

PORTLAOISE PARISH



Confirmation 2020 Commitment Form

Important dates for your diary!

Meeting with Parents	Thur., 26th September	8pm
Commitment Mass	Sat., 19th October	6.30pm
Remembering our Dead	Sat., 16th November	6.30pm
Advent Mass	Sat., 7th December	6.30pm
Christmas Mass	Tue., 24th December	6.30pm

Confirmation Ceremonies

Holy Family Senior School	Friday, 28th February	3pm
The Heath NS, Ratheniska NS, St. Francis & other schools	Saturday, 29th February	11.30am
Scoil Bhríde & Gaelscoil	Saturday, 29th February	2.30pm

Parish Novena

Friday 28th February to Saturday 7th March
All confirmation families welcome to attend.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Parish Church next year. The Parish provides Albs (a white garment) which the Confirmation Candidates wear over their own clothes on the day hence the need to get measurements (see last page).

Please complete this form and return with a copy of baptismal cert (if required) and the correct size for Alb. We do ask for a donation of €20 to cover expenses relating to the Confirmation programme and to cover provision and cleaning of the Confirmation Alb. This may accompany the enrolment form or be given anytime over the course of the programme.

Yours sincerely,

Monsignor John Byrne, P.P.

On behalf of the Parish Team



What is RUAH? RUAH is the new Confirmation preparation initiative in Portlaoise. RUAH is an ancient word, used in the Old Testament to describe the spirit of God. Confirmation is about receiving the fullness of the Spirit of God.

The time of preparation for this moment is a sacred time, a time which is important, in the life of the young person, their families, school communities and indeed the parish. It is, therefore, appropriate that we take this time of preparation seriously. Not just to prepare for the ceremony but also to prepare for the candidate's new life in the Spirit. We wish to give all our candidates for Confirmation the best experience of what it means to be a full disciple of Jesus Christ, to be a full member of his Church and of our parish community.

The programme involves a series of four talks, one in October, one in November, one in January and one in February. Dates to be confirmed. It will also include a Confirmation retreat, which will take place after the Confirmation Ceremony. It is also expected that the Confirmation Candidates attend Mass on Sundays as much as they can, and there will be specific Masses during this time of preparation that we will ask the candidates to attend.

Please, keep this page for your diary



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must be completed and left to Class Teacher before 23rd September.

ENROLMENT OF CANDIDATE

I wish to enrol in Portlaoise Parish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2020. I know that in doing so I am also making a commitment to engage with the RUAH programme.

Signed _____ Date _____

For Parents / Guardians

My child has enrolled in Portlaoise Parish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2020 with my permission. I will make every effort to support my child in their commitment to the RUAH programme.

Signed _____

Date _____

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**My child is baptised:**

Yes ☐

No ☐

**Place of Baptism (Town/ Country):** .....

**Date of Baptism (year at least):** .....

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**PLEASE NOTE**

**A copy of Baptismal Certificate has to be attached to the enrolment form.**

**If your child was baptised in Portlaoise Parish (Portlaoise, Heath, Ratheniska) you DO NOT need to produce a Baptismal Certificate, but complete the form with the date and place of Baptism.**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IN CAPITAL LETTERS**

**Full Name of Child** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
First name and Surname please

**Mother's Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
First name and Surname please

**Parent/Guardian mobile no.** \_\_\_\_\_

*All details given are confidential and will only be used for our records and to send out text in relation to Confirmation preparation programme.*

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Candidates will be invited to decide on a Confirmation Name at a later date. You are encouraged to take the name of a Saint or a person from the Bible who inspires you in some way.

Gown Size Required

Please tick which gown size you require (Please note that all gowns are loose fitting and all are the same width, only length varies).

Measurement from base of neck to just above the ankle.

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| Gown 0: | 109cm (42.9 inches) | ☐ |
| Gown 1: | 115cm (45.3 inches) | ☐ |
| Gown 2: | 120cm (47.2 inches) | ☐ |
| Gown 3: | 128cm (50.4 inches) | ☐ |
| Gown 4: | 135cm (53.1 inches) | ☐ |
| Gown 5: | 141cm + (55.5 inches) | ☐ |