



DIOCESE OF SALFORD

Salford Deanery of St John the Evangelist

Dear Parents and Guardians

We are writing to you today to let you know that it is time for your child to begin to prepare more intensely to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2026.

In order for all candidates to get the most out of their preparation and for their ongoing life in the Church, we intend that preparation for Confirmation will be centred in the parish. The parishes in the Salford area, together known as the Salford Deanery, have worked together to develop a programme to help with the preparation. The programme has been designed and will be led by Sr Anna Yeo FDC, who has been employed by the Deanery to coordinate its Confirmation programme and youth ministry in general. In addition to taking part in this 7-unit programme, candidates will be expected to participate in parish life in their own parish as they grow in their understanding of the faith.

We invite you to register for the programme which is required to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year. To do so **please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to your parish priest (NOT THE SCHOOL!)** Below is a list of parishes in the Deanery and contact information, should you need it. Please return the form by **Friday, 7th November 2025 at the latest** in order to be included in this year's programme.

Due to the short nature of the programme, we need to ensure a prompt start with all the candidates, so any late applications can only be accepted under exceptional circumstances. The programme will start on the week beginning **8th December 2025**. If you have not heard back by then, please contact your parish priest to ensure that you do not miss out on this year's Confirmation.

We look forward to hearing from you and working with you at this exciting and important stage in your child's faith journey.

With very best wishes

Fr Martin Collins, Dean
Salford Deanery of St John

Parish	Churches	Parish Priest Contact/Church
Holy Trinity, Worsley	St Edmund, Little Hulton Christ the King, Walkden Our Lady and the Lancashire Martyrs, Little Hulton	Fr Christoper Gorton Christ the King Presbytery 88a Manchester Road Walkden M28 3LN Christopher.Gorton@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
Our Lady of Hope, Salford	St Luke, Irlams o' th' Height Ss Peter and Paul, Pendleton	Canon Michael Cooke St Luke's Presbytery Swinton Park Road Irlams o' th' Height Salford M6 7WR michael.cooke@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Joseph, Salford	Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Salford	Canon Michael Jones Cathedral House 250 Chapel Street Salford M3 5LE michael.jones@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
St Ambrose Barlow, Swinton and Pendlebury	St Charles, Swinton St Mark, Pendlebury	Fr Ernest Attah St Charles' Presbytery Moorside Road Swinton Manchester M27 9PD ernest.attah@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
St James and All Souls, Pendleton and Weaste, Salford	Mother of God and St James, Pendleton	Fr Ian Farrell St James' Presbytery Pendleton Way Salford M6 5JA ian.farrell@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
St John Paul II, Eccles	Holy Cross, Patricroft St Mary, Eccles	Fr Martin Collins Holy Cross Presbytery 370 Liverpool Road Eccles Manchester M30 8QD martin.collins@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
St Teresa of Avila and St Joseph the Worker, Irlam	St Teresa of Avila, Irlam St Joseph the Worker, Irlam	Fr Tony Clarke St Teresa's Presbytery 11 Churning Terrace Irlam Manchester M44 6TH anthony.clarke@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
The Three Martyrs, Salford	St Thomas of Canterbury, Higher Broughton St Sebastian, Pendleton	Fr Alphonsus Anaele St Thomas of Canterbury Presbytery 327 Great Cheetham Street East Higher Broughton Salford M7 4UE alphonsus.anaele@dioceseofsalford.org.uk



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Registration Form for Year 8 (2025/26)

Child's Name:

Address:

Parish:

Current School:

Child's Baptism Date (Approximate):

Church and Address of Church of Baptism:

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Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Contact Telephone:

Parent/Guardian Email (**Please write clearly!**):

My child has a medical condition - please state:

My child has specific learning requirements - please state:

Privacy:

- ☐ I give my permission for you, Sr Anna Yeo and her team to contact me relating to this programme *
- ☐ I give my permission for photographs of my child taken in preparing for Confirmation to be used by the Parish and/or Diocese

SIGNED..... DATE.....

* Your Privacy: all information contained within this form will be respected in accordance with the Diocesan Privacy Policy which can be found here:

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/privacy-policy/>

- ☐ I confirm that I have read the information above and accept the Privacy Policy

Please return this form to your parish priest. You will be contacted to attend an opening information session. If you have not heard from us by the week beginning 8th December 2025, please contact your parish priest.