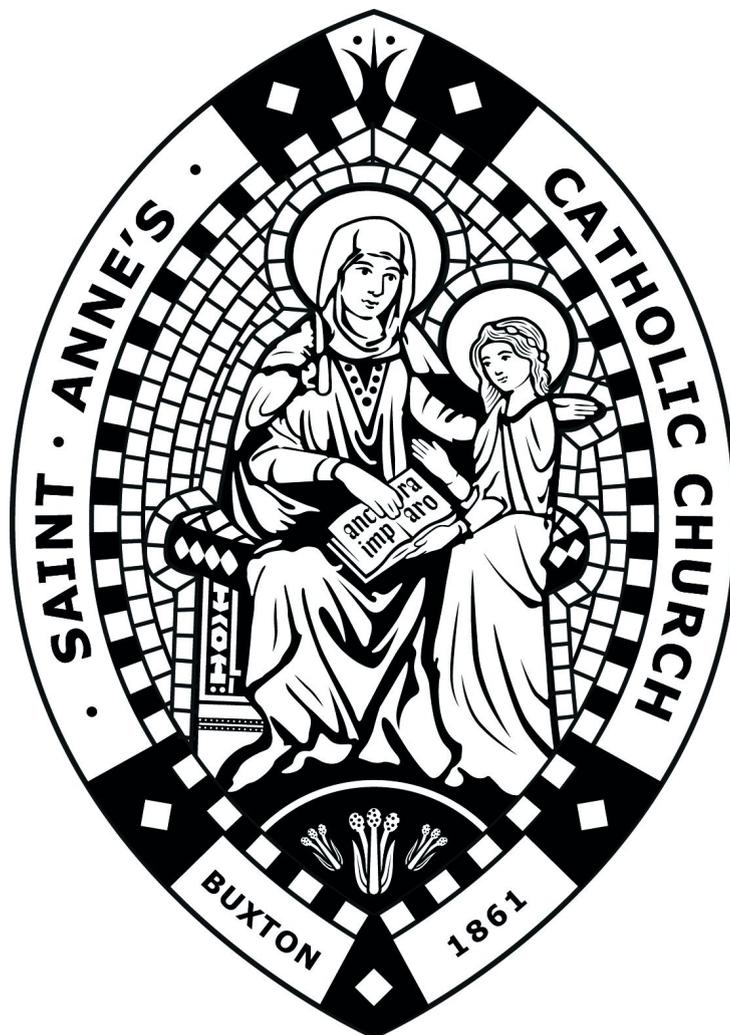


# Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation



**Thursday 1st June**

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The response to our psalm is ...

**"Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth."**

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## Go Light Your World

There is a candle in every soul  
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold  
There is a Spirit who brings a fire  
Ignites a candle and makes His home

Carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the helpless, confused and torn  
And hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world  
Take your candle, and go light your world

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to  
Light his own candle some other way  
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to  
Still holds a candle without a flame

So carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn  
And hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world  
Take your candle, and go light your world

'Cause we are a family whose hearts are blazing  
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky  
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus  
Make us a beacon in darkest times

Carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the hopeless, deceived and poor  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world  
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## THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

*After the Homily, we remain seated and the Parish Priest presents those who are to be confirmed:*

Parish Priest Most reverend Father, I present to you the following parishioners who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I invite each candidate to stand, along with their sponsor, when their name is read out.

*He reads out the candidates' names; when their name is read, each candidate, together with their sponsor, stands in their place:*

## Confirmation Candidates

Bartosz Kwec (Anthony)  
Bella Hollamby (Mary)  
Carmen Butterworth-Martin (Gabriella)  
Eryk Dybas (Augustine)  
Eryk Nowak (Patrick)  
Hannah Maddocks (Catherine)  
Isabel Eccles (Rose)  
Kaitlin Fearn (Ava)  
Marnie Patel (Mary)  
Olivia Killeen (Romana)  
Peter Jones (Hubert)  
Sofia Turiano (Rose)  
Sophie Gaeta (Maria)  
Theo Spencer (Derek)  
Thibault Colson (Jérôme)

Catechist 1 Most reverend Father,

We have been commissioned by our parish to prepare these young people to be confirmed. We have done our best to help them to grow in their Christian faith. In doing so, we have shared the joys and struggles of our own faith, along with our experiences of forgiveness, peace and community.

Catechist 2 We find that they are ready and worthy to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. We thank them, because our faith has been deepened by sharing their journey with them, and we thank their parents and sponsors for their support and cooperation. On behalf of our parish, we recommend that these young people receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

The Bishop Dear catechists, thank you for your generosity in preparing your fellow parishioners to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. I accept your recommendation that they are ready and worthy to be confirmed.

*The Bishop invites the candidates to renew their baptismal promises:*

The Bishop Dear candidates for Confirmation,  
I now invite you,  
in front of your families, sponsors and friends,  
to make for yourselves the promises  
which your parents and godparents made for you  
when they brought you to be baptised.  
And so I ask you:

Do you reject Satan,  
and all his works and empty promises?

Candidates **I do.**

The Bishop Do you believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates **I do.**

The Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered death and was buried,  
rose again from the dead  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Candidates **I do.**

The Bishop Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation  
is given to you in a special way  
just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

Candidates **I do.**

The Bishop Do you believe in the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting?

Candidates **I do.**

The Bishop This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.  
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People **Amen.**

*The candidates kneel.*

The Bishop Dearly beloved,  
let us pray to God the almighty Father,  
for these, his adopted sons and daughters,  
already born again to eternal life in Baptism,  
that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them  
to confirm them with his abundant gifts,  
and through his anointing  
conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

*All pray in silence for a short while. Then, the Bishop, together with those other priests present, extends his hands over the candidates.*

The Bishop Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who brought these your servants to new birth  
by water and the Holy Spirit,  
freeing them from sin:  
send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete;  
give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and fortitude,  
the spirit of knowledge and piety;  
fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.  
Through Christ our Lord.

People       **Amen.**

*The candidates sit down. Each candidate comes forward to be confirmed, accompanied by their sponsor, who places their right hand on one of the candidate's shoulders. The Bishop makes the Sign of the Cross with the Sacred Chrism on the candidate's forehead:*

The Bishop   N....., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.  
Confirmed   **Amen.**

The Bishop   Peace be with you.  
Confirmed   **And with your spirit.**

### **Prayer of the Faithful**

*After the hymn has finished, we stand for the Prayer of the Faithful.*

The Bishop   My dear brothers and sisters,  
                  united in faith, hope and charity,  
                  let us humbly pray to God the almighty Father.

Reader       For these his servants, whom the gift of the Holy Spirit has confirmed:  
                  that, planted in faith and grounded in love, they may bear witness to Christ the  
                  Lord by their way of life. [*Pause*] Lord, in your mercy.

All           **Hear our prayer.**

Reader       For their parents and sponsors:  
                  that by word and example they may continue to encourage those whom they  
                  have sponsored in the faith to follow the footsteps of Christ. [*Pause*] Lord, in  
                  your mercy.

All           **Hear our prayer.**

Reader       For the holy Church of God, together with Francis our Pope, Patrick our Bishop  
                  and all the Bishops:  
                  that, gathered by the Holy Spirit, the Church may grow and increase in unity of  
                  faith and love until the coming of the Lord. [*Pause*] Lord, in your mercy.

All           **Hear our prayer.**

Reader       For the whole world:  
                  that all people, who have one Maker and Father, may acknowledge one another  
                  as brothers and sisters, without discrimination of race or nation, and with sincere  
                  hearts seek the Kingdom of God, which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
                  [*Pause*] Lord, in your mercy.

All           **Hear our prayer.**

Reader       For the faithful departed: that having shared in Christ's Death they may come to  
                  share in his Resurrection and live with him for ever in heaven. [*Pause*] Lord, in  
                  your mercy.

All           **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Let us commend all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of our blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God:

All **Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou amongst women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Reader In the silence of our hearts, let us pray for our own intentions.

*After a suitable pause for silent prayer, the Bishop says the concluding prayer:*

The Bishop O God, who gave the Holy Spirit to your Apostles and willed that through them and their successors the same Spirit be handed on to the rest of the faithful, listen favourably to our prayer, and grant that your divine grace, which was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, may now spread through the hearts of those who believe in you. Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

### **THE CONCLUDING RITES**

The Bishop The Lord be with you.  
All **And with your spirit.**

Deacon Bow down for the blessing.

The Bishop Confirm, O God,  
what you have brought about in us,  
and preserve in the hearts of these young people  
the gifts of the Holy Spirit:  
may they never be ashamed  
to confess Christ crucified before the world  
and by devoted charity  
may they ever fulfil his commands.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Bishop And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All **Amen.**

Deacon Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**











***Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Centre after our celebration...***



## HOLY SPIRIT, GIFT BESTOWER

Holy Spirit, gift bestower,  
Breathe into our hearts today.  
Flowing water, dove that hovers,  
Holy Spirit, guide our way.  
Lover inspirer, joy releaser,  
Spirit take our fears away.  
Reconciler, peace restorer,  
Move among us while we pray.

Holy Spirit, Christ proclaimer,  
Wisdom bringer, light our way.  
Fire that dances, wind that whispers,  
Holy Spirit, come today.  
Ease disturber, comfort bearer,  
Move among us while we pray.  
Truth revealer, faith confirmer,  
Rest within our hearts today.