The Parishes of

St. Mark's Springfield / St. Aidan's, Brookfield / St. Thomas the Apostle, Jobstown

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

We pray you and your family are finding a way through these difficult days. You may know that our parish team operates across three parishes with four churches and works with twelve primary schools in our gathering of parishes. We are exceptionally grateful to our school communities (especially our principals) who have co-operated so generously with us in putting this schedule of Confirmation services together.

We ask you to encourage your child to pray each day to be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit received in the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you go to the I-Catholic website you will find three useful videos to help your child to make their final preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

Please Read and Observe strictly the following information:

- All ceremonies are contingent on the current regulations still being in place. Unfortunately, changes in regulations may mean Confirmation services being changed or postponed again, but hopefully this won't happen.
- Strictly only two adults will be permitted with each child. A parent / guardian may stand in proxy for the chosen sponsor. The sponsor's name will be included in the register. Each family grouping must arrive together. You will be guided to your seat and will sit together in a 'pod' of three. Please be seated ten minutes before service begins.
- Confirmation services will be held for each school on a class by class basis, according to your child's 6th class teacher's name.
- Please check carefully for the time /date /church of your child's service.
- We are not in a position to change/swap the dates/times of any child's allocated Confirmation service.
- A registration card must be completed for each child on the evening of the ceremony. You will need the following information to complete the card:

Child's Full Name

Confirmation Name (Must be the name of a saint)

Child's date of birth

Mother's Full Name

Father's Full Name

Address and Contact phone no. for Parents

Name of Confirmation Sponsor (Must be Catholic and over 16 years)

Name of Primary School

6th Class Teacher's Name

Church of Baptism (Available on baptismal cert)*

Address of Church

Date of Baptism (Available on baptismal cert)*

 Failure to <u>FULLY</u> complete the Confirmation card at the service will mean we will not be able to register your child's Confirmation. *If you don't already have a one, you can get a copy of your child's baptismal cert from the Catholic church where they were baptised.

We look forward to celebrating this beautiful occasion with you and your children in the coming weeks. Please God it will be for all of us a beautiful faith celebration of light in the darkness.

Yours sincerely,

Fr. Pat McKinley (Moderator-Springfield, Belgard, Fettercairn, Brookfield, Jobstown) On behalf of the parish team