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# CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

St Patrick's Anglican Parish 2026

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# CONFIRMATION – GRACE BESTOWED

- The 7-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit
  - Ordination to the Priesthood of all Believers
    - Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Godly Strength (Courage), Knowledge, Godliness and Holy Fear
  - The Power to Act as a Christian Minister and Witness
  - A Complement to Baptism, also an indelible sacrament, not to the purpose of Regeneration but to the responsibilities required as an adult in the Church
  - The Power to resist Temptation and exercise free will
  - The engendering of the Cardinal Virtues
    - Faith, Hope and Charity
  - The development of a Godly Character
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# CONFIRMATION – PARTICULARS OF THE SACRAMENT

- Outward Signs
    - Laying on of hands required in all catholic Churches
    - Anointing with Oil of Catechumens – Can also stand for Laying on of Hands
    - In Anglican Tradition, a tap on the cheek to signify courage against persecution
  - Ordinary Minister
    - A Bishop. ( in the East a priest authorized, in Rome, a priest with approval and in need. As Anglicans, only ever a Bishop)
  - Requirements for Reception
    - Recipients Must be Baptized
    - Of sufficient age to provide knowing and willful consent.
    - Properly trained (10 Commandments, Apostle's Creed, Our Father & catechism)
  - The presence of the Holy Spirit differentiated from Baptism
    - In Baptism for regeneration and inheritance; in Confirmation for Ministry
    - To love others in the name of Christ
    - Take responsibility for resisting temptation
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- To receive with knowledge the grace of the Holy Eucharist

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# HOLY EUCHARIST - THE GRACE BESTOWED

- Outward Signs
    - Wheaten Bread and Fermented Wine
    - Words invocation (to the Father) and Institution (As commanded by Christ)
    - Epiclesis \_ Recognition that the action is completed by the power of the Holy Spirit
      - Can be implied
  - Ordinary Minister
    - A Priest
  - Requirements for Reception
    - Recipients Must be Baptized
    - Confirmed, or prepared and desirous of being Confirmed (First Communion)
    - Belief that the elements become the Real Presence and are truly the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
    - Participation in the sacrifice once offered by Jesus on the Cross
    - The means of grace by which we endure temptation and grow in faith toward our sanctification
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- Communion with Jesus in His Mystical Body and with the His Church

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# HOLY EUCHARIST – PARTICULARS OF THE SACRAMENT

- The Nature of the Real Presence
  - Transubstantiation, consubstantiation, Mystical only, symbolic
- Reception to detriment of those either not prepared and with improper intent
  - Role of Intent of recipient. Not just belief
- Reservation of the sacrament for the distribution to the sick
  - Remains the Body and Blood after Consecration until corruption or consumption
- The Priest as a participant in the heavenly Priesthood of Jesus
  - That Priesthood in which we participate in the Sacrifice once offered
  - AND the oblation continually offered by Jesus in His Priesthood



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## HOLY EUCHARIST – AND THE 39 ARTICLES

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### CONSISTENT WITH ORTHODOX AND CATHOLIC FAITH

- Negations

- Eucharist is not merely a sign – against Zwingli-anism
- Transubstantiation is repugnant/ why Real Presence
  - In that we do not eat and drink the Body and Blood physically but Mystically
- Reservation is not by Christ's ordinance
- The wicked are not partakers of Christ
- The Cup is not to be denied to the people

- Affirmations

- The Eucharist is the Body and Blood
  - The Eucharist is received “by faith”
  - The elements are the effectual means by which we participate in the Grace of the sacrament
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# PENANCE – THE GRACE BESTOWED

- Outward Signs
    - The Confession of particular sin by the repentant sinner
      - In extremis, the Confession of a sinful life is sufficient
    - The request for absolution
    - The Absolution pronounced conditionally by the Minister
    - Completion of the conditions imposed as Penance
      - Including restitution when applicable
  - Ordinary Minister
    - A Priest
  - Requirements for Reception
    - Recipients Must be Baptized
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# THE CATECHISM – BAPTISMAL VOWS

**QUESTION.** What is your Name?

**Answer.** N. or N. N.

**Question.** Who gave you this Name?

**Answer.** My Sponsors in Baptism; wherein I was made a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven.

**Question.** What did your Sponsors then for you?

**Answer.** They did promise and vow three things in my name: First, that I should renounce the devil and all his works, the pomps and vanity of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh; Secondly, that I should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith; And Thirdly, that I should keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life.

**Question.** Dost thou not think that thou art bound to believe, and to do, as they have promised for thee?

**Answer.** Yes, verily; and by God's help so I will. And I heartily thank our heavenly Father, that he hath called me to this state of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. And I pray unto God to give me his grace, that I may continue in the same unto my life's end.

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# CATECHISM – THE APOSTLE’S CREED

## THE ARTICLES OF FAITH

**Question.** What dost thou chiefly learn in these Articles of thy Belief?

**Answer.** First, I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me, and all the world.

Secondly, in God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all mankind.

Thirdly, in God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me, and all the people of God.

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# CATECHISM – THE COMMANDMENTS TO GOD

**Question.** What dost thou chiefly learn by the Ten Commandments?

**Answer.** I learn two things; my duty towards God, and my duty towards my Neighbour.

**Question.** What is thy duty towards God?

**Answer.** My duty towards God is To believe in him, to fear him, And to love him with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul, and with all my strength: To worship him, to give him thanks: To put my whole trust in him, to call upon him: To honour his holy Name and his Word: And to serve him truly all the days of my life.

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# CATECHISM COMMANDMENTS TO OUR NEIGHBOR

**Question.** What is thy duty towards thy Neighbour?

**Answer.** My duty towards my Neighbour is To love him as myself, and to do to all men as I would they should do unto me: To love, honour, and succour my father and mother: To honour and obey the civil authority: To submit myself to all my governors, teachers, spiritual pastors and masters: To order myself lowly and reverently to all my betters: To hurt nobody by word or deed: To be true and just in all my dealings:

To bear no malice nor hatred in my heart: To keep my hands from picking and stealing, and my tongue from

evil speaking, lying, and slandering: To keep my body in temperance, soberness, and chastity: Not to covet nor desire other men's goods; But to learn and labour truly to get mine own living, And to do my duty in that state of life unto which it shall please God to call me.

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# THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God  
with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.  
This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it;  
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.  
On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

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# CATECHISM – THE OUR FATHER

**Catechist.** My good Child, know this; that thou art not able to do these things of thyself, nor to walk in the Commandments of God, and to serve him, without his special grace; which thou must learn at all times to call for by diligent prayer. Let me hear, therefore, if thou canst say the Lord's Prayer.

**Answer.** 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. Amen.

**Question.** What desirest thou of God in this Prayer?

**Answer.** I desire my Lord God, our heavenly Father, who is the giver of all goodness, to send his grace unto me, and to all people; that we may worship him, serve him, and obey him, as we ought to do. And I pray unto God, that he will send us all things that are needful both for our souls and bodies; and that he will be merciful unto us, and forgive us our sins; and that it will please him to save and defend us in all dangers both of soul and body; and that he will keep us from all sin and wickedness, and from our spiritual enemy, and from everlasting death. And this I trust he will do of his mercy and goodness, through our Lord Jesus Christ. And therefore I say, Amen, So be it.

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# CATECHISM - SACRAMENTS

**Question.** How many Sacraments hath Christ ordained in his Church?

**Answer.** Two only, as generally necessary to salvation; that is to say, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord.

**Question.** What meanest thou by this word Sacrament?

**Answer.** I mean an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace given unto us;  
ordained by Christ himself, as a means whereby we receive the same, and a pledge to assure us thereof.

**Question.** How many parts are there in a Sacrament?

**Answer.** Two; the outward visible sign, and the inward spiritual grace.

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# CATECHISM - BAPTISM

**Question.** What is the outward visible sign or form in Baptism?

**Answer.** Water; wherein the person is baptized, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

**Question.** What is the inward and spiritual grace?

**Answer.** A death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness: for being by nature born in sin, and the children of wrath, we are hereby made the children of grace.

**Question.** What is required of persons to be baptized?

**Answer.** Repentance, whereby they forsake sin; and Faith, whereby they stedfastly believe the promises of God made to them in that Sacrament.

**Question.** Why then are Infants baptized, when by reason of their tender age they cannot perform them?

**Answer.** Because they promise them both by their Sureties; which promise, when they come to age, themselves are bound to perform.

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# CATECHISM – HOLY EUCHARIST

**Question.** Why was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained?

**Answer.** For the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of the death of Christ, and of the benefits which we receive thereby.

**Question.** What is the outward part or sign of the Lord's Supper?

**Answer.** Bread and Wine, which the Lord hath commanded to be received.

**Question.** What is the inward part, or thing signified?

**Answer.** The Body and Blood of Christ, which are spiritually taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper.

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# CATECHISM – HOLY EUCHARIST

**Question.** What are the benefits whereof we are partakers thereby?

**Answer.** The strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the Body and Blood of Christ, as our bodies are by the Bread and Wine.

**Question.** What is required of those who come to the Lord's Supper?

**Answer.** To examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former sins, stedfastly purposing to lead a new life; have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of his death; and be in charity with all men.

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