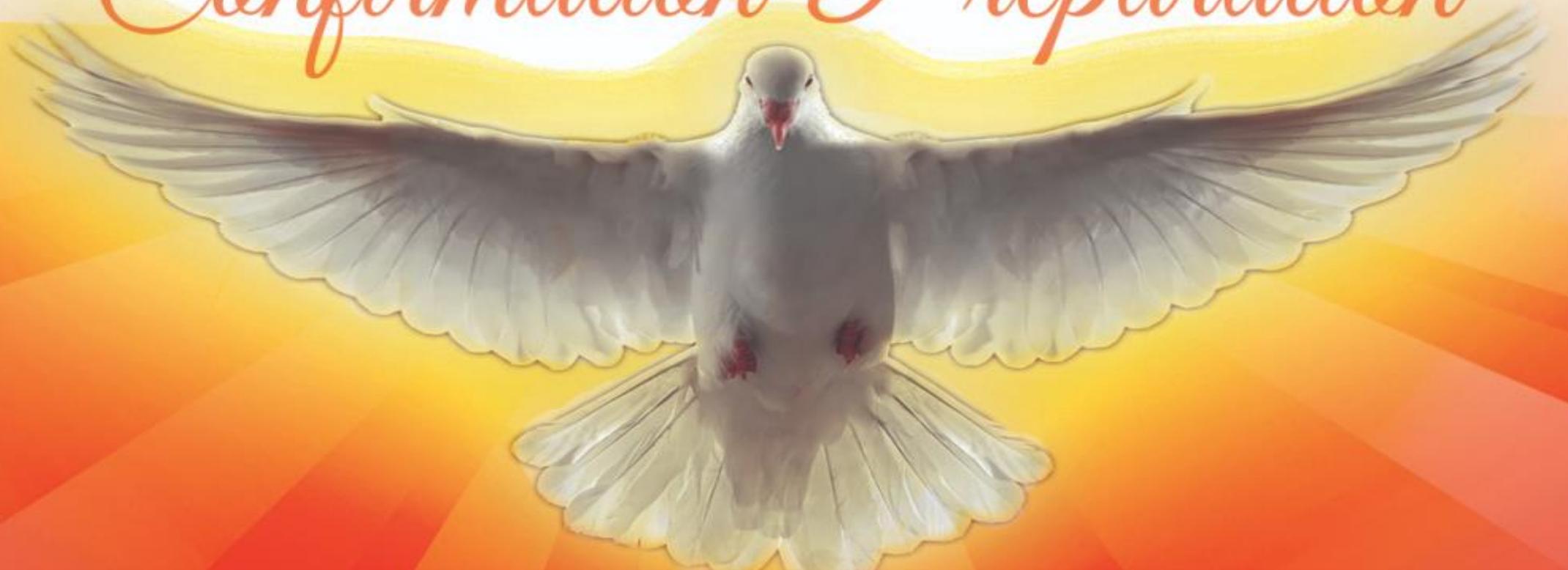




Confirmation Meeting

Prayer

Confirmation Preparation



- <https://bustedhalo.com/video/confirmation-why-were-confirmed>



What happens at the Sacrament of Confirmation?

- The Rite of Confirmation normally takes place within the celebration of Mass and begins during the Liturgy of the Word following the homily by the Bishop.
- The Candidates stand and renew their Baptismal Promises.
- By renewing their Baptismal Promises the candidates are professing their faith. This act is taking place at the point during the Mass where the profession of faith is usually said in the form of the Creed.
- There is a strong link between Baptism and Confirmation and many aspects of the Rite of Baptism are revisited and echoed in the rite of Confirmation.
- In renewing their vows the candidates are professing the beliefs of the Church for themselves whereas at Baptism the parents and Godparents do so on their behalf.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

V. Do you reject Satan?

R. I do.

V. And all his works?

R. I do.

V. And all his empty promises?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

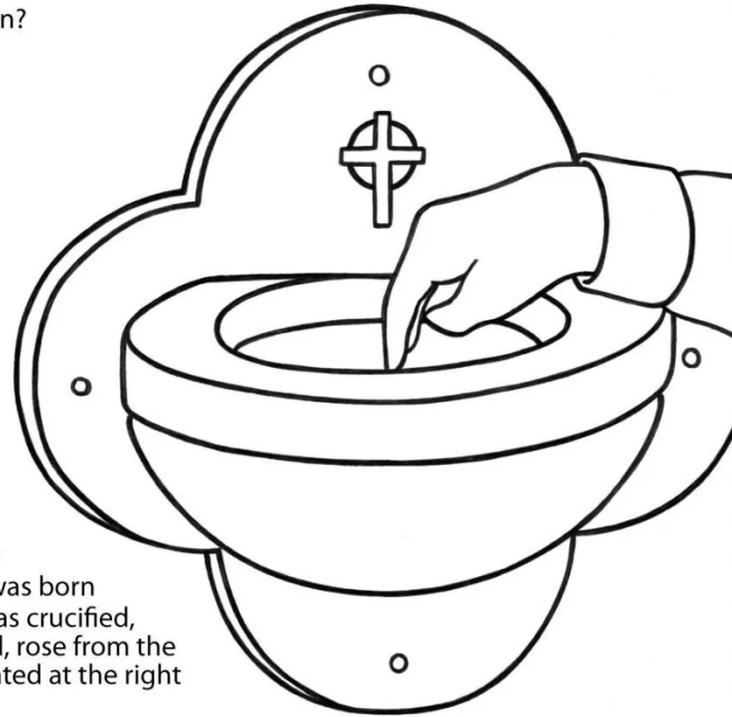
R. I do.

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

R. I do.

V. God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

R. Amen.



- The bishop lays his hands upon those present by extending his hands over them all and at the same time prays for the Holy Spirit to come upon them.
- The gesture of the Bishop is used to invoke the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the same gesture used in other Sacraments: invoking the Holy Spirit at the consecration of the bread and wine at Mass, the ordination of a deacon, priest or bishop and in the absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

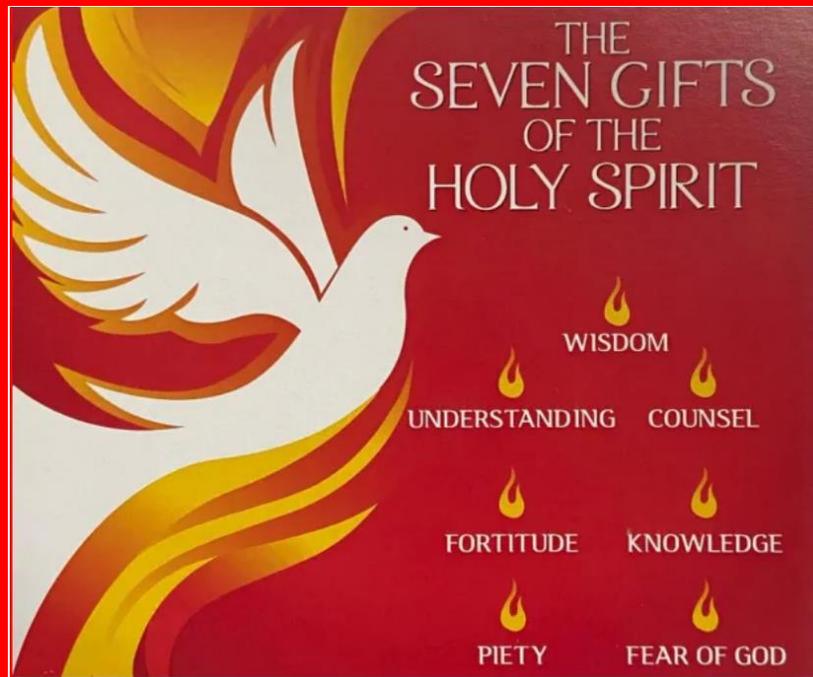


- Each candidate kneels before the bishop in turn. Their sponsor stands behind them with their right hand placed on their right shoulder. The bishop addresses each candidate by their new saint's name and anoints them with the Oil of Chrism on their forehead.
- Through the laying on of hands and the anointing with the Oil of Chrism the Sacrament is received. As the bishop anoints with the Oil of Chrism he says "N. be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."
- Kneeling before the Bishop is an act of reverence towards his authority.
- The sponsor is present to provide spiritual support to the candidate.



- The name of a saint is chosen by the candidate following a period of research and reflection. It should be someone whom they admire and would aspire to be like and someone to whom they can offer their prayers of intercession.
- The choosing of the saint's name is reaffirming the fact that the candidate is choosing to be a full member of the Church. Just as their parents chose their name at baptism and said the Baptismal Promises for them now the candidate is establishing themselves as a full member of the Church by saying the Baptismal Promises and by choosing a new name. The chosen saint's name has no legal status and is not used.

Activity



Key Information:

- Sunday 13th July – at 11 am
- Please arrive at 10:30 for the photographer
- Children must wear smart clothes
- Children must have a sponsor – sponsor card
- Have you chosen your Saint?
- Refreshments in the Marion Room after

