

Parents Details

PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITAL LETTERS

Father's Name:.....Roman Catholic: Yes No

Mother's Name:.....Roman Catholic: Yes No

Carer's Name:Roman Catholic: Yes No

Address:.....

.....Post Code:

Father's Phone Number :

Mother's Phone Number:

Mother's e-mail:.....

Father's e-mail:.....

Please indicate the Sunday Mass you regularly attend at St. Mary's:

Please answer the following questions by ticking the appropriate box:

Does your child have any special needs? (This could include allergies, learning difficulties, disabilities.....)

If yes please state:..... Yes No

Declaration of Commitment

By signing this declaration, I agree to fully participate in the Spiritual journey.

Candidate's Signature:.....

Print Name:.....Date:

By signing this declaration, I agree to fully support my child in his/her preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation by attending all the sessions including a retreat.

Parent/Carer Signature:.....

Print Name:.....Date:.....

Enclosures

£50.00 fee

Baptism Certificate

First Holy Communion Certificate

Checked by.....

Date received

St Mary's Church
70 Wellesley Road, CR0 2AR

Confirmation Sponsor Form

You have been asked to be a Confirmation sponsor. This is a great privilege. As a sponsor, you will extend in a personal way our Catholic Community's welcome and support. Through your companionship with the candidate, you will pass on the spirit of community and God's loving presence as she/he prepares to confirm her/his faith through the Sacrament. Thank you for accepting the call.

Requirement for Sponsors

The Code of Canon Law establishes the following. Sponsors must:

- Be at least 16 years old, Baptized and Confirmed in the Catholic faith
- Be an active Catholic: "An active Catholic is one who attends Sunday and Holy Day Masses regularly and participated in the Sacramental life of the Church." This form must be stamped with the official parish seal of which the sponsor belongs in order for the document to be valid. A letter from the sponsor's Priest is an alternative proof of attendance.
- Not be a parent of the candidate
- Be available to attend sponsor meetings or have a proxy available
(a proxy may not be the candidate's parent)

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Candidate's Name: _____

Sponsor Information

Name: _____ *Age:* _____

Address: _____

_____ *Post Code:* _____

Registered Parishioner of (parish name): _____

Home phone _____ *Mobile phone* _____

Email address: _____

Parish of Baptism _____

I understand the responsibilities that I am undertaking and have both the desire and the intention to fulfil them.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AND SPONSORSHIP

Responsibilities of a sponsor

- † The primary responsibility of the sponsor is to provide the candidate prayerful support and guidance in his or her Christian walk and to “take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfils the obligations inherent in this sacrament” (canon 892).
- † Being a sponsor is a lifelong commitment. A sponsor takes on the role of a spiritual parent who “brings the candidate to receive the sacrament, presents him to the minister for the anointing, and will later help him to fulfil his baptismal promises faithfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit” (*Rite of Confirmation* 5).
- † Some of the responsibilities of a sponsor to the candidate before confirmation:
- † Be a convinced, enthusiastic Catholic who lives a life of faith, and is committed to fulfilling the responsibilities of a sponsor.
- † Pray regularly for and with the candidate, showing him/her how to pray by example.
- † Attend all the confirmation classes, retreats, or special liturgies offered.
- † Cultivate a supportive and encouraging relationship with the confirmand.
- † Be involved in the catechetical preparation of the candidate with great heart and dedication.
- † Have knowledge of the personal faith of the candidate and share your own faith experience.
- † Lead and guide the candidate to a personal relationship with the Lord and to a deeper familiarity “with the Holy Spirit—his actions, his gifts, and his biddings—in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life” (CCC 1309).

Responsibilities after Confirmation

- † Maintain regular contact with the confirmed by person, phone, email. Also, sending a card on the anniversary of his/her confirmation.
- † Pray regularly for the confirmed and when possible pray with him/her.
- † Help the confirmed to learn how to experience a deeper prayer life (e.g. eucharistic adoration).
- † Encourage participation in the life of the Church, especially through his/her parish.
- † Continue ongoing catechesis (e.g., sharing good books) and be available for questions.
- † Help the confirmed to understand how to bear witness to Christ in the world and to fulfil his/her baptismal promises faithfully through the Holy Spirit.