

PASTORAL GUIDANCE FOR

# The Preparation and Celebration of Confirmation 2018



**GIFTS  
OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT**

Wisdom  
Understanding  
Counsel  
Fortitude  
Knowledge  
Piety  
Fear of the Lord



**FRUITS  
OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT**

Love  
Joy  
Peace  
Patience  
Kindness  
Goodness  
Trustfulness  
Gentleness  
Self-control

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# 1 Liturgy

## 1.0 FOREWORD

The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the sacraments of Christian initiation. Two words particularly require our attention: *initiation* and *sacrament*.

As a rite of *initiation*, Confirmation is necessarily received after Baptism and, at least logically, prior to our first reception of Holy Communion, which is the summit and completion of our initiation into sharing fully in the life of the Church. It is right, then, that the day of Confirmation in the parish is a celebration by and in the community of the children being confirmed.

Confirmation is also a *sacrament*. This Catholic expression means ‘God is doing something here.’ In Confirmation, God is sending his Holy Spirit into the lives of the children who are confirmed. So there is more going on than a ‘rite of passage’ that the community might devise to celebrate its children growing up. At the heart of the Rite is the moment of God’s action, where the community is simply present, albeit praying, while God does what only God can do - bestow the Holy Spirit.

The *Order of Confirmation* presents a depth and breadth of options for both the preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This set of guidelines for the preparation and celebration of Confirmation liturgies is full of details and helpful pointers. Behind the details in these guidelines, there is the attempt to bring people together for a genuine community celebration while also leading them into an experience of God present-and-powerful in their midst. We need ‘space’ for the community and ‘space’ for God.

I am grateful to the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, the Diocesan Coordinator of Liturgy and Ministry, and those who have helped in ‘road-testing’ some of the ideas and forms presented here. I thank prospectively all those who will use these guidelines to help them produce wonderful celebrations of this great sacrament.

*+ Brian Mascord*

**Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD**  
Bishop of Wollongong

## 1.1 CHOICE OF LITURGY

When Confirmation is celebrated **within Mass**, preference is to be given to the Mass of the day – the readings and proper – especially on Sundays.

If there is a significant pastoral concern about the appropriateness of the readings of the day, please contact the Liturgy Office to discuss this, well before it is time to send in your liturgy.

When Confirmation is celebrated **without Mass**, prayers and readings would normally be from the *Order of Confirmation*.

Templates are provided for both forms of liturgy at [www.liturgydow.org.au/confirmation.html](http://www.liturgydow.org.au/confirmation.html)

Parishes **are asked to consider** using the *Order for the Conferral of Confirmation without Mass* when the celebration is scheduled for a weekday.

Communion takes place on Sunday (Vigil included) – the Lord’s Day – and in the presence of the worshipping community. It therefore does not normally accompany Confirmation when it is celebrated on a weekday.

In keeping with the presumption made in the *Order of Confirmation*, candidates **do not** process in at the beginning of the liturgy, especially when confirmation takes place at the normal parish Sunday Mass.

The parish liturgy takes precedence at the normal parish Sunday Mass. The community gathers as usual, including candidates for confirmation. The latter are already members of the community by virtue of their baptism. The *Order of Confirmation* assumes the entrance procession takes place as normal. This is a clearer symbol of our understanding of confirmation as part of the larger process of initiation.

Confirmations are celebrations of the whole community. They are not children’s liturgies. Therefore the *Children’s Lectionary* and *Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children* **are not to be used**. Ideally, preparation for these sacraments would include prayer and reflection with the texts used by the whole community.

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To prioritise thorough and thoughtful preparation of the liturgy that includes consideration of the local community, those preparing confirmation **liturgies are to make all the liturgical choices required** e.g. the choice of elements in the Introductory Rite and the Eucharistic Prayer. As always the discretion of the presider in these matters remains.

The choice of 'The Asperges' in the Introductory Rite and the use of water from the baptismal font **is recommended**. This highlights the essential unity of the Sacraments of Initiation. Also, a procession of symbols is an option in the Introductory Rites when celebrating *Confirmation without Mass*.

When using water from the baptismal font **the blessing prayer is omitted**. A suggested Introductory Statement is included in the liturgy templates. This statement would be used instead of one from the Missal as the latter presumes that a blessing prayer follows.

To strengthen the power of our symbols, when water from the baptismal font is used, the Bishop/presider goes to the font and takes the water from the font rather than the water being brought to him. If additional ministers are involved in the sprinkling, the Bishop/presider draws water from the font and gives it to each minister.

Rites variously called 'Witness/commitment of Parents and Sponsors' **are not** to be included in the confirmation liturgy. Such rites belong at the beginning of the preparation for confirmation.

## 1.2 PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

At Confirmation the candidates are called forth by name, one at a time. *They do not present themselves; they are called forth*. They come to Confirmation not as a testimony of their action but as a reminder of God's action. This ritual moment thus reflects the truth of all Christian initiation: the initiative does not rest with the individuals, but with God.

When called by name, each candidate stands as the focus of attention for the bishop and the entire assembly (*Order of Confirmation*, 21).

## 1.3 PROFESSION OF FAITH

The 'Renewal of Baptismal Promises' from the *Order of Confirmation* **is to be used**. It is important that each candidate understands clearly the basic tenets of our faith and is able to respond with clarity and commitment to the questions asked of him or her during the Confirmation ceremony. An explanation of this creedal statement, the Profession of Faith in the Rite of Confirmation, is an important part of the preparation for Confirmation. "To believe in Him means to do his will." (St Irenaeus)

**NB: Please ensure that your catechesis spends time explaining the fundamentals of the faith that the ritual Profession of Faith highlights in the Confirmation ceremony.**

## 1.4 MODE OF CELEBRATION

Depending on numbers and the physical arrangement of your church, I would like you to have the child and sponsor at the end of a seat which contains the family, thus allowing me to go down the aisle and Confirm the candidates in their places as they stand facing me. This also means those at the back of the Church are not disadvantaged. The whole family in that row can also stand so they can see better. This has the advantage of allowing each family, who would stand at that moment, to witness their child's Confirmation. It also allows me to acknowledge the family. The number of candidates may require the use of more than the centre aisle. In my experience, this works well.

## 1.5 THE ACTUAL CONFIRMATION

I will use the parish supply and container of Chrism.

At the moment of Confirmation, the candidate should have my full, unhurried, undisturbed attention, so that he or she may be aware of the Sacrament being celebrated and not be distracted by anything peripheral to this.

Therefore, **please ensure** before the ceremony that the sponsor knows to put the **right hand** on the candidate's **right shoulder**; that the candidate knows to answer "**Amen**" to the sacramental formula, "**and with your spirit**" to the caress of peace. While this all seems so simple, in my experience many candidates seem to freeze at this moment, preventing the sacramental action and dialogue from flowing naturally.

Some **soft** music during the Confirming, or the Taize chant "Veni Sancte Spiritus," – or something similar to allow a prayerful atmosphere to be open to the coming of the Holy Spirit – enhances the celebration more than a number of hymns loudly sung.

I have also found it is difficult to anoint a girl on the forehead if she is wearing a hat. You may need to point out that **it is better if a girl does not wear a hat or headband for Confirmation**, or at least remove it for the moment of Confirmation.

After Confirming all the candidates, to clean my hand of the Chrism, I simply need **a single slice of lemon** because it is the best agent to neutralise the oil, as well as some soap and water.

## 1.6 MUSIC

I recommend singing during the *Entrance*, *Recessional* and *Sprinkling* processions. I also recommend singing the *Responsorial Psalm* and *Gospel Acclamation*, and soft music or chant during the *Anointing with Chrism*. When celebrated within

Mass, I recommend singing *Holy Holy*, *Acclamation* after the Consecration, *Amen* at the end of the Doxology and *Lamb of God*, if possible, as well as appropriate hymns for the *Procession of the Offerings* and the *Communion Procession*.

Music recommendations are included in the booklet "Music Recommendations: Confirmation." Additional resources for music, including song lyrics and sheet music for "Receive the Power" are available at:

[www.liturgydow.org.au/confirmation.html](http://www.liturgydow.org.au/confirmation.html)

## 1.7 ASSISTANCE AT CELEBRATION

Candidates for confirmation **do not** exercise additional liturgical ministries within the liturgy. They participate fully, actively and consciously in the liturgy as members of the assembly and as candidates for confirmation.

It is my custom to wear the mitre and carry the pastoral staff while Confirming each candidate. Hence I require a priest, deacon, acolyte or adult server beside me to hold the Chrism.

## 1.8 AFTER CONFIRMATION

I like to greet the people and Candidates, either outside the church or wherever you suggest, after the Confirmation Liturgy.

I am willing to pose for photographs in groups or individually, in or outside the church or in the hall.

Titles such as "My Lord" or "Your Lordship" are really archaic in this day and age. I would like you to introduce me and refer to me as "Bishop Brian."

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# 2 Other Matters Related to Confirmation

## 1.9 LITURGY OUTLINE & BOOKLET

Liturgies are to be sent to the Coordinator of Liturgy at the Office of the Bishop **at least three weeks prior to your Confirmation celebration**. Any queries should be directed to Mr Paul Mason 4222 2462. The form for submitting the Liturgy Outline and Briefing for Bishop is available at: [www.liturgydow.org.au/confirmation.html](http://www.liturgydow.org.au/confirmation.html)

Please fill out the form online or forward a printed copy of the form, including a master copy of the liturgy for the Bishop in A4 size (see templates), the people's booklet, the Universal Prayer of the Faithful, and the PowerPoint presentation. Please note that the **Liturgy Outline Form** is to be **reviewed by the Parish Priest** prior to submission. The Liturgy Office will insert the Master copy of the liturgy provided into Bishop Brian's Folder, which he will bring with him to the celebration.

Support in preparing the confirmation liturgy is available from the Liturgy Office. Please make contact with Mr Paul Mason by phone or email well in advance of the time the Liturgy Outline and Briefing for Bishop is due to be sent.

## 2 Other Matters

### 2.1 THE SPONSOR

Ideally, the sponsor chosen should be the person who undertook this role at Baptism, thus emphasising the important link between Baptism and Confirmation and highlighting the function and responsibility of the sponsor (*cf* canons 892-893). Nonetheless, the option of choosing a special sponsor for Confirmation, other than the baptismal godparent, is not excluded. While the *Rite of Confirmation*, art. 5, does not exclude parents from presenting their children, it is my wish that in our Diocese a sponsor other than the parent be chosen. Article 6 of the Rite highlights the qualities required by a person acting as a sponsor.

The example that one has to be a full member of a Leagues Club or RSL to sponsor a new member is the same principle that the Church has always had, that a fully-initiated Catholic is necessary to be able to sponsor a candidate for Baptism or Confirmation.

Note: Of course, **be alert that any candidates baptised in Maronite, Ukrainian, Chaldean or Melkite Eastern Catholic Rites have usually already been Confirmed at Baptism and cannot be presented to receive Confirmation again**, even though they will need to benefit from, and share in, the preparatory catechesis available to other candidates.

**Special Greetings** may be included in the confirmation liturgy to acknowledge these people. This Greeting would be offered in the Concluding Rite. Those to be presented to the bishop could be accompanied by their sponsors/godparents. A way of doing this is included in the confirmation liturgy templates.

It is important to **check baptism certificates of the candidates**, and especially double-check Lebanese names and Ukrainian children. A recent complaint by Eastern Rite Catholic Bishops in Australia highlights the sensitivity needed here, as well as awareness of a possible invalid celebration of Confirmation. In the Syro-Malabar Rite, Confirmation is sometimes conferred at Baptism. Any children of Indian parents from Kerala who were not confirmed at Baptism, may be confirmed.

### 2.2 CONFIRMATION NAME

The *Order of Confirmation* presumes that Confirmation **confirms the baptismal name**. Candidates wishing to adopt a saint's name for Confirmation are in fact choosing a patron or mentor for Christian life. The name of a special patron saint is added to our baptismal name at Confirmation to signify the special step of Confirmation. In no way does it overshadow our primary Christian name chosen at Baptism.

# Appendices

Learning about the life and example of the saint whose name is taken, is part of the candidate's preparation. Candidates may, if they wish, choose the name of a saint of either gender.

## 2.3 CERTIFICATES

The Bishop's name should be printed on the certificates which are signed by the Parish Priest. Certificates **are to be presented by Sponsors** in the Concluding Rite or at the community gathering after the liturgy.

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## 2.5 MINISTRY AUTHORISATION - SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

All Sacramental Preparation Coordinators and Sacramental Team Members are required to:

- Have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC),
- Have a Minister Engagement Form (MEF) authorising their ministry for a service period no longer than the expiry of their WWCC,
- Undertake Diocesan Ministry Training and Formation in:
  - » The Celebration of Confirmation,
  - » Child Protection,
  - » Ongoing ministry formation.

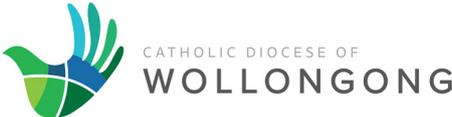
**NB: Changes to Preparation Materials:** Please use the same names as in the *Order of Confirmation* when instructing candidates about the **gifts of the Spirit** and the same names as in the *Jerusalem Bible and Lectionary* for the **fruits of the Spirit** (Gal 5:22).

## 2.6 YEAR 6 GATHERING & PRAYER WITH BISHOP BRIAN

While it is not possible for me to visit the candidates in advance, the regional pastoral meetings with Year 6 students in Catholic Schools are meant to help compensate for this.

# Appendices

- Template 1: Order for the Conferral of Confirmation without Mass.
- Template 2: Order for the Conferral of Confirmation within Mass (Sunday celebrations).
- Template 3: Introductory Rites including option for Presentation of Symbols (for use with Template 1: Order for the Conferral of Confirmation without Mass).
- Form 1: Liturgy Outline and Briefing for Bishop for Confirmation without Mass.
- Form 2: Liturgy Outline and Briefing for Bishop for Confirmation within Mass.





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Appendix 1 – Template 1  
Order for the Conferral of  
Confirmation without Mass

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## Template Notes

This master template is offered for your assistance. It provides you with the general structure and formatting for the liturgy and much of the text. Additional texts can be copied from the *Order of Confirmation*, which is available at [www.liturgyhelp.com](http://www.liturgyhelp.com). It is for you to adapt to suit your community.

These notes are to be deleted to make space for other things you wish to include on the inside cover.

This template:

- is for Confirmation without Mass;
- is a Master Copy template and therefore includes all the structure and elements of the liturgy and detailed rubrics that explain everything that is to happen;
- presumes there is no deacon. Adjustments will need to be made if there is a deacon present;
- when viewed electronically in Microsoft Word, the styles listed at the top of the page are embedded into the template. Using these will make formatting easier. To amend a style, modify it in the list of styles and it will automatically be amended throughout the document.

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- **green text gives directions for you and should be deleted from your Master Copy;**
- when inserting other liturgical texts retain the sense lines of the text

Please consider the parish practice regarding 'Acknowledgement of Country' and include this ahead of the gathering hymn as appropriate.

Optional elements for our diocese are included in the appendices of the diocesan *Guidelines for the Preparation of the Sacrament of Confirmation*. These are:

- 'Ritual for the Presentation of Symbols' which may be included in the Introductory Rite for the *Order of Confirmation Without Mass*.

Please upload your Master Copy of the liturgy with your Preparation Checklist. We will print it and insert in the Confirmation Presider's folder.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any of this, please contact me.

With thanks,

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# The Introductory Rites

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**Gathering Hymn**      *Please stand*

*Place rubrics regarding the procession here.*

*Insert words to hymn here.*

## Greeting

Bishop: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Bishop: Peace be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

## Introduction

Under normal circumstances this is the opportunity for a brief introduction to the liturgy, either by the presider, or it could involve a welcome to the Bishop from the community.

If however, in lieu of the bishop, another bishop or priest has been delegated to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Letter of Delegation is read by the most appropriate leader in the parish. e.g. the parish priest if he is not the delegate, or if he is the delegate, the letter might be read by the chair of the Parish Pastoral Council. In this circumstance the introductory comments and/or welcome would follow the reading of the Letter of Delegation.

Please add rubrics to indicate what is happening.

## The Asperges – Rite for Sprinkling with Holy Water

*The bishop moves to stand near the Baptismal Font. A server has the vessels to be filled with holy water.*

Bishop: Dear friends, we come together to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, an important step in the process of Christian Initiation.

May this baptismal water remind us of the promises we made at our baptism. As we use it in this sprinkling rite, let us, through the power of God's Spirit, be healed of our brokenness and renewed in faithfulness and love.

*The bishop takes water from the font and moves through the Church sprinkling the community with holy water. Music or an appropriate refrain accompanies the ritual action.*

Insert words to any refrain being used here.

*Upon returning the bishop goes to the font, tips the remaining water in and then returns to the chair. When all is ready he continues.*

Bishop: May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

## Collect

Bishop: Let us pray

*Pause for silent prayer*

Insert the text for the Collect keeping the sense lines as set out in the Order of Confirmation, #35, 58-60.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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## Celebration of God's Word

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### First Reading

A reading from ...

Insert the first reading here.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Pause for quiet reflection.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Insert the Psalm here. Ensure it is set out as it will be prayed. e.g. indicating repeats, cantor parts, assembly parts.

*Pause for quiet reflection.*

### Gospel Acclamation *Please stand*

Insert the Gospel Acclamation here ensuring it is set out as it is to be prayed.

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to ...

Insert the Gospel here.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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# Sacrament of Confirmation

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## Presentation of Candidates

*Please be seated*

*The bishop and other ministers take their seats. The presenter calls each candidate by name. The candidates stand in their places when called and remain standing until invited to sit.*

Amend or extend the rubrics above to indicate what is to happen. Also add any text associated with the Presentation.

## Homily

## Renewal of Baptismal Promises

*After the homily, the bishop invites the candidates to stand and then questions them. The candidates respond together.*

Bishop: ...

Bishop: Do you renounce Satan, and all his works and empty promises?

**Candidates: I do.**

Bishop: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**Candidates: I do.**

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**Candidates: I do.**

Bishop: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who today, through the Sacrament of Confirmation, is given to you in a special way, just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

**Candidates: I do.**

Bishop: Do you believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**Candidates: I do.**

Bishop: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## The Laying on of Hands

*The concelebrating priests stand near the bishop. He faces the people and with hands joined says.*

Bishop: Dearly beloved,  
let us pray to God the almighty Father,  
for these, his adopted sons and daughters,  
already born again to eternal life in Baptism,  
that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them  
to confirm them with his abundant gifts,  
and through his anointing  
conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

*All pray in silence for a short time.*

*The bishop and the priests who will minister the sacrament with him lay hands upon all the candidates (by extending their hands over them).*

*The bishop alone says:*

Bishop: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who brought these your servants to new birth  
by water and the Holy Spirit,  
freeing them from sin:  
send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete;  
give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and fortitude,  
the spirit of knowledge and piety;

fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## The Anointing with Chrism

Amend the following rubrics to outline the process for confirmation.

*The Chrism is brought to the bishop. Each candidate goes to the bishop, or the bishop may go to the individual candidates. The one who presented the candidate places his right hand on the latter's shoulder and gives the candidate's name to the bishop, or the candidate may give his or her own name.*

*The bishop dips his right thumb in the chrism and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed, as he says:*

Bishop: N., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Child: Amen.**

*The bishop touches the cheek of the newly confirmed as a sign of peace.*

Bishop: Peace be with you.

**Child: And with your Spirit.**

*Music or an appropriate hymn may accompany the anointing.*

If a hymn is used it is inserted here.

## The Universal Prayer *Please stand*

Insert Introductory statement and petitions. There is no concluding prayer at the end of the petitions.

## The Recitation of the Lord's Prayer

*Using these or similar words the bishop introduces the Our Father.*

Bishop: My brothers and sisters,  
the power of the Holy Spirit enables us to pray  
and to call God Our Father.  
Let us gather together our petitions,  
praying with one voice,  
as the Lord Jesus Christ taught us.

*The bishop extends his hands, and, together with the Assembly,  
continues:*

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

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## The Concluding Rite

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### Presentation of Certificates

*The bishop addresses the sponsors, inviting them to present the newly confirmed with their certificates.*

### Greeting

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

### Solemn Blessing

Choose either the Solemn Blessing or the Prayer Over the People  
(Order of Confirmation, #49, or Missal pg. 1188)

Bishop: Bow down for the blessing.

Bishop: May God the Father almighty bless you  
whom he has made his sons and daughters  
reborn by the Holy Spirit,  
and may he keep you worthy of his fatherly love.

**All: Amen.**

Bishop: May his Only Begotten Son,  
who promised the Spirit of truth would abide in his Church,  
bless you and confirm you by his power  
in the confession of the true faith.

**All: Amen.**

Bishop: May the Holy Spirit,  
who kindles the fire of charity in the hearts of disciples,  
bless you and lead you blameless and gathered as one,  
into the joy of the Kingdom of God

**All: Amen.**

Bishop: May almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here,  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**OR**

### Prayer Over the People

Bishop: Bow down for the blessing.

Bishop: Confirm O God,  
what you have brought about in us,  
and preserve in the hearts of your faithful  
the gifts of the Holy Spirit:  
may they never be ashamed  
to confess Christ crucified before the world

and by devoted charity  
may they ever fulfil his commands.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

Bishop: May almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here,  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## Dismissal

Bishop: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional Hymn

Insert hymn here

## Acknowledgement

All hymns/mass parts used in the liturgy are to be acknowledged where they occur in the people's booklet or powerpoint. Please see the [template](#) and other resources on the diocesan [website](#) for further information.

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# Organisation sheet

**Presider:**

**Concelebrants:**

**Deacon**

**Servers:**

**Music:**

## **INTRODUCTORY RITE**

**Entrance Procession:**

*Processional Cross:*

*Candles:*

*Book of the Gospels:*

**Introduction:**

**Sprinkling Rite:**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:**

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**Second Reading:**

**Gospel:**

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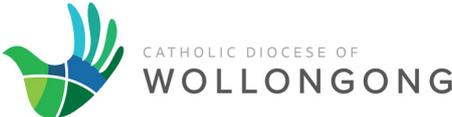
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# The Introductory Rites

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**Gathering Hymn**      *Please stand*

*Place rubrics regarding the procession here.*

*Insert words to hymn here.*

## Greeting

Bishop: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Bishop: Peace be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

## Introduction

Under normal circumstances this is the opportunity for a brief introduction to the liturgy, either by the presider, or it could involve a welcome to the Bishop from the community.

If however, in lieu of the bishop, another bishop or priest has been delegated to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Letter of Delegation is read by the most appropriate leader in the parish. e.g. the parish priest if he is not the delegate, or if he is the delegate, the letter might be read by the chair of the Parish Pastoral Council. In this circumstance the introductory comments and/or welcome would follow the reading of the Letter of Delegation.

Please add rubrics to indicate what is happening.

## The Asperges – Rite for Sprinkling with Holy Water

*The bishop moves to stand near the Baptismal Font. A server has the vessels to be filled with holy water.*

Bishop: Dear friends, we come together to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, an important step in the process of Christian Initiation.

May this baptismal water remind us of the promises we made at our baptism. As we use it in this sprinkling rite, let us, through the power of God's Spirit, be healed of our brokenness and renewed in faithfulness and love.

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Insert words to any refrain being used here.

*Upon returning the bishop goes to the font, tips the remaining water in and then returns to the chair. When all is ready he continues.*

Bishop: May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

## Gloria

The exact words of the sung setting should be reprinted in place of the text below.

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father,  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## Collect

Bishop: Let us pray

*Pause for silent prayer*

*Insert the text for the Collect of the day keeping the sense  
lines as set out in the Missal.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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# The Liturgy of the Word

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## First Reading

A reading from ...

Insert the first reading for the day here.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Pause for quiet reflection.*

## Responsorial Psalm

Insert the Psalm here. Ensure it is set out as it will be prayed. e.g. indicating repeats, cantor parts, assembly parts.

*Pause for quiet reflection.*

## Second Reading

A reading from ...

Insert the second reading here.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Pause for quiet reflection.*

## Gospel Acclamation *Please stand*

Insert the Gospel Acclamation here ensuring it is set out as it is to be prayed.

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to ...

Insert the Gospel here.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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# Sacrament of Confirmation

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## Presentation of Candidates

*Please be seated*

*The bishop and other ministers take their seats. The presenter calls each candidate by name. The candidates stand in their places when called and remain standing until invited to come forward and gather in front of the bishop.*

Amend or extend the rubrics above to indicate what is to happen. Also add any text associated with the Presentation.

## Homily

*The bishop moves to a position in front of the altar and begins his homily, addressing the children who have gathered in front of him. When the bishop concludes his address to the children he will ask them to return to their seats. The bishop will then proceed to address the assembly.*

## Renewal of Baptismal Promises

*After the homily, the bishop invites the candidates to stand and then questions them. The candidates respond together.*

Bishop: ...

Bishop: Do you renounce Satan, and all his works and empty promises?

**Candidates: I do.**

Bishop: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**Candidates: I do.**

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**Candidates: I do.**

Bishop: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who today, through the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to you in a special way, just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

**Candidates: I do.**

Bishop: Do you believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**Candidates: I do.**

Bishop: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Laying on of Hands**

*The concelebrating priests stand near the bishop. He faces the people and with hands joined says.*

Bishop: Dearly beloved,  
let us pray to God the almighty Father,  
for these, his adopted sons and daughters,  
already born again to eternal life in Baptism,  
that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them  
to confirm them with his abundant gifts,

and through his anointing  
conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

*All pray in silence for a short time.*

*The bishop and the priests who will minister the sacrament with him lay hands upon all the candidates (by extending their hands over them).*

*The bishop alone says:*

Bishop: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who brought these your servants to new birth  
by water and the Holy Spirit,  
freeing them from sin:  
send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete;  
give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and fortitude,  
the spirit of knowledge and piety;  
fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## The Anointing with Chrism

Amend the following rubrics to outline the process for confirmation.

*The Chrism is brought to the bishop. Each candidate goes to the bishop, or the bishop may go to the individual candidates. The one who presented the candidate places his right hand on the latter's shoulder and gives the candidate's name to the bishop, or the candidate may give his or her own name.*

*The bishop dips his right thumb in the chrism and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed, as he says:*

Bishop: N., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Child: Amen.**

*The bishop touches the cheek of the newly confirmed as a sign of peace.*

Bishop: Peace be with you.

**Child:**     **And with your Spirit.**

*Music or an appropriate hymn may accompany the anointing.*

If a hymn is used it is inserted here.

**The Universal Prayer**           *Please stand*

Insert introductory statement, petitions and concluding prayer here.

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## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

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### The Preparation of the Offerings

If a hymn is being used for the Preparation of the Offerings it is inserted here. Also if using a hymn or the prayers are being prayed quietly, delete the people's response 'Blessed be God forever' from the following prayers.

*After receiving the bread and wine the bishop and deacons move to the altar, where the bishop takes the vessel holding the bread, and holding it slightly above the altar, says inaudibly:*

Bishop: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
          for through your goodness we have received  
          the bread we offer you:  
          fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
          it will become for us the bread of life.

*He then places the paten with the bread on the corporal.*

**All:**     **Blessed be God forever.**

*The deacon, or the priest, pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:*

By the mystery of this water and wine  
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ  
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*Taking the chalice and holding it slightly above the altar, the bishop says inaudibly:*

Bishop: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink.

*Then he places the chalice on the corporal.*

**All: Blessed be God forever.**

*The bishop bows and says inaudibly:*

Bishop: With humble spirit and contrite heart  
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,  
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day  
be pleasing to you, Lord God.

*The bishop washes his hands, saying inaudibly:*

Bishop: Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

*Please stand*

Bishop: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.**

*Insert the Prayer Over the Offerings here*

Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer II (Preface XXX)

Insert the Eucharistic Prayer and Preface here.

### Communion Rite *Please stand*

Bishop: My brothers and sisters,  
The power of the Holy Spirit  
enables us to pray and to call God Our Father.  
So let us pray with one voice,  
as the Lord Jesus Christ taught us.

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

Bishop: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All: For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

*The bishop, with hands extended, says aloud:*

Bishop: Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

*The bishop extends and then joins his hands, and continues:*

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Bishop: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The assembly exchanges a sign of peace.*

*The bishop then takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:*

Bishop: May this mingling of the Body and Blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ  
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

*Meanwhile, the assembly prays:*

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

*The bishop, with hands joined, continues inaudibly:*

Bishop: May the receiving of your Body and Blood,

Lord Jesus Christ,  
not bring me to judgement and condemnation,  
but through your loving mercy  
be for me protection in mind and body  
and a healing remedy.

*The bishop genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice, while facing the people, says aloud:*

Bishop: Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

*The following communion hymns are to be used only as needed for the communion procession*

*Insert Communion Hymn(s) here*

*After communion, a period of silence is observed.*

**Prayer after Communion** *Please stand.*

Bishop: Let us pray.

*Insert the prayer here.*

Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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# The Concluding Rites

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## Presentation of Certificates

*The bishop addresses the sponsors inviting them to present the newly confirmed with their certificates.*

## Special Greeting

This is only included if there are people to be greeted by the bishop as outlined in the Diocesan Guidelines for Confirmation item 14. People would only be presented to the bishop and vicar general, not to delegates.

## Greeting

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

## Solemn Blessing

Choose either the Solemn Blessing or the Prayer Over the People (Missal pg. 1188)

Bishop: Bow down for the blessing

Bishop: May God the Father almighty bless you  
whom he has made his sons and daughters  
reborn by the Holy Spirit,  
and may he keep you worthy of his fatherly love.

**All: Amen.**

Bishop: May his Only Begotten Son,  
who promised the Spirit of truth would abide in his Church,  
bless you and confirm you by his power  
in the confession of the true faith.

**All: Amen.**

Bishop: May the Holy Spirit,  
who kindles the fire of charity in the hearts of disciples,  
bless you and lead you blameless and gathered as one,  
into the joy of the Kingdom of God

**All: Amen.**

Bishop: May almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here,  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**OR**

## Prayer Over the People

Bishop: Bow down for the blessing.

Bishop: Confirm O God,  
what you have brought about in us,  
and preserve in the hearts of your faithful  
the gifts of the Holy Spirit:  
may they never be ashamed  
to confess Christ crucified before the world  
and by devoted charity  
may they ever fulfil his commands.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

Bishop: May almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here,  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## Dismissal

Bishop: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional Hymn

Insert hymn here

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**Entrance Procession:**

*Processional Cross:*

*Candles:*

*Book of the Gospels:*

**Introduction:**

**Sprinkling Rite:**

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**Presentation of the Offerings (2):**

**Ministers of Communion:**

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# The Introductory Rites

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## Gathering Hymn *Please stand*

*The Paschal candle is in position and lit.*

*As the gathering hymn begins the liturgical procession moves to the sanctuary as follows: cross bearer, person carrying the Oil of Chrism, person carrying the Book of the Gospels with clergy following as usual.*

*Upon reaching the sanctuary, those carrying symbols move to stand in the designated place. The other ministers make the usual reverence to the altar and move to their position. The bishop gives his mitre and crozier to the servers.*

*Insert words to hymn here.*

## Greeting

Bishop: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Bishop: Peace be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

## Introduction

*The bishop introduces the celebration.*

## Presentation of Symbols *Please be seated.*

*The bishop moves to the centre and those holding the symbols face him.*

Bishop: We gather tonight as God's holy people, his disciples who 'put on Christ' at baptism.

## The Light of Christ

Reader: The Paschal Candle shines brightly reminding us that at baptism we were enlightened by Christ, promising to keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts.

Christ our light.

**All: Help us to walk always as children of the light.**

### **The Cross**

*The cross bearer presents the cross to the bishop who holds it aloft as the following dialogue takes place.*

Reader: At baptism we were claimed for Christ the priest, our parents and godparents marking us with the sign of the cross.

Christ our strength.

**All: Help us to love as you love us.**

*The bishop returns the cross to the person who then places it in its usual position, moves to bow to the altar and returns to his/her place. The ritual continues when this action is complete.*

### **The Word of God**

*The bearer of the Book of the Gospels presents it to the bishop who holds it aloft as the following dialogue takes place.*

Reader: At baptism the priest prayed that our ears would be open to receive the Word of God and our mouth to proclaim it.

Christ our word of life.

**All: Help us to listen to your word and pattern our lives on the Gospel.**

*The bishop returns the Book of the Gospels to the person who then places it on the altar, steps back and bows to the altar and returns to his/her place. The ritual continues when this action is complete.*

### **The Holy Chrism**

*The bearer of the Holy Chrism presents it to the bishop who holds it aloft as the following dialogue takes place.*

Reader: At baptism Christ anointed us with the oil of Chrism, so that, united with all God's people, we would remain forever a member of Christ who was anointed Priest, Prophet and King.

Tonight in the sacrament of confirmation God will again pour out the Holy Spirit upon our candidates so they will become more like Christ.

Christ our saviour.

**All: Help us to live as your disciples.**

*The bishop returns the Chrism to the person who then places it near the paschal candle and baptismal font. He/she moves to bow to the altar and returns to his/her place. The ritual continues when this action is complete.*

### **The Asperges – Rite for Sprinkling with Holy Water** *Please stand*

*The bishop moves to stand near the Baptismal Font. A server has the vessels to be filled with holy water.*

Bishop: Dear friends, we come together to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, an important step in the process of Christian Initiation.

May this baptismal water remind us of the promises we made at our baptism. As we use it in this sprinkling rite, let us, through the power of God's Spirit, be healed of our brokenness and renewed in faithfulness and love.

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*Upon returning the bishop goes to the font, tips the remaining water in and then returns to the chair. When all is ready he continues.*

Bishop: May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

## Collect

Bishop: Let us pray

*Pause for silent prayer*

Insert the text for the Collect keeping the sense lines as set out in the Order of Confirmation, #35, 58-60.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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Email \*

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Readings from the Order of Confirmation <sup>?</sup>

Number of candidates

Day <sup>?</sup>

Date



Time

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Session 2 - Venue <sup>?</sup>

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# LITURGY OUTLINE ?

	music / reading / prayer reference	ritual notes, movement of people
<b>INTRODUCTORY RITES</b>		
Entrance Procession		
Greeting		
Introduction		
Presentation of Symbols (optional)		
Penitential Act / Sprinkling		
Collect		
<b>LITURGY OF THE WORD</b>		
First Reading		
Responsorial Psalm		
Second Reading		
Gospel Acclamation		
Gospel		
<b>ORDER OF CONFIRMATION</b>		
Presentation of Candidates		
Homily		

Renewal of Baptismal Promises		
Laying on of Hands		
Anointing with Chrism		
Universal Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		
CONCLUDING RITES		
Presentation of Certificates		
Greeting		
Solemn Blessing		
Dismissal		
Recessional Procession		

**Incense?**

Yes  No

# MINISTERS

Presider

Deacon

Master of Ceremonies

Booklets

Concelebrants

Acolytes  
Servers

1st  
Reader

2nd  
Reader

Cantor of the Psalm

Gospel  
Reader

Intercession Writer(s)

Prayer  
Readers

Ushers

Other  
Ministers

Sacristans

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Choir Director /  
Music Coordinator

Organist

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Mass and Readings of the Day (refer to Ordo)

Number of candidates

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Day \*

Date \*

Time \*

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Mass and Readings of the Day (refer to Ordo)

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Day \*

Date \*

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Universal Prayer		
<b>LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST</b>		
Preparation of the Offerings		
Prayer over the Offerings		
Eucharistic Prayer		
Preface		
Holy, Holy, Holy		
Memorial Acclamation		
Amen		
The Lord's Prayer		
Sign of Peace		
Breaking of the Bread		
Communion		
Song of Praise or Silence		
Prayer after		

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