



CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024

SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Preparation Activity	Who Attends
Saturday 13 January	3:30pm to 5pm	Family Session 1	Parent & Young Person
Sunday 14 January	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 20 January	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 1	Young Person
Saturday 27 January	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 2	Young Person
Saturday 3 February	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 3	Young Person
HALF TERM BREAK			
Saturday 24 February	3:30pm to 5pm	Family Session 2	Parent & Young Person
Sunday 25 February	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 2 March	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 4	Young Person
Saturday 9 March	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 5	Young Person
Saturday 16 March	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 6	Young Person
Saturday 23 March	3:30pm to 5pm	Family Session 3	Parent & Young Person
Sunday 24 March	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
EASTER HOLIDAYS			
Saturday 20 April	3:30pm to 5pm	Family Session 4	Parent & Young Person
Sunday 21 April	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 27 April	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 7	Young Person
Saturday 4 May	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 8	Young Person
Saturday 11 May	11am to 4pm in Slough	BLAZE Retreat with Bishop David	Young Person
Saturday 18 May	3:30pm to 5pm	Family Session 5	Parent & Young Person
Sunday 19 May	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
HALF TERM BREAK			
Confirmation Date – <i>To Be Advised</i>			

All preparation activities take place in **St Joseph's Church**, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 8RY.

EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS

- Decide/discern if this is the right time for their children to receive the sacrament.
- Support their children in preparing for the sacrament.
- Attend the Family Sessions on Saturdays and accompany their children to the Youth Masses.
- Ensure their children attend every session. If a child cannot attend a preparation activity for any reason (e.g. sick), the Sacramental Preparation Team should be notified.
- Help the children to grow in faith through family prayer.

PREPARATION ACTIVITIES

Family Sessions

- Family Sessions will take place on Saturdays from 3:30pm to 5pm.
- They will start and finish with everyone joining together for prayer in the church.
- Confirmation Parents will join with Communion Parents for the adult session.

Youth Mass

- Confirmandi will be required to attend the Youth Masses per the schedule. These will be specifically tailored to suit young people and will have a youth music group.
- Confirmandi are encouraged to participate in the Mass – music, reading, offertory, etc.
- Parents and children are invited to join the refreshments and social activities after Mass.

Saturday Sessions

- There will be preparation sessions on Saturdays from 3:30pm to 5pm, per the schedule.
- During these sessions the Confirmandi will explore various aspects of the Catechism and prayer at their level.
- They will be allocated into small groups for activities and discussion.
- Confirmandi will be expected to show some level of understanding to qualify to receive the sacrament.

BLAZE Retreat

- Join Bishop David and other young people from the south of the Diocese who are also preparing for Confirmation for a retreat.