

Parishes of Holy Cross and St Philip & St James, Bedford

Confirmation Programme 2019/20

Meeting Dates

All meetings take place in the Parish Centre at Holy Cross Church, unless specified otherwise below – see highlighted lines.

Candidates are expected to attend all meetings. Our sessions start promptly at 4pm and conclude at around 5:30pm including a break. The group will attend the Saturday evening Mass at 6pm together and families are obviously very welcome to join us for Mass. Through the programme we will have special youth Masses when our young people preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion will participate by reading the intercessions, welcoming and bringing forward the offertory gifts.

Date	Content	Notes
Monday 1 July 2019 7:30pm	Introductory meeting for candidates and parents.	Ss Philip and James Church
Saturday 6 July 2019 6pm	Enrolment Mass followed by BBQ	
Saturday 7 September 2019 4pm	Introductions Enrolment Session 1	
Saturday 14 September 2019	Session 2	Holy Cross Day, Mass 12.00 noon followed by lunch and youth activities.
Friday 20 September 5pm – Saturday 21 September 2019 5pm	Overnight retreat at Buckden Towers Sessions 3 and 4	Saturday 21 September 3.30p pm Vigil Mass in Church at Buckden Towers. Families invited.
Saturday 28 September 2019 4pm	Session 5	
Saturday 5 October 2019 4pm	Session 6	6pm: Youth Mass
Saturday 12 October 2019 4pm	Session 7	
Saturday 2 November 2019 11am-5pm	Youth Alpha Holy Spirit Retreat at Holy Cross Session 8	6pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 9 November 2019 4pm	Session 9	

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Saturday 23 November 2019 4pm	Session 10	6pm: Youth Mass Solemnity of Christ the King
Saturday 7 December 2019 4pm	Session 11	
Saturday 4 January 2020 4pm	Session 12	
Saturday 18 January 2020 4pm	Session 13	
Saturday 1 February 2020 4pm	Session 14	6pm: Youth Mass
Saturday 29 February 2020 4pm	Session 15	
Saturday 7 March 2020 4pm	Session 16	
Saturday 21 March 2020 4pm	Session 17	
Saturday 25 April 2020 4pm	Session 18	
Saturday 2 May 2020	Blaze Retreat Ridgeway Centre, Milton Keynes	This is a full day retreat with confirmation candidates from across our diocese. The cost will be approximately £10. (6pm: Youth Mass at HC for First Holy Communion candidates)
Saturday 16 May 2020 4pm	Penitential Liturgy with Confession	
Sunday 7 June 2020 4pm	CONFIRMATION MASS REHEARSAL Holy Cross Church	
Mid-June 2020	CONFIRMATION MASS - TBC Holy Cross Church	This will be on a weekday evening
Saturday 4 July 2020 2pm onwards	Confirmation group walk, Mass and BBQ	6pm: Mass