



CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2026

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

Date	Time	Preparation Activity	Who Attends
Saturday 11 October	3:30pm to 5pm	Introduction	Young Person
Sunday 19 October	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
In October/November	Own Time @ Home	Pre-Reading Materials	Young Person
HALF TERM BREAK			
Saturday 15 November	3:30pm to 5pm	Parent Session 1 Session 1	Parent & Young Person
Sunday 23 November	11am	Youth Mass <i>National Youth Sunday</i>	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 29 November	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 2	Young Person
Saturday 13 December	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 3	Young Person
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS			
Saturday 17 January	3:30pm to 5pm	Parent Session 2 Session 4	Parent & Young Person
Sunday 18 January	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 31 January	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 5	Young Person
HALF TERM BREAK			
Saturday 28 February	3:30pm to 5pm	Parent Session 3 Session 6	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 14 March	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 7	Young Person
Sunday 15 March	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
EASTER HOLIDAYS			
Saturday 18 April	3:30pm to 5pm	Parent Session 4 Session 8	Parent & Young Person
Sunday 19 April	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
*Saturday 25 April	All Day	*TBC* – BLAZE Retreat	Young Person
Saturday 16 May	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 9	Young Person
Sunday 17 May	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
*Saturday 23 May	All Day	*TBC* – BLAZE Retreat	Young Person
HALF TERM BREAK			
Saturday 20 June	3:30pm to 5pm	Parent Session 5 Session 10	Parent & Young Person
Sunday 21 June	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 4 July	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 11	Young Person
Sunday 19 July	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person

SUMMER HOLIDAYS			
Saturday 12 September	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 12	Young Person
Monday 14 September	7pm	Rehearsal	Young Person
Thursday 17 September	7pm	CONFIRMATION	Young Person & Family & Guests
Sunday 20 September	11am	Youth Mass <i>followed by</i> Celebration & Certificates	Parent & Young Person

The main goal of the confirmation programme in the parish is to help young people grow in their personal relationship with God, while also equipping them with a solid understanding of the fundamental aspects of our faith—so they are prepared to defend and nourish that relationship throughout their lives. In today’s world, where confusion and misinformation are widespread, a sound knowledge of the Catechism is more essential than ever to help them discern truth and live out their faith with confidence.

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

- Confirmandi will be expected to study the pre-reading materials provided at the Introduction in October before Session 1 in November.
- 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]*