

November 2017

## **Confirmation Programme 2018**

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s)

The Confirmation Programme begins on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 with a meeting for parents and candidates in the parish centre at 7.30pm. (entrance in Oldham Terrace) At this meeting you will get the chance to meet the team of catechists and for us to outline the course to you, and also a chance for the team to meet your son/daughter.

The Enrolment Mass takes place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 10.30am.

The Monday evening sessions start on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.15pm – 8.30pm in the Parish centre. A full schedule of dates is outlined in the pack.

There will be three Saturday retreat days.

The first retreat day is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at Hillingdon Outdoor Activity Centre. This is a team building day where the candidates will take part in different team building activities. The candidates will travel to the centre by coach. The Parish will pay for transport to the centre.

The second retreat day will be part of their service project, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018. We will make a pilgrimage from the doors of Acton Homeless Concern to Westminster Cathedral. Candidates will complete a sponsored walk to raise funds for Acton Homeless Concern. More information on this will be given at the parent's meeting.

The third retreat day is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The retreat will take place at the Parish Centre.

The total cost of the retreat days will be £40.

The Confirmation Ceremony will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 3pm.

The programme ends with the Going Forth Mass on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 6pm.

The candidates will also be expected to attend and minister (i.e: read) during the Youth masses which are held on the first Sunday of each month at 6pm, throughout the programme.

The Confirmation Candidates will need to be in **year 10** or above. If your son or daughter wishes to be considered for preparation for Confirmation we will need the following:

1. Email to [acton@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:acton@rcdow.org.uk) to register your son/ daughter, your email must contain the following information - Candidates full name. Your full name, please indicate if Parent/ Guardian. Email address you wish to be contacted on. Your contact number.
2. Completed paper application form (with the title "Application form for confirmation programme 2018").
3. **Copy** of the candidate's Baptismal certificate (Please send a copy only not the original certificate).
4. Cheque for total of £40 for the retreat days, which are heavily subsidized by the parish (made payable to Our Lady of Lourdes).
5. 3 Completed retreat consent forms.

Confirmation application forms must be handed back into the parish office by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017**.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Annette Brazier and the Catechist Team**