



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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To the parents of year 7 children in the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you because your child is now at the age to begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. Like Baptism and the Eucharist, Confirmation is one of the sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church. It is sought as part of the response in faith to the personal call of Christ, and is a way of deepening a person's participation in the life and worship of the Church. It is therefore a step to which you and your child should give careful consideration, before requesting to join the preparation programme. The age at which Confirmation is received in this parish means that the children themselves should be fully involved in this decision, but in order to fulfil the commitment they make they will still need the active support of their parents.

I would therefore ask you to discuss this with your child and think seriously about whether you are all prepared to make the necessary commitment. Your child is asked to write a letter of application to the parish priest briefly saying why he or she now feels ready to prepare for Confirmation and how they intend to live out their faith commitment. You, as parents, are asked to support your child by ensuring that as a family you attend Sunday Mass every week, and in addition we ask you to encourage them by taking an interest in their coursework, and ensure that it is completed with care and on time. Most important however, is the example of your own life and the way in which you foster an attitude of faith and prayer within the home and family. The parish will do all that we can to support you and your child during this important time, but the Church emphasises that the right and the responsibility of parents in the religious upbringing of children is paramount and irreplaceable.

For children at St Bede's school, some of the catechesis for the sacrament will take place during school RE classes. They will also be required to attend the catechetical sessions that take place in the parish. These are held on Monday evenings between **5.30pm** and **6.30pm** in **St Bede's School**, beginning on **8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. The full list of dates will be given to you on your child's enrolment.

I very much hope that you will decide to enrol your child in the Confirmation programme. ***If you would like to do so, then please would you complete the enclosed form and return it to me by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.*** The children who enrol on the course will make their commitment at either the **5.00pm** parish Mass on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018** or the **11.15am** parish Mass on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018** If you have any queries in the meantime please feel free to contact me.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Fr Anthony Rohan*

Parish Priest

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH, REDDITCH

Enrolment Form for Confirmation 2018

I/we would like my/our child to begin preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Full Name.....

Date of Birth.....

Parish of Baptism.....

Date of Baptism.....

*If your child was **not** baptised at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, please provide a certificate of Baptism and return with this form.*

I/we agree to support the preparation programme in the following ways:

- **Weekly attendance as a family at Sunday Mass**
- Attending all requested Masses and other services (This commitment is linked to weekly attendance.)
- Ensuring my/our child attends all required classes
- Ensuring all homework is fully completed on time and with care
- Spending time with my/our child as they complete the homework

*If you normally attend a church outside the parish of Mount Carmel, please indicate which one and give the name of the priest who will be able to confirm your attendance*

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Name(s) of parent(s).....

*Please print*

Address .....

.....Tel No .....

Signature(s).....

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Please return this form to:      The Parish Priest  
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