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Confirmation Update.

5th May 2021

Dear Parent/s,

After the recent announcement from the Diocesan Office Fr. Paul Fraser has announced that Confirmation will now take place on Saturday 26th June 2012.

Due to the public health guidance and the social distancing requirements – there will still be two services at 1pm and at 3pm on the day. The date has been amended so that Confirmation takes place at the end of the school year for P7 and to prevent any spread of Covid – 19 among our pupils in school.

The P7’s making their Confirmation have been already divided alphabetically into two groups of 21 and the Confirmation Mass you and your child are to attend remains as before. All families will be allowed to have 6 people in attendance and both ceremonies will be streamed online if you have larger family groups.

To help with your child’s preparation Fr. Paul Fraser has asked you bring your child to Sunday Mass now as many pupils have been unable to attend during the pandemic. He is also having a special Mass as detailed in the letter from Fr. Paul also included.

Further details are available from the Parish Newsletter on the Parish website.

Yours sincerely

Brian Mc Gurk Principal

2nd May 2021

**The Sacraments of Confirmation – Summer 2021**

**Dear Parent/s**

The public health situation in the North remains unpredictable. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on the P7 children in St Patrick’s, Castlederg on **Saturday 26th June** at 1pm and 3pm. The pupils have been divided into two groups so that each child will be able to invite a maximum of six people who should all be from the same social ‘bubble’. I would encourage parents to act responsibly in relation to the celebrations they arrange following the Confirmation ceremony.

In preparation for these Sacraments **the children and their parents** are invited to attend Mass in St Patrick’s Church as follows:

P7 – Thursday 27th May at 7.30pm

At these Masses you will be given important information about the way in which we intend to celebrate safely these special days in the lives of your children and of our parish. As part of their preparation for Confirmation it is expected that each family will make a special effort to attend Mass on the weekends, remembering that you need to book by email: castledergparish@derrydiocese.org

In your email you should indicate how many people will be in your group and also state clearly which Mass you would like to attend. Weekend Masses in Castlederg for the coming months are as follows:

**6pm – every Saturday**

**11am – Sunday 9th and 23rd May; 13th and 27th June**

Thank you for your cooperation during these unpredictable times! I assure you that I will do everything possible to proceed with the arrangements described above. In spite of this, we must all be mindful of the fact that the situation could change at short notice.

Wishing you and your families every blessing.

Fr Paul Fraser