

Confirmation Programme – 2024-25

Date	Time	Session
21 Sep 2024	10am	Parents' Meeting – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession - Fr Antony
05 Oct 2024	4:30pm	1. You are chosen by God [getting started] Fr Antony
12 Oct 2024	4:30pm	2. What we can know about God [Salvation History]
09 Nov 2024	4:30pm	3. Why the world is broken – our mission to heal the world
23 Nov 2024	4:30pm	4. Jesus – God and Friend
30 Nov 2024	4:30pm	5. The mystery of suffering – the Paschal mystery of Jesus
07 Dec 2024	4:30pm	6. The comeback of Jesus... or the Story of the Resurrection
11 Jan 2025	4:30pm	7. In search of the Holy Spirit
25 Jan 2025	4:30pm	8. Prayer – staying in touch with the Living God
08 Feb 2025	4:30pm	9. Eucharist – the Divine food of God's salvation
01 Mar 2025		RETREAT
08 Mar 2025	4:30pm	10. The Church - a home for you and me
26 Apr 2025	4.30pm	11. What happens in Confirmation? Rehearsal & Confessions
5 May 2025	4.30 pm	CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

LETTER FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

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Dear Confirmation Candidate,

On behalf of the Confirmation team, thank you for applying to join our Confirmation Preparation Programme at Holy Cross.

*The **YOUCAT**, the Young People's Catechism of the Catholic Church, states that Confirmation "is, like Baptism and the Eucharist, one of the three sacraments of initiation of the Catholic Church. As the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples who were gathered at Pentecost, so the Holy Spirit comes to every baptized person for whom the Church requests the gift of the Holy Spirit. It secures and strengthens them to be a living witness to Christ."*

The time of preparation is an opportunity for you to explore your faith and deepen your commitment to Jesus Christ.

Please note that the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed."

This year, each session will begin at 4.40 PM in Hartley Hall on Saturdays. From 6:00 to 6:30 PM, you will be preparing for Mass, as you will be asked to take up some responsibilities during the 6:30 PM Mass. Please note that as part of your preparation, you must attend the Saturday vigil Mass at 6:30 PM.

We look forward to welcoming you to the program.

Fr. Antony