

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your family have retained good health through the current challenging times.

I am contacting you at this stage as we can now make plans for the celebration of Confirmation. As you would expect, the celebration will be different to what is usual, as is the case with most services currently. The celebration of the sacrament will take place over a number of weeks in smaller groupings in order to respect the requirements of social distancing and maximum numbers allowed in churches. This is particularly onerous on us as there are over 100 children for Confirmation. Of that figure 37 are from the parish of Bayside.

I suggest that we celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation towards the end of September and the beginning of October as many of you may be away during July and August.

I really need your help and support in this matter. If a small group of you would like to assist me in this matter please let me know by return email. I am willing to consider Confirmation earlier if I have your support and social distancing rules permit.

I acknowledge that presenting your child for Confirmation is a matter of free choice for each family and young person concerned. I would be obliged if you would confirm you wish your child to be confirmed by July 6th to the parish office.

I am available to meet a small group next Monday 29 June at 12:00 noon in the parish church after the school drive by to further discuss the matter.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely

Peter Finnerty