

Jarrow Confirmation Programme

FOR THE PARISHES OF ST. BEDE, ST JOSEPH, ST MARY, ST MATTHEW.

Dear Parents/Guardians

The Jarrow Parishes are inviting all of our young parishioners in years 9, 10, 11 and above to be confirmed in 2021.

From October we will be running sessions to prepare for the Celebration. Our Information Evening for the candidates will be on Sunday 10 October 6.00-7.30pm in Saint Bede's Hall. Bishop Robert has been invited to Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 9th December.

On the night before Jesus Died he promised his followers: I will ask the Father to send another helper, who will be with you forever”

When we are confirmed, the Holy Spirit, gives us the strength, the courage and the love to live as Jesus taught us. Here are some thoughts of Cardinal Hume on what it's like growing up as a Christian:

“You may find that the older you get the more help you need and in particular when we cease to be young people and begin to grow up. The grown-up world is not an easy world, and if you want to be faithful to Christ, if you want to live seriously as a Christian, you are in for a struggle. It will often seem easier to turn round and run away. So we realise that we need help to follow Christ and to be faithful.”

Please discuss our invitation with your son/daughter and help them to think about this opportunity? This Sacrament is an important moment for them and for you!

To take part, we need parents to come along with the young people to the Information Evening on 10 October. You will need to be there as there will be some consent forms to sign. If you would like to know more before the meeting please do not hesitate to get in touch

Best Wishes,

Fr Adrian, Fr. Saji and Deacon Kevin