



CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2027

SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Preparation Activity	Who Attends
Saturday 10 October	3:30pm to 5pm	Meet & Greet	Young Person
HALF TERM BREAK			
Saturday 7 November	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 1	Young Person
11 or 12 November	7pm for 7:30pm	Parent Session 1	Parent
Sunday 15 November	11am	Youth Mass Mass of Enrolment	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 21 November	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 2	Young Person
Saturday 5 December	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 3	Young Person
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS			
Saturday 9 January	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 4	Young Person
13 or 14 January	7pm for 7:30pm	Parent Session 2	Parent
Sunday 17 January	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 23 January	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 5	Young Person
Saturday 6 February	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 6	Young Person
HALF TERM BREAK			
3 or 4 March	7pm for 7:30pm	Parent Session 3	Parent
*Saturday 6 March	All Day	FLAME [optional]	Young Person
Sunday 14 March	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 20 March	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 7	Young Person
EASTER HOLIDAYS			
Sunday 18 April	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 24 April	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 8	Young Person
Saturday 8 May	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 9	Young Person
Sunday 16 May	11am	Youth Mass Pentecost	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 22 May	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 10	Young Person
26 or 27 May	7pm for 7:30pm	Parent Session 4	Parent
HALF TERM BREAK			
Saturday 12 June	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 11	Young Person
Sunday 20 June	11am	Youth Mass	Parent & Young Person
Saturday 26 June	3:30pm to 5pm	Session 12	Young Person
Wednesday 30 June	7pm	Rehearsal	Young Person
Saturday 3 July	2pm	CONFIRMATION	Young Person & Family & Guests
Sunday 18 July	11am	Youth Mass followed by Certificates & Celebration	Parent & Young Person

*Date TBA by Diocese	All Day	BLAZE Retreat	Young Person
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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.
- Accompany their child to the Youth Masses and attend Sunday Mass with them regularly. We are fortunate in our parish to offer a choice of six Sunday Masses ([see the parish website for details](#)) which can fit in with most circumstances.
- Ensure their child attends every session. If any dates on the schedule conflict with a child's Duke of Edinburgh please advise ASAP. If a child cannot be present for any reason (e.g. sick), notify the Confirmation Team. **NB: Children must attend a minimum of 9 sessions.**
- 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.
- They will receive a workbook which should be completed as the programme progresses.
- They will be expected to show a level of understanding to qualify to receive the sacrament.

Parent Sessions

- Parent Sessions will take place on weekday evenings, arrival from 7pm for a prompt start at 7:30pm, 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 with 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 6 March 2027**, is the largest gathering of young Catholics age 14-25 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.