

**GUIDELINES FOR CONFIRMATION  
IN THE DIOCESE OF KILDARE & LEIGHLIN**

**2025**



## Synod 2021-2024: For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission

In October 2021 the Catholic Church's synodal process on the theme of 'synodality' began. This was the first time that a worldwide listening process and consultation with parishes and dioceses was attempted and many people in our diocese took part in a listening process during the early months of 2022. The following is a reference to the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Final Document of the recent Universal Synod in Rome. We look forward to hearing more about the Synodal Process in the Irish context during the coming months.

***'The Sacrament of Confirmation enriches the lives of believers with a special outpouring of the Spirit so that they become witnesses to faith. This sanctifying anointment seals their belonging to God. It renews in us the miracle of a Church stirred up by the fire of mission, with the courage to go out onto the streets of the world with the ability to be understood by all the peoples and cultures'***

*"XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops - For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission"*

## **Theme for Confirmation 2025**

### **"Without Him, I can do nothing" (Jn. 15:5)**

Inspired by Blessed Carlo Acutis and aligned with the Jubilee Year of Hope, this theme highlights dependence on Christ as the source of hope and faith. It also complements the Synodal Pathway encouraging unity, reflection, and a journey of faith shared as a community.

(Please note: As Bl. Carlo Acutis is to be canonised on April 27<sup>th</sup> 2025 at confirmation ceremonies taking place after this date he should be referred to as Saint Carlo Acutis)

These Guidelines are designed to help parishes, particularly those where Bishop Denis will preside, in their preparation and planning of the celebration of Confirmation.

They will also help Bishop Denis in his preparation for the celebration in each parish. It would be very helpful if parishes where Bishop Denis is not presiding at Confirmation this year would, by emailing [aisling@kandle.ie](mailto:aisling@kandle.ie) , let him know when their celebration is and how many candidates are being confirmed. It is hoped that these guidelines will also be of use in those parishes.

### **CELEBRATING THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION:**

We continue to acknowledge that Confirmation celebrations may take place outside of Mass as allowed by Canon 882. However, where possible, Bishop Denis asks that Confirmation should be celebrated within the Eucharist.

Guidelines for the Celebration of Confirmation within the Eucharist to be found on pages 8-11. Celebration of the Rite of Confirmation pages 12-16.

### **CONFIRMATION BOOKLETS:**

Parishes and schools are asked to consider carefully the environmental impact of printing booklets. If your parish is preparing a booklet for use on the day, please send a copy to Bishop Denis in advance.

**BEFORE THE CELEBRATION TAKES PLACE:** Bishop Denis asks that the relevant Confirmation Planning Form

- Confirmation Within the Eucharist Planning Form pages 24-26
- Rite of Confirmation Planning Form pages 27-29

be completed and returned to the Diocesan Office at least three weeks before the date of Confirmation in your parish.

*The following notes are designed to help ensure the best possible experience of the celebration of Confirmation for all.*

**1: PARISH PREPARATION:** Bishop Denis would like a brief description of the type of preparation undertaken by the candidates and their families in the parish. This can be as simple as naming the preparation programme such as You Shall Be My Witnesses, We Belong to Christ or providing an outline of any initiatives used by the parish team to engage the candidates and their families in a programme of preparation in the months prior to

Confirmation. This will enable him to encourage and affirm the work of preparation in the parish during the ceremony.

## **2: LETTER TO THE BISHOP:**

Bishop Denis would like all candidates who will be confirmed by him to submit a letter prior to Confirmation. This letter is to be written at home by the candidates in consultation with their parents/guardians and then signed by the candidates and their parents/guardians. The letters should then be sent by the parish to the bishop together with the enclosed form three weeks before the celebration of Confirmation in your parish. If your parish has multiple confirmations please ensure that the letters are bundled together and labelled with the names of schools and the corresponding Confirmation Ceremony. The following information should be included in the letters:

**BIOGRAPHY:** The candidate should introduce themselves to Bishop Denis using some of the following information:

- Their name and age

- The name of their school and the class that they are in

- The name of their parish

- Something about their family

- Their interests/hobbies/favourite things to do

**DESCRIPTION OF PREPARATION AT HOME, IN THE PARISH AND IN SCHOOL:** The candidate needs to say something to the bishop about how he or she has prepared to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**PERSONAL MEANING:** The candidate should reflect on what the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation means to them.

**CONFIRMATION NAME AND SPONSOR:** The candidate should tell the bishop what name they are choosing and why. They might also say something about their sponsor and the reason for choosing this person.

## **FOR 2025:**

The candidate should say something to the bishop about how they and their classmates have responded to the Confirmation Challenge set by Bishop Denis. The focus this year is on how the young candidates have lived the theme of "Without Him, I can do nothing" inspired by Blessed Carlo Acutis. Over the course of their confirmation preparation encourage candidates to consider:

- How they have recognised their dependence on Christ in their daily lives.
- What does Blessed Carlo Acutis' motto 'The Eucharist is my Highway to Heaven' mean to me in my life as a young person?
- Ways in which they might use their gifts to bring Christ's light to others, especially through modern and creative means, as Blessed Carlo did.

### **For this years' Confirmation Challenge Bishop Denis invites you to take on ONE of the following challenges**

**1. Eucharistic Adoration Visits:** Organise sessions where candidates can spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, reflecting on Blessed Carlo's devotion to the Eucharist, recalling his words: "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven".

**2. Random Acts of Kindness:** Recall Blessed Carlo's words: "A life will be really beautiful if we arrive to love God above all things and our neighbour as ourselves".

Brainstorm what Random Acts of Kindness the children might perform at home, in school, in the parish and in the community. Ask the children to write the ideas on cards then collect the cards and place them in the sacred space. Invite the children to pick a card every morning and perform the Act of Kindness that day.

**3. Sharing our Faith:** Blessed Carol's words: "Everyone is born as an original, but many people end up dying as photocopies".

How do we experience our dependence on Christ in daily life? Arrange small group discussions where pupils can share examples of their own experience. Have the children write some of their examples on post it notes, collect the notes and display on a poster in the Sacred Space under the heading 'Without Him I can do Nothing'

**4. Recall Blessed Carlo Acutis' words:** "Everything passes away ... what alone will truly make us beautiful in God's eyes is the way that we have loved him and our brothers".

Plan activities such as helping in the parish, visiting the elderly, fundraising for charity organising or supporting parish events to live out their call to serve others in Christ's name

**5. Digital Presentation:** Recall Blessed Carlo's words: "God has written for each one of us a unique and unrepeatable story, but he has left us the freedom to write the conclusion".

Have candidates research and present on Blessed Carlo's life and how his message applies to their modern-day context.

### **3: SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

The sacrament of reconciliation should be celebrated by all candidates prior to the celebration of Confirmation. A suggested outline for a Reconciliation Service and for a combined Reconciliation and Ceremony of Light Service is available for download on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**4: RETREAT:** Many parishes provide candidates with the opportunity of a retreat before or after Confirmation.

**5: SPONSORS:** Each candidate has a sponsor for confirmation. *The sponsor for any candidate may be male or female, is to be at least 16 years of age, a fully initiated Catholic and living a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken. A parent may not act as a sponsor for his or her child (Canon 874). A Baptismal sponsor is desired as the Confirmation sponsor, in order to emphasize the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation (Canon 893.2).*

**6: PLEDGE:** The Pledge Commitment is an important part of the candidate's preparation. All parishes are expected to include a Pledge Commitment Ceremony outside of the Confirmation Ceremony as part of the preparation of the post celebration process.

You can find a copy of a Confirmation Pledge Certificate

<https://app.growinlove.ie/en/user/professional-development>.

There are also useful resources to help parents and schools explore the Pledge Commitment on [https://irishbishopsdrugsinitiative.ie/what\\_we\\_do\\_category/confirmation-commitment/](https://irishbishopsdrugsinitiative.ie/what_we_do_category/confirmation-commitment/) Further details on the Confirmation Commitment and other resources from Darren Butler, National Coordinator Pastoral Response to Substance Misuse, 087 7901461 or email [darren.butler@iecon.ie](mailto:darren.butler@iecon.ie)

## **7: DAY OF CELEBRATION**

**ATTIRE:** To make visible the relationship between confirmation and baptism, many parishes encourage the wearing of albs. This also helps to alleviate some of the costs associated with Confirmation.

**PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY:** Under the Diocesan Safeguarding Guidelines best practice would suggest that no photography or videography should take place in the Church. Therefore, the taking of photographs and of videos is not permitted during the ceremony and this must be communicated to candidates, parents/guardians, sponsors and family members prior to the celebration of Confirmation. This can be done at the **rehearsal and on the day** itself in the time before the liturgy begins. The turning off of mobile phones should also be requested at this time.

Stewards can help to ensure that the taking of photographs or videos is discouraged.

Bishop Denis suggests that a group picture of him with the candidates be taken after the ceremony and that the organisation of this should be done at Confirmation.

If a videographer is being used in an official capacity, he/she should be instructed not to distract from the solemn nature of the celebration and at no time should he/she enter the sanctuary area. Parental consent for the taking of the video must also be obtained from all parents in advance of the ceremony.

## **8: LITURGICAL GUIDELINES FOR CONFIRMATION WITHIN MASS**

**PRELUDE:** Five minutes before the Confirmation ceremony begins it is useful for the priest or other nominated person to begin preparing the congregation for the celebration which is to follow. This is an opportunity to quieten the gathering, remind them of the need to switch off mobile phones, not to take pictures and to invite them to spend a moment in quiet prayer for the candidates who are to be confirmed. This may be accompanied by some quiet instrumental music that can continue until the liturgy is ready to begin.

### **INTRODUCTORY RITES:**

**ENTRANCE SONG:** The Entrance Song should be one that is familiar to the children and if possible to members of the congregation. Consider having a cantor who invites and encourages everyone to sing.

### ***Music Suggestions: pages 20-22***

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION:** The following is the order of the Entrance Procession

Incense Bearer (thurifer) with burning incense

Cross Bearer with the Processional Cross

2 Candle-Bearers

Candidates and Sponsors (optional)

Reader (optional)

Deacon (if present)

Concelebrants

Bishop with mitre and crozier

Mitre and crozier bearers

The reader or deacon may carry the Book of the Gospels in the Entrance Procession. This is particularly appropriate if there is to be a Gospel Procession.



## **CONFIRMATION CHALLENGE 2025**

The Candidate/s who have been chosen by their classmates to tell Bishop Denis about the way in which they have responded to the Challenge might be invited to do so now. Allow the bishop to take his place, greet the people and say his opening words before this takes place. Alternatively this could be done after Communion and before the final song.

*Please Note: There should be no procession of symbols if this is taking place at the beginning of the Confirmation Ceremony.*

## **PROCESSION OF SYMBOLS**

If there is to be a procession of symbols during the Confirmation Ceremony, it should take place after the Entrance Procession. Allow the bishop to take his place, greet the people and say his opening words before this procession takes place. The symbols, representing the candidate's faith-filled lives in home, school and parish, *do not have to be presented to the bishop* but should be brought to the sanctuary and placed in an appropriate place.

## **PENITENTIAL ACT**

The Sprinkling Rite is to be used when Confirmation is celebrated on a Sunday or on any day during the Easter Season. (Appendix II New Roman Missal p.1353)

When used THE KYRIE will be intoned by Bishop Denis (A Thiarna déan Trócaire: O' Riada Mass)

The following parts of the Mass from the Glendalough Mass by Liam Lawton are to be sung.

Parishes may also use Liam Lawton's Mass of St Patrick available from [www.giamusic.com](http://www.giamusic.com)

- Alleluia

In Lent, this is to be replaced by: Glory and praise, glory and praise, Lord Jesus Christ (x2)

- Sanctus
- Memorial Acclamation (Bishop Denis will intone this)
- The Great Amen (Bishop Denis will sing the Doxology)
- Agnus Dei

**GLORIA:** Where possible the Gloria should be sung. (The Gloria is not prayed where Confirmation takes place during the Lenten Season)

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

Consider inviting a Minister of the Word or a parent/older sibling to proclaim the readings. This allows the candidates to concentrate on their role which is to celebrate the sacrament and not to be distracted by participating in ways that might be best left to those who are already ministers in the community. This also allows for the community of faith to minister candidates on the day rather than the other way round.

**FIRST READING:** Colossians 2: 5-10 (Text on page 17)

**PSALM:** Ideally the psalm should be sung. Consider using Psalm 103 Send Forth your Spirit O Lord (Liam Lawton)

or

Psalm 23 My Shepherd is the Lord (Alive O - Jack Miffleton)

**GOSPEL GREETING (Sung)** A gospel procession may take place. If this happens repeat the Alleluia/Glory and Praise until the deacon or priest reaches the ambo.

**GOSPEL:** John 15:8-17 (Text on page 17)

## **HOMILY**

### **RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

- Presentation of Candidates
- Homily
- Renewal of Baptismal Promises
- Laying on of hands
- Prayer of Consecration
- Anointing with Chrism

*A cantor or choir may sing a suitable hymn for the procession of the candidates to the bishop. An instrumental piece may also be used. Ideally music or song should accompany the whole of the Anointing with Chrism.*

- Prayer of the Faithful (*Suggestions on pages 18-19*)

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:**

Presentation Of The Gifts:

A suitable hymn may be sung, or an instrumental piece may be played at this time. Preparation of the altar may be done by family members of some of the candidates. This allows for the presentation of the gifts of bread and wine to be highlighted as they are the last items to be brought to the altar.

*C.f. The Presentation of the Gifts during 'We Give Thanks' on the DVD of Come, Gather & Celebrate as an example of how this might be done. This can also be viewed on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)*

- Sanctus (Sung)
- Memorial Acclamation (Bishop Denis will intone this)
- The Great Amen (Bishop Denis will sing the Doxology)

## **THE COMMUNION RITE**

- Our Father
- Sign of Peace
- Agnus Dei (Sung)

## **COMMUNION HYMN/S**

Suitable hymns may be sung by candidates and congregation.

## **POST COMMUNION:**

### **CONFIRMATION CHALLENGE 2025**

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## **THE CONCLUDING RITES**

Bishop Denis will pray a Solemn Blessing. A suitable hymn will be sung as the procession leaves the church.

(Suggestions for Recessional Music on page 22)

## **CELEBRATION OF THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

CAN. 881 *It is desirable to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation in a church and during Mass; for a just and reasonable cause, however, it can be celebrated outside Mass and in any worthy place. Whenever Confirmation is conferred without Mass, a celebration of the word of God should precede it. [OC 13]*

**GATHERING SONG:** *Suggestions for all music on page 20*

**WORDS OF WELCOME:**

**SIGN OF THE CROSS:** As we begin our celebration let us mark ourselves with the sign of that faith as we did on the day of baptism:

*You might consider inviting the parents to make the Sign of the Cross on their child's forehead as they did on the day of their baptism.....*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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### **COLLECT:**

Fulfill for us your gracious promise,  
O Lord, we pray,  
so that by his coming  
the Holy Spirit may make us witnesses before the world  
to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen

*Or*

Graciously pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, O Lord,  
so that, walking in oneness of faith  
and strengthened by the power of his love,  
we may come to the measure of the full stature of Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.                      Amen

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**                      *Suggested Readings on page 17*

## **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES**

*The names of the candidates are called, and they stand as they are presented to the Presider and the community alternatively see the suggestion for the Renewal of Baptismal Promises where the candidate's names might also be called.*

### **HOMILY**

### **RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

*If baptismal candles are to be lit the priest could introduce the Renewal of Baptismal Promises in these or similar words while standing near the Paschal Candle*

Our Paschal Candle is a sign of hope for all who believe that Jesus is the light of the world, a light that can never be quenched, a light that will always brighten our way. On the day of your baptism your parents took light from the Paschal Candle to light your baptismal candle as a sign of the faith that they wanted to pass on to you. They were asked to keep the light burning brightly until you were ready to say yes to your faith for yourselves. They obviously have done a good job because you are here, ready to confirm what they did for you at baptism, ready to say yes to continuing to live as Jesus wants you to. Now as they light your baptismal candle again, we pray that you will continue to walk as a child of the light and keep this light of faith burning brightly for all to see and that you will indeed, let your light

shine always inspired by the life and example of Blessed Carlo Acutis, during this Jubilee Year of Hope.

*Each candidate and their parent/s are called forward individually, they light their baptismal candle and then return to their seats and remain standing*

**CELEBRANT:** Do you renounce Satan,  
And all his works,  
And all his empty show?

**CANDIDATES:** I do.

**CELEBRANT:** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

**CANDIDATES:** I do.

**CELEBRANT:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was born of the Virgin Mary,  
was crucified, died, and was buried,  
rose from the dead,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**CANDIDATES:** I do.

**CELEBRANT:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who came upon the apostles at Pentecost  
and today is given to you sacramentally in Confirmation?

**CANDIDATES:** I do.

**CELEBRANT:** 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.

**CELEBRANT:** This is our faith.

This is the faith of the Church.

We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**CANDIDATES:** Amen.

### **LAYING ON OF HANDS**

**CELEBRANT:** My dear friends,

in baptism God our Father  
gave the new birth of eternal life  
to his chosen sons and daughters.

Let us pray to our Father  
that he will pour out the Holy Spirit  
to strengthen his sons and daughters with his gifts  
and anoint them to be more like Christ, the Son of God.

*The celebrant(s) stretch out their hands over the candidates and pray:*

All powerful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by water and the Holy Spirit  
you freed your sons and daughters from sin  
and gave them a new life.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon them,  
to be their helper and guide.  
Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of right judgement and courage,  
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.

Fill them with the spirit of wonder,  
and awe in your presence.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**ANOINTING WITH CHRISM**

**CELEBRANT:** (Name), be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**CANDIDATE:** Amen.

**CELEBRANT:** Peace be with you.

**CANDIDATE:** And with your spirit.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL** (see suggestions on pages 18 and 19)

We pray to the Lord:

Lord hear our prayer

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**ALL:** Our Father.....

**Confirmation Challenge 2025**

*The Candidate/s who have been chosen by their classmates to tell Bishop Denis about the way in which they have responded to the Challenge might be invited to do so now before the final song, This Little Light of Mine, is sung.*

**CONCLUDING RITE**

**FINAL BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

**CONCLUDING SONG:** *Music suggestions on page 22*



## **SUGGESTED READINGS FOR CONFIRMATION 2025**

*If you wish to change any of these readings, please let Bishop Denis know in advance.*

First Reading:

Colossians 2: 2-7

I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I am saying this so that no one may deceive you with plausible arguments. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

**Gospel:**

John 15: 8-17

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and be my disciples. I have loved you just as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I shall no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know the master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; so that the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

My command to you is to love one another.

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL SUGGESTIONS**

**For the Church:** That in this Jubilee Year of Hope we may all be inspired by the witness of Blessed Carlo Acutis to bring the light of Christ into the modern world. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord hear our prayer

### **For Bishop Denis, our priests and people:**

For Pope Francis, Bishop Denis and all our priests. May God's Holy Spirit continue to strengthen, protect and inspire them and all those who have a leadership role in our parishes to bring the light of Christ into the modern world. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord hear our prayer

**For the Candidates:** That they are open to the gifts that the Holy Spirit lavishes on them today and that they will use these gifts as they, inspired by the life and example of Bl/SaintCarlo Acutis, continue to seek and find God's dream for them to live as people of the light sharing God's message of love with all they meet. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord hear our prayer

### **For all who have helped prepare:**

We pray for all who helped to prepare the candidates for this day, their teachers, priests, sacramental coordinators. May they know that their work in leading them to know you is precious and appreciated. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord hear our prayer

### **For our parents, guardians and sponsors:**

That they will be the best teachers in the ways of faith both now and in the future. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord hear our prayer

**For the Poor and those in need:**

Bl /St Carlo Acutis said “ Everything passes away what alone will make us truly beautiful in God’s eyes is the way we have loved Him and our brothers, May we show our love for our brothers and sisters in how we treat the poor, the lonely the suffering and those in need. We pray to the Lord

**All:** Lord hear our prayer

**For those who are sick:**

We pray for all those we love who are sick and especially for those who cannot be with us today. We pray for those who are sick in mind,body or spirit, especially for those who cannot be with us today. May we take every opportunity to help and support them and those who care for them and may they know God’s healing presence. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord hear our prayer

**For those who have died:**

*Individual parishes/school communities have had very different experiences of illness and loss in the past 12 months. This would be an appropriate time to offer a prayer for your specific context.*

*Or*

We pray for those who have died, especially those in our families and our community, who have gone to God before us, may they dwell forever in God’s loving embrace. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord hear our prayer

Thank you for the work you do in preparation for Confirmation during this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us all journey together towards living the Confirmation theme of 2025: "Without Him, I can do nothing".

## SUGGESTED MUSIC FOR CONFIRMATION 2025



### Opening Hymns:

This is the Day/Seo é an Lá	(Mary Amond O'Brien; <i>Grow in Love 2nd Class</i> )
<i>Except during Lent because of the Alleluia</i>	
Faithful is the Lord	(Liam Lawton; <a href="http://www.giamusic.com">www.giamusic.com</a> )
Christ be our Light	(Bernadette Farrell; <i>Grow in Love 4<sup>th</sup> Class</i> )
Fan the Flame	(Liam Lawton; <a href="http://www.giamusic.com">www.giamusic.com</a> )
Christ be beside me	(Traditional Irish; <i>Grow in Love 1<sup>st</sup> Class</i> )
Come O Creator	(Webbe/Caswall; <i>In Caelo</i> )
Spirit filled day	(Mary Amond O'Brien; <i>Grow in Love 5<sup>th</sup> Class</i> )
Shine Jesus Shine	(Graham Kendrick; <a href="http://www.spiritandsong.com">www.spiritandsong.com</a> )
The Eyes and Hands of Christ	(Tom Kendzia; <a href="http://www.spiritandsong.com">www.spiritandsong.com</a> )
Though we are many	(Bernard Sexton; <i>Sing the Mass</i> )
Shout to the Lord	(Darlene Zschech; <a href="http://www.spiritandsong.com">www.spiritandsong.com</a> )
Where Two or Three are Gathered	(Liam Lawton; <a href="http://www.giamusic.com">www.giamusic.com</a> )
The Summons	(John Bell; <i>Grow in Love 5<sup>th</sup> Class</i> )
What a friend we have in Jesus	(Joseph Scriven
<a href="https://musescore.com/user/32009255/scores/6177254">https://musescore.com/user/32009255/scores/6177254</a> )	

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 103	Send forth your Spirit O Lord (Liam Lawton; <i>Ancient Ways, Future Days</i> )
Psalm 23	My Shepherd is the Lord (Jack Miffleton <a href="https://tinyurl.com/37cbnc3j">https://tinyurl.com/37cbnc3j</a> )

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia: Glendalough

*During Lent: Glory and praise, glory and praise, Lord Jesus Christ (x2) (Glendalough Mass)*

### During the Anointing with Chrism

With Great Love	(Chris De Silva <a href="http://www.giamusic.com">www.giamusic.com</a> )
Spirit of the Living God	( <i>Hymns Old and New</i> )
Tar anuas a Spioraid Naoimh	( <i>Ite O'Donovan; In Caelo</i> )

Tar chugam, A Spioraid Naoimh	(Máire Nuinseann; Alive-O)
Veni Creator Spiritus	(Grow in Love 5 <sup>th</sup> Class)
Spirit Filled Day	(Mary Amond O'Brien; Grow in Love 5 <sup>th</sup> Class)
Holy Spirit	(Ken Canedo; <a href="http://www.spiritandsong.com">www.spiritandsong.com</a> )
Open the Eyes of my Heart	(Paul Baloche; <a href="http://www.spiritandsong.com">www.spiritandsong.com</a> )
Blessed are they the poor in spirit	(David Haas; <a href="http://www.spiritandsong.com">www.spiritandsong.com</a> )
I will be the Vine	(Liam Lawton; In Caelo)
Lay your hands	(Carey Landry; Grow in Love 5 <sup>th</sup> Class)
Song for a Young Prophet	(Damian Lundy; Grow in Love 5 <sup>th</sup> Class)

### Preparation of Gifts

*Instrumental Music would be very appropriate at this time*

We come to your feast	(Michael Joncas; Grow in Love 5 <sup>th</sup> Class)
In bread we bring you Lord	(Kevin Nichols; Hymns Old and New)
Ag Críost an Síol	(Seán O'Riada; In Caelo)

**Communion Hymns** – *choose a hymn that reflects that this is the time we are processing forward to receive the Lord in Holy Communion*

Abide with Me	
Eat this Bread	(Taizé; In Caelo, Grow in Love 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class)
I will be the Vine	(Liam Lawton; In Caelo)
Though we are Many	(Bernard Sexton; Sing the Mass)
Come Feast at This Table	(Ian Callanan; <a href="http://www.giamusic.com">www.giamusic.com</a> )
Céad Míle Fáilte Romhat a Íosa	(Traditional; Alive-O)
St Teresa's Prayer	(John Michael Talbot)
Take and Eat	(Taizé; In Caelo)
Knowing You	(Graham Kendrick; In Caelo)
Without Seeing You	(David Haas; Grow in Love 5 <sup>th</sup> Class)
The Servant Song	(Richard Gillard; Grow in Love 5 <sup>th</sup> Class)
Without Him I can do Nothing	(Mylon R. LeFevre.

<https://musescore.com/user/30522520/scores/6037408>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ejQSULiQ2EI>

Hymn of the Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrims of Hope -[https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Pilgrims-of-Hope\\_Lead-Sheet-Lower-Key\\_1.pdf](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Pilgrims-of-Hope_Lead-Sheet-Lower-Key_1.pdf)

### **Recessional Hymns**

This Little Light of Mine

Go Light your world *(Chris Rice:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtIIFJlxdUw>)

Shine Jesus Shine *(Graham Kendrick; [www.spiritandsong.com](http://www.spiritandsong.com))*

Fan the Flame *(Liam Lawton; Alive-O)*

Now Thank we all our God *(In Caelo)*

Lord of all Hopefulness *(In Caelo)*

Christ be our Light *(Bernadette Farrell; Grow in Love 4<sup>th</sup> Class)*

Shout to the Lord *(Darlene Zschech; [www.spiritandsong.com](http://www.spiritandsong.com))*

Spirit filled day *(Mary Amond O'Brien; Grow in Love 5<sup>th</sup> Class)*

## **Confirmation Planning Forms**

There are two forms

1. Confirmation within the Eucharist Planning Form    pages 24-26
2. Rite of Confirmation Planning Form                      pages 27-28
3. Please complete the form that reflects your celebration this year. This form gives important information about Confirmation in your parish which will help Bishop Denis as he plans for Confirmation. Please complete and return this information to Bishop's House at least three weeks or as soon as possible before your Confirmation date. If you have any questions please call 059 9176725, email [bishop@kandle.ie](mailto:bishop@kandle.ie) or mail Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow

**CONFIRMATION WITHIN THE EUCHARIST PLANNING FORM**

**Preliminary Information**

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Candidates: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Principal/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Confirmation Teacher/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure that the names of all teachers are included

Please indicate if there are children from other schools, Church of Ireland, Educate Together, Community National Schools or Special Schools celebrating the sacrament with the candidates from the Catholic Schools in the Parish. Yes  No

**If Yes:**

Number of candidates: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Catechist/s who prepared them: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish Preparation**

Give a Brief Description of the Parish/Home Preparation undertaken in your Parish

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sacramental Coordinator: Yes  No

if yes

Name of Sacramental Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Letters To Bishop: Yes  No



Sacrament of Reconciliation: Yes  No

Confirmation Retreat: Yes  No

Confirmation Liturgy

Date of Liturgy: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sacristan: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Choir Director/s \_\_\_\_\_

Booklet: Yes  No

Mass Parts Being Sung: Yes  No

Glendalough Mass: Yes  No

If Other Mass Please Give Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Kyrie Yes  No

Gloria (Outside of Lent only) Yes  No

Alleluia/Lenten Acclamation Yes  No

Sanctus Yes  No

Memorial Acclamation Yes  No

Doxology & Great Amen Yes  No

Agnus Dei Yes  No

Entrance Song: \_\_\_\_\_

Procession of Symbols: Yes  No

Sprinkling Rite: Yes  No

Confirmation Challenge 2024

Name of Student/s who will

speak about their response: \_\_\_\_\_

Rite of Confirmation

Music to Accompany Anointing: \_\_\_\_\_



**THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION PLANNING FORM**

Preliminary Information

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Candidates: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Principal/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Confirmation Teacher/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure that the names of all teachers are included

Please indicate if there are children from other schools, Church of Ireland, Educate Together, Community National Schools or Special Schools celebrating the sacrament with the candidates from the Catholic Schools in the Parish.      Yes                         No  

If Yes:

Number of candidates: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Catechist/s who prepared them: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Preparation

Give a Brief Description of the Parish/Home Preparation undertaken in your Parish

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Sacramental Coordinator:                      Yes                         No  

if yes

Name of Sacramental Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Letters To Bishop:                      Yes                         No

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Yes  No

Confirmation Retreat: Yes  No

Confirmation Liturgy \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Liturgy: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sacristan: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Choir Director/s \_\_\_\_\_

Booklet: Yes  No

Gathering Song: \_\_\_\_\_

Procession of Symbols: Yes  No

Confirmation Challenge 2024

Name of Student/s who will speak about their response: \_\_\_\_\_

Rite of Confirmation

Music to Accompany Anointing: \_\_\_\_\_

Music & Choir:

If School Choir

Class Groups Involved \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Director/s \_\_\_\_\_

If Parish Choir:

Name of Director/s \_\_\_\_\_

Concluding Rites

Closing Song: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other Relevant information:

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