

St Joseph's Primary



P7 Confirmation Information

St Joseph's Primary & OLM Primary
Wednesday 20 May 2026 6:30pm
St Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The children are very well prepared. Before Easter, they had the opportunity to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Dan at school. They also enjoyed a lovely visit from Bishop John on 27 April, followed by another visit from Fr Dan yesterday.

This is our final communication prior to Confirmation so here are a few reminders extracted from Diocesan Guidelines:

WHERE DO CHILDREN & SPONSORS GO?

- **Candidates and Sponsors** must be in the Cathedral Halls **by 5:45pm**. The hall will open at **5:30pm**.
- Diocesan staff and teachers will meet them there, take register and ensure pupils have name badges. *(No belongings can be left in this hall so please take your child's blazer)*
- Please allow plenty of time as parking is limited near the Cathedral and it can become very busy.

WHAT ABOUT FAMILIES?

- Family members/guests should make their way directly to the Cathedral and find a seat.
- All congregation members must be seated and ready **by 6.10pm**
**A reminder that due to the numbers involved, a suggestion is that 5 guests (including sponsor) per family attend.*

PUPIL/SPONSOR PROCESSION

- The procession into the Cathedral will begin by 6.15pm, pairing of child and sponsor within each school group. (Before the ceremony, children will know their place in the school procession (1, 2 etc) and should inform their sponsor) Pews will be labelled on either side of the aisle with the school name. St Joseph's children will be seated on the right side (pulpit side); sponsors seated correspondingly on left.

THE LITURGY OF CONFIRMATION

- ***Baptismal Promises***

Candidates all stand together to renew their Baptismal Promises, responding "I do."

- ***Anointing with Chrism***

As directed by the MCs, candidates will be invited to come forward with their sponsors (The MCs will organise this but teachers sitting with children will also assist)

Sponsors should be *slightly* behind and place their **right hand** on the **right shoulder** of the candidate

The Celebrant anoints the candidate saying: *Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit*

Candidate responds: *Amen*

Celebrant: *Peace be with you*

Candidate: *And with your spirit*

Children and sponsors will return separately to their seats by the side aisles

GENERAL REMINDERS

- Full school uniform to be worn: grey skirt (modest length)/trousers, blue shirt and tie, black shoes, grey socks/tights
- ***PLEASE NOTE - the Cathedral car park will not be available for parking.** There is limited open parking on the right hand side of Garthland Lane, while the nearest public parking is in the car park opposite the Lagoon Leisure Centre
- **No filming or taking of photographs during Mass is permitted;** it will be possible to do this at the end of Mass

We look forward to seeing you all on the night.

Yours sincerely



K Wynne (DHT) and H Addison (PT)