

The Catholic Parishes of  
St Peter in Chains, Inverkeithing  
and  
Ss John & Columba's, Rosyth

CONFIRMATION  
&  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
PROGRAMME 2017



Please complete and return the attached  
**Application Form** to  
the Parish Office  
by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017.  
Thank you.

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January 2017

Dear Confirmation Candidate,

## **Confirmation Programme 2017**

If you are a practicing Catholic in Primary 4 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. 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 decision. The list of evening sessions attached to this booklet will be one of the ways we can help your parents, and indeed, help each other explore the vocation to be a Christian.

If you join the Confirmation Programme, we the priest, and teachers, 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:

- \* attend Sunday Mass;
- \* complete your homework sessions;
- \* willingly participate and engage with all the activities;
- \* prepare for your important day with prayer.

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

I am really looking forward to sharing the Programme with you and your parents and of course for us all to grow together in faith. Please, if you are ready, ask your parents to complete and return the attached Application Form to me as soon as possible (and certainly no later than Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February) at the Parish Office.

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

All good wishes,

Fr Kevin Dow  
Parish Priest

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Confirmation & First Holy Communion Programme 2017

## Session Dates

- \* **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 7.30pm, Ss John & Columba's Church**  
Introductory Evening for Parents
  
- \* **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 11am, Ss John & Columba's Church**  
Presentation of the Gospels
  
- \* **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 11am, Ss John & Columba's Church**  
Presentation of the Creed
  
- \* ***Easter Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 11.00am, Ss John & Columba's Church***  
*Mass of Easter Day*
  
- \* **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 11am, Ss John & Columba's Church**  
Presentation of the Our Father
  
- \* **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 7.30pm, Ss John & Columba's Church**  
Meeting for Parents
  
- \* **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7.00pm, St Peter in Chains Church**  
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION *Celebrated by Archbishop Cushey*
  
- \* **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 11.00am, Ss John & Columba's Church**  
SACRAMENT OF 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION

**Ongoing progression through the work books sent home from school  
and Mass every weekend!**

If a child lives in a faith filled environment, she learns how to be full of faith  
If a child lives with adults who pray, he learns how to pray  
If a child lives in a home filled with forgiveness, she learns how to forgive  
If a child lives with parents who know Christ, he learns that Jesus is his friend  
If a child grows up celebrating every Sunday, she learns that the Mass is  
everything  
If a child grows up with friends of Jesus, he learns that he too is called to be His  
friend



Loving God help us to teach our children  
that you love us totally and unconditionally.  
Help us to encourage our children to grow in faith and love  
and to learn from our example  
as we seek to follow your Son Jesus every day.  
Give us the courage to pray with our children  
and to share our faith with them  
as we journey together.  
**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

A copy of the Archdiocesan  
**Policy for the Sacramental Initiation for children** can be obtained from:  
[http://www.archdiocese-  
edinburgh.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=282&Itemid=192](http://www.archdiocese-edinburgh.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=282&Itemid=192)

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## Confirmation and First Holy Communion Programme 2017

Please complete this form and return it to the Parish Office by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Thank you.

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

Candidate's full name .....

Date of birth .....

Parent's/Guardian's names .....

Address  
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.....Postcode .....

Email ..... Parents' email .....

Telephone number (Home) ..... Parents' Mobile .....

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 Kevin if you're unsure what to do.)- **If presented for Reconciliation recently – please ignore***

**I choose to commit myself to preparing well for Confirmation this year, and will be happy to attend all the appropriate sessions**

**(signed – Candidate)**.....

### Parent/Guardian

**I agree to my child being prepared for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion and promise to attend the parental meetings and to assist them in their preparation workbooks along with bringing them to Mass every weekend.**

**Signed (Parent/Guardian)** .....

**Name (Print)** ..... **Date** .....