

Catholic Parish of St John the Evangelist,
Horsham

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2010



Please complete and return the attached
Application Form to Sarah Cooper,
via the Parish Office,
by Sunday 06 September 2009.
Thank you.

July 2009

Dear Confirmation Candidate,

Confirmation Programme 2010

If you are a practicing Roman Catholic in year 10 or above, then now is the time for you to consider whether you would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation is a Gift from God. In this Gift, we receive the strengthening and encouraging power of the Holy Spirit. You may ask why it's important to receive the Holy Spirit in this way To receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation is to be given the strength we need to be Christians in the world. To stand up and be known as a Christian is as hard today as it's ever been - it takes guts! Strengthened by the Holy Spirit and by the community of faith which we call the Church, we can courageously try and live a Christian life - a life where Jesus has priority and where we are seen to be different because we believe.

The parish community wants to support and help you in this important adult decision. The list of evening sessions attached to this booklet will be one of the ways we can all help each other explore the vocation to be a Christian.

You must decide whether this is a decision that you are hoping to make. If you join the Confirmation Programme, we the priest, deacon and catechists, will support you in the following ways:

- * by helping you reflect on your own calling as a Christian,
- * by sharing our experience of trying to live as Christians,
- * by looking at what the Church teaches about truth, freedom and life,
- * by praying for you each and every day as you prepare for so great a Gift,
- * by endeavouring to make your preparation as enjoyable and informative as possible,
- * by listening to what you have to say and offer.

In return, we will ask that you:

- * **come regularly to Mass.**
- * attend all the sessions, and the obligatory weekend away
- * willingly participate and engage with all the activities,
- * prepare for your big day with prayer,

We also ask your parents to attend the Introductory Session listed on the 'Session Dates' sheet.

I am really looking forward to sharing the Programme with you and to us all growing together in faith. Please, if you are ready, complete and return the attached Application Form to me as soon as possible (and certainly no later than

Sunday 13 September) at the Parish Office.

In the meantime, do be assured of the parish's ongoing prayers. You know where to contact me if you need to

All good wishes,

Fr Terry Martin

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Please complete this form and return it to the Parish Office by **06 September 2009**. Thank you.

**** PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS ****

Candidate's full name

Date of birth

Mother's name

Father's name

Address

.....Postcode

Email Parents' email

Telephone number (Home) Parents' Mobile

School

Candidate's Church and place of Baptism

*(If the Baptism was not in this parish, you **must** include a copy of your Baptism certificate or do your best to get one as soon as possible. Please talk to Fr Terry or Deacon Tom if you're unsure what to do.)*

Details of any medical conditions (e.g. asthma, allergies, etc.) or any special needs, that we should know about

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Family Doctor Tel

Any others matters concerning your health about which we should know

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I choose to commit myself to preparing well for Confirmation this year, and will be happy to attend all the appropriate sessions – including the Away Weekend. A deposit cheque (for the Away Weekend) of £25 is included with this Application Form (made payable to St John the Evangelist Church).

(signed).....

Parent/Guardian

I give my consent to any medical treatment that may be necessary in the event of an emergency.

Signed (Parent/Guardian)

Name (Print) Date

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Session Dates

- **Sunday 06 September, 6.30pm, St John's Church & Hall**
Sign-up Mass and Introductory Evening for Parents and Candidates
(to finish by 8.30pm)
- **Sunday 20 September, St John's Hall**
Session 1
- **Sunday 18 October, St John's Hall**
Session 2
- **Friday 06 – Sunday 08 November, SPEC Centre, St Alban's**
Away Weekend
- **Sunday 22 November, St John's Hall**
Session 3
- **Sunday 13 December, St John's Hall**
Session 4
- **Sunday 24 January, St John's Hall**
Session 5
- **Sunday 28 February, St John's Hall**
Session 6
- **Sunday 28 March, St John's Hall**
Session 7
- **Sunday 25 April, St John's Hall**
Session 8
- **Sunday 23 May, St John's Hall**
Session 9
- **Friday 18 June, 6.30pm, St John's Church**
Reconciliation Service
- **Sunday 20 June, 3.00pm, Worth Abbey**
Confirmation Celebration with Bishop Kieran

All sessions begin **with Mass** at 6.30pm and finish at **9.00pm** sharp.

It is important that each candidate commits to all of the sessions,
as well as to the Away Weekend.

