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Dear Parents,

Confirmation Mass-Thursday May 15th at 7.30pm.

The confirmation is now very near. Would you please note the following points:

1. Confirmation names and names of sponsors. If you have not submitted these already would you please do so to Monica Cahill (catechist) (01689 821423) as **we now urgently need these details.**

2. Confirmation rehearsal – Monday May 12th at 6.45pm in church (until **8.00pm**). We should like sponsors to be at this rehearsal – we realize that this may not be possible in all cases. If a sponsor is unable to be at the rehearsal a substitute would be appreciated who can let sponsors know what their duties are on the night. **All confirmees MUST be at this rehearsal.** Baptismal certificates etc. will be returned during the evening.

3. **Confirmation evening.** All confirmees **and sponsors (only)** meet in the Social Centre (NOT church) at **7.0pm prompt.** Dress: smart casual (no jeans, trainers or tee shirts please.)

The young people will be seated with their sponsors at the front of the church. No photography or videoing, please, until the end of Mass.

4. Immediately after Mass, Bishop Paul will be pleased to meet the young people and families in the Social Centre and I am grateful to the CWL for serving refreshments.

5. **Confirmation re-union Mass and Party- Saturday June 14th.** This is for all those who are being confirmed on May 15th (only). The young people will be preparing and presenting the 6.0pm Mass on Saturday June 14th at 6.00pm and we ask them to arrive at 4.30pm to help prepare Mass. The Mass will be followed by a party in the Social Centre. This is an important part of the confirmation programme and the catechists expect full attendance. We are keen to involve our young people as fully as possible in the worshipping life of the parish and I know you will fully support this aim. The evening will end at 9.00pm.

On your behalf I should like to thank the catechists – Monica, Frances, Angela, Rosa, Ann and Chris - for working so hard in preparing the young people. It has been a joy to work with your sons/daughters and they are a great credit to you. Please continue to encourage them in their faith, and, in particular, encourage them to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) before confirmation.

Thank you for your support!

Yours sincerely, Fr Bryan