



2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we are all aware the year 2020 has thrown us many curve balls and has asked us to be patient in ways that we never imagined before. The current pandemic has greatly affected the life of our parish and indeed, how we practice our faith.

In previous years the dates for the celebration of Confirmation would have been announced at the beginning of September and we would have already invited the candidates to many Masses as preparation for the receiving of the sacrament. All of this has proved to be impossible given the current restrictions, which look likely to affect the first half of 2021 as well.

With all of this in mind we hope to celebrate Confirmation before the end of the school year (1st July). We do not have any more details as of yet but we aim to keep all families informed as soon as details can be finalised. With this in mind, we invite you now to enrol your child for Confirmation. As much of our preparation will take place virtually the information you provide will be vital in preparing your child to receive the sacrament in 2021.

John Byrne, P.R.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IN CAPITAL LETTERS
and bring it back to the teacher**

Full Name of Child: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Teacher: _____

My child is baptised yes no

Place of baptism (Town/Country) _____

Date of baptism (year at least) _____

A copy of the Baptismal Certificate needs to be provided to the Parish Centre no later than **Friday 28th March**, only if your child was not baptised in Portlaoise Parish (Portlaoise, The Heath, Ratheniska).

Father's Full Name: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____

Parent/Guardian mobile number: _____

Parent/Guardian
email address: _____



ENROLMENT OF CANDIDATE

I wish to enrol in Portlaoise Parish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2021. I know that in doing so I am also making a commitment to engage in the preparation to receive the sacrament.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

For Parents / Guardians

My child has enrolled in Portlaoise Parish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2021 with my permission. I will make every effort to support my child in their commitment to prepare for the sacrament.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

I give permission for Portlaoise Parish to contact me in relation to Confirmation preparation and up to date details.

Please tick

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.