



Diocese of Clonfert

Guidance for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation 2026

In general

- The Confirmation Liturgy Booklet 2026 is to be followed **exactly as it is – nothing should be added to it or taken from it.** This is to preserve the simple nature of this particular celebration of Confirmation.
- **Only sacred music may be chosen to accompany the Liturgy.** There is a vast resource of appropriate music in the Grow in Love Series Resources. In order to avoid the semblance of performance no choirs or class groups should sing facing the congregation.
- Readers are required for (1) the Gathering in God's Presence (2) First Reading (3) Second Reading (4) Six prayers of faithful (5) Reflection (6) Sending Out.
- If desired, symbols/art work may be used to decorate the Church beforehand. During the ceremony gifts and symbols will not be brought forward.
- Candidate, parents, family members and sponsor should sit together. They will remain in their seat with their Confirmation card and the Bishop will come to them for the anointing.
- Guidance given for the choosing of Confirmation Name and Sponsors must be adhered to.

Photography and Applause

- Mobile phones, tablets or cameras are not permitted during the ceremony.
- Group photographs should be kept to a minimum and preferably taken outdoors.
- There should be no applause until the ceremony ends.
- A prayerful engagement with no loud conversation should be maintained throughout the ceremony.
- An announcement to this effect should be made before the ceremony begins.