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## BATH DEANERY CONFIRMATION 12th NOVEMBER 2021

Bishop Declan will confirm our young people at St Mary's Church at 7.00pm on Friday 12th November 2021. The Bath Deanery preparation course will begin on 14th September and will be run at St Mary's Church, Julian Road, Bath. If we go into lockdown again, the course will take place via Zoom.

The preparation course for the Sacrament of Confirmation is suitable for those in Year 9-13 and is open to anyone living in the parishes of Bath Deanery: St Mary's, Bath; St John's, Bath; St Alphege's, Bath; St Peter and St Paul's, Bath; Good Shepherd, Batheaston, St Joseph's, Peasedown St John, and all churches associated with St Benedict's, Stratton-on-the-Fosse. If you are older than 18yrs old, please contact your parish priest directly for individual instruction.

We would encourage all young people intending to join the course to attend Mass, either in person or using live-stream. We also recommend reading and discussing YouCat and DoCat with their intended sponsor; both available through Redemptorist Publications.

To apply for a place on the Confirmation course:

- Email [bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com) to register your interest in joining the preparation course as soon as possible
- Return the completed form and a copy of your baptismal certificate to: The Parish Administrator, c/o 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF no later than 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Please do not give it to your parish priest or school chaplain as the forms may go astray.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE CANDIDATES

- We are delighted that you want to join the confirmation programme.
- Please attend all seven sessions and the rehearsal.
- The catechists are called Matt and Clare Hemson, who will work with Fr Jeremy.
- Bishop Declan Lang will be the main celebrant (priest) at the Confirmation Mass on 12<sup>th</sup> November.
- YouCat and DoCat would be good resources for information about Confirmation to read over the summer holidays. Available from [www.ctsbooks.org](http://www.ctsbooks.org), [www.rpbooks.co.uk](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk) or [www.eden.co.uk](http://www.eden.co.uk) or Ebay.
- You need to provide an email address for an account that you or your parents check regularly as most information will go out through email
- You will be asked to choose the name of a saint as your Confirmation name
- You will be asked to choose a Sponsor who will stand up with you at the Confirmation Mass. The sponsor should be an active, practising Catholic who can be a role model for the candidate. They need to be **a)** a baptised Catholic, who has been confirmed **b)** not one of your parents **c)** must be at least 16 years old
- Each family is given a row of five chairs in the church, and then other guests may sit elsewhere. The church seats 60-100 depending on COVID restrictions. Guests will be able to book seats via Eventbrite should booking be in place.
- If you have any queries or problems, contact email St Mary's Parish Administrator Charlotte Boyall [bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com) or phone Fr Jeremy Rigden on 01225 311725

Best wishes,

Fr Jeremy Rigden (co-ordinator of the Confirmation programme)

## Confirmation course dates 2021

	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Session 1:	Tuesday 14th September	St Mary's Parish Centre, Burlington Street, Bath	19.00 - 20.15
Session 2:	Tuesday 21st September	St Mary's Parish Centre	19.00 - 20.15
Session 3:	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	St Mary's Parish Centre	19.00 - 20.15
Session 4:	Tuesday 5th October	St Mary's Parish Centre	19.00 - 20.15
Session 5:	Tuesday 12th October	St Mary's Parish Centre	19.00 - 20.15
Session 6:	Tuesday 19th October	St Mary's Parish Centre	19.00 - 20.15
Session 7:	Tuesday 2nd November	St Mary's Parish Centre	19.00 - 20.15
Rehearsal	Tuesday 9th November	St Mary's Parish Centre	19.00 - 20.15
Confirmation Mass:	Friday 12th November	St Mary's Church	19.00 - 21.00

**APPLICATION FORM: Return to Parish Office c/o 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF**

Name of candidate .....

Name of Parent/Guardian.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Date of Birth.....

Telephone number.....

Parent's E-mail address .....

Baptism: .....Church.....Town,  
on.....(day).....(month).....(year)

Copy of baptism certificate enclosed: yes/ no

**Candidate:** I am a Year ..... pupil at .....School and I would like to join the Deanery Parish 2021 Confirmation Programme, run by Matt and Clare Hemson. This will culminate in being confirmed on Friday 12th November 2021 at St Mary's Catholic Church, Julian Road, Bath. I promise to attend all the sessions and understand that if I am unable to do so, I will need special permission from Fr Jeremy Rigden in order complete the programme and be confirmed.

Signed.....

**FOR PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

I am willing for my son/daughter to take part in the Deanery Confirmation programme, which takes place at St Mary's Parish Centre (next to the church) on Tuesday evenings from 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021. I will ensure that my son/daughter attends all of the sessions.

I understand that for reasons of safeguarding, my son/daughter must be collected from St Mary's Parish Centre immediately after each meeting.

I undertake to inform Fr Jeremy Rigden if my son/daughter is unable to attend a meeting.

Name .....Countersigned.....(Parent/Guardian)

Emergency telephone number.....  
Please add any medical conditions, allergies, personal issues etc. we should know about on a separate sheet.

*Information provided on this form, together with all other personal data held about these individuals by the Parish and the Clifton Diocese, is processed in accordance with the Diocese's Privacy Notice; which is available at <https://cliftondiocese.com/privacy-notice> or from the Parish Office*