Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you know due to pandemic a lot of restrictions are in place. In order to ensure that everyone coming for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is safe, we have put in place some guidelines. Please take your time to read through the details below and if you have any question or concerns our parish contact details are at the end of this page.

**What time will the ceremony start?**

The ceremony will start at 12:00PM or 14PM depending on your chosen date.

**Will confirmation Candidates take part in reading and prayer of the faithful?**

**Yes,** the confirmation candidates will take part in readings or prayer of the faithful. Please indicate when booking that you would like your child to take part in the reading. The school will not be in session during the ceremony so if you indicate we will email the reading to you.

**Will the confirmation children be singing for the confirmation?**

Unfortunately, there will be no singing but music will be played.

**Will confirmation children be bringing up symbols or offertory gifts?**

There will be no bringing up of symbols for the ceremony and we will not have offertory procession either. Symbols will already be placed in the scared space before we start the celebration. This is to limit surfaces being touched by multiple people.

**Are we going to bring a Candle?**

No need as we will only use the Paschal candle. We want to minimize risk associated with hand sanitize and light.

**Will there be a Mass?**

There will be no Mass rather the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated.

**Do we bring anything on the day?**

Yes, please bring the confirmation card that you filled out.

**How many people can we bring along?**

The candidate, sponsor and one parent/ guardianor both parents/guardians and no sponsor. The sponsor does not necessarily need to be in the church present, one of the candidate’sparent/guardian can stand in for the sponsor at the ceremony. So in total TWO people with each candidate. We had hoped the Government would ease the restrictions to allow us to have more in the Church but are limited to just 50. We encourage others to follow the ceremony via our parish webcam on our Youtube Channel.

**How long will the ceremony last?**

We hope it will not be more than 40mins. We encourage you to be on time. We also encourage you not to stay back to chat in the church at the end of the ceremony because we will be cleaning and airing the church in preparation for next liturgy.

**What safety measures will be put in place?**

Doors will be held open to reduce the need for people to touch surfaces such as door handles.

The clergy, sacristan, stewards and parish team will be wearing masks.

We recommend everyone coming into the church should wear a mask.

Everyone will have to use the provided hand sanitizers as they enter the Church.

There will be a one-way system and social distancing in operation in the Church, assisted by our stewards.

All seat assignments will be 2 metres apart. During the celebration back doors will remain open (weather permitting) to allow for better ventilation.

Surfaces which may have been touched will be sanitised afterwards.

**Where can I find more information on guidelines in place in the parish?**

Please refer to our parish website for additional information on the policies which are currently in place in the Church in response to Covid-19.

**What are the contact details for the parish office?**

Please if you have any question or concern do not hesitate to email us:Email: [stpatrickschurchlucan@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickschurchlucan@gmail.com) or phone us:Tel: (01) 628 1018