



CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025

SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Preparation Activity	Who Attends
Saturday 16 November	3:30pm to 5pm	Parent Session 1 Session 1	Parent & Young Person
Sunday 24 November	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 30 November	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 2	Young Person
Saturday 14 December	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 3	Young Person
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS			
Saturday 18 January	3:30pm to 5pm	Parent Session 2 Session 4	Parent & Young Person
Sunday 19 January	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 1 February	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 5	Young Person
HALF TERM BREAK			
Saturday 1 March	3:30pm to 5pm	Parent Session 3 Session 6	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 15 March	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 7 (FLAME)	Young Person
Sunday 23 March	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 29 March	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 8	Young Person
EASTER HOLIDAYS			
Saturday 3 May	3:30pm to 5pm	Parent Session 4 Session 9	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 17 May	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 10	Young Person
Sunday 18 May	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
HALF TERM BREAK			
Saturday 14 June	3:30pm to 5pm	Parent Session 5 Session 11	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 28 June	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 12	Young Person
Saturday 12 July	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 13 (Rehearsal)	Young Person
Monday 14 July	7pm	CONFIRMATION	Young Person & Family & Guests
Sunday 20 July	11am	Youth Mass <i>followed by</i> Celebration & Certificates	Parent & Young Person

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 child to receive the sacrament.
- Support their child in preparing for the sacrament.
- Attend and participate in the Parent Sessions on Saturdays.
- Accompany their child to the Youth Masses and attend Sunday Mass regularly.
- Ensure their child attends every session. If a child cannot attend a preparation activity for any reason (e.g. sick), the Confirmation Team should be notified.
- Arrive in good time for each session as well as any Services/Masses.
- Help the child to grow in faith through regular family prayer and by talking about the Holy Spirit and Confirmation at home.

PREPARATION ACTIVITIES

Confirmandi 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.

Parent Sessions

- Parent Sessions will take place on Saturdays from 3:30pm to 5pm, per the schedule.
- The sessions will comprise short talks followed by group discussion and feedback.
- The sessions will allow parents to reflect on their own faith and equip them to guide and help their child.

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.

BLAZE Retreat

- Meet Bishop David and join other young people from the south of the Diocese who are also preparing for Confirmation for a Retreat. [*awaiting details of date/time/location*]

FLAME @ OVO Arena Wembley

- FLAME, which will take place on Saturday 15 March 2025, is the largest gathering of young Catholics from across England and Wales. It allows young people to pray together and listen to inspiring talks from clergy, lay people and celebrities.
- We highly recommend attending FLAME to all Confirmandi. This will be an extra cost; however, we plan to do some fundraising activities to help with this.