

Parish of St Thomas More Church, Dulwich

Confirmation 2024 Application Form

dulwichconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk

Where there is more than one child joining, please fill out a form for **each** child. Please email your form to the above e-mail or hand it into the Parish Office by **Sunday 11th February**

Candidate's name	
Age and School Year	
Parents' / Guardians' names	
Parents'/Guardians' mobile numbers	
Parent's Email address to be used for all communication from Confirmation Team	
Family home post code	
Child's date and place of Baptism (Please supply copy of baptismal certificate if this was not in St Thomas More Parish)	
Any additional information we should know about (e.g. special educational needs, disability, allergies)	

GDPR NOTE: We will keep your details on file for as long as you consider yourself to be a member of the parish. If you move away, please let us know and we will remove your data.

What you need to know

Any young person currently year 9+ who resides within the Parish boundaries or used to reside in the parish but still regularly attends the Masses and service at St Thomas More, can sign-up. All sessions, unless otherwise communicated, will take place in the John Paul Centre, behind our Church. All Catechists will have a DBS clearance.

Programme and content

We will be using videos from “Alpha Youth”, exploring the most important aspects of our faith, with additional input and discussions along the way. There will be **12 sessions** in total, including a reconciliation service on Wednesday 15th May ahead of our Confirmation Mass.

The **Saturday afternoon double session** on 4th May (2-3 hrs exact time tbc) is the only other exception to our general meeting slot at 4-5pm on a Sunday afternoon. This double session will provide a special opportunity to journey deeper together in prayer and fellowship, and will also involve food and games.

Sessions

- Sunday 25th February 4pm – Session 1
- Sunday 3rd March 4pm - Session 2
- Sunday 10th March 4pm - Session 3
- Sunday 17th March 4pm - Session 4
- Sunday 24th March 4pm (Palm Sunday) - Session 5
-break for Holy Week and Easter holidays-
- Sunday 21st April 4pm - Session 6
- Sunday 28th April 4pm - Session 7
- Saturday 4th May afternoon (time tbc) – Sessions 8 & 9
- Sunday 5th May 4pm – Session 10
- Sunday 12th May 4pm – Session 11
- Wednesday 15th May 6:45pm – Reconciliation Service
- Confirmation Mass – Thursday 23rd May 2024

Attendance

Our candidates will be expected to attend every session. We kindly ask you to book all of the above dates in the diary and to communicate any unavoidable reasonable absences as soon as possible. Please make special note of the Saturday double session on May 4th. If any candidate is consistently absent, we will have to sadly consider their withdrawal from the programme.

We ask that **parents** attend only the first session that will take place in the Church February 25th at 4pm, after which the young people should come by themselves.

A note on the importance of choice

It is our hope that all of our candidates will desire to complete the programme and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, however our course is designed in such a way, particularly with our Youth Alpha input, to give the candidates an opportunity to make an informed conscious decision to do so. In any case where a candidate feels he or she would not like to continue we would like to respect this choice.