



# Halston Street Parish, Dublin 7.

## St Michan's Catholic Church.

'At the Heart of the Market's Area'

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### Confirmation Ceremony:

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> of September, 11am, Halston Street Church**

Dear Parent

I hope this letter finds you and your family well at this time. I am writing to provide you with some important information relating to the upcoming Confirmation ceremony for your child on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2020 at 11am**. Please read the following FAQ's and share them with your child and the child's Sponsor.

**How many people can accompany your child to the ceremony?** Due to COVID restrictions a **maximum of 4 people** (including your child and their Sponsor) can attend the Confirmation ceremony. Additional family members are very welcome to join the ceremony via the webcam – [www.halstonstreetparish.ie/webcam](http://www.halstonstreetparish.ie/webcam)

**How do you get into the Church?** The entrance and exit to the Church are on North Anne Street. Stewards will be on duty to assist you and bring you to your seat. Once seated, please remain in your seat at all times. The ceremony will begin at 11am sharp – please be on time and in your seat before the ceremony begins. Doors will open from 10:30am.

**Can you use the toilet in the Church?** Due to COVID restrictions, please note that we have no toilet facilities available at this time.

**What additional COVID-19 safety measures do I need to adhere to in the Church?** Please use the hand sanitizers provided when entering and exiting the Church, wear a face mask / covering at all times while in the church, maintain 2 metre social distancing and follow the guidance of the Stewards.

**What will the Sponsor and child be asked to do during the ceremony?** Everyone will be asked to remain in your seats during the ceremony. For the anointing, the Sponsor and your child will be asked to stand in their places. I will come to each of them in turn. Everyone will also be asked to remain in your seats for Holy Communion.

**Can we take photographs?** It is the policy of the Dublin Diocese that no photographs of children can be taken within the Church during the ceremony. For child safeguarding and COVID-19 reasons, no group photographs are permitted within the Church. You are welcome to take photographs outside of the Church and after the ceremony.



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**What happens once the ceremony is finished?** We ask you not to congregate within the Church after the ceremony but to exit as soon as you are advised to by the Stewards. You will exit via the doors on North Anne Street. Please take any disposable face masks away with you.

Confirmation is always a very important part of the life of our Parish and we very much look forward to welcoming you, your child and their Sponsor to the Church on the 5<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> of September for this very important milestone in their lives.

If you have any specific questions, please feel free to email me on [halstonst@gmail.com](mailto:halstonst@gmail.com)

May God bless you all

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Parish Priest