

DATA PROTECTION PRIVACY NOTICE AND CONSENT

All personal data held for the purposes of preparing for and receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in Bridgend Deanery will be treated as strictly confidential. This information will be shared with the parish where the person you are sponsoring was baptised for the purpose of updating their sacramental record/parish register; and completing Confirmation Certificates. We will only share your data with third parties outside of the parish for other reasons with your consent.

We keep your personal data for no longer than reasonably necessary, in this instance for a period of three months from the date of your signature below in order to complete home parish registration/certification processes.

By signing this form you are confirming that you have read this Data Protection Notice and that you are consenting to St Mary's Parish Secretary, St Mary's Catholic Church, 39 Ewenny Road, Bridgend CF31 3HS holding and processing your personal data for the above aforementioned purposes.



Bridgend Deanery Confirmation Programme



SPONSORS

You must understand that you are not alone. We are one body, one people, one Church of Christ. The Sponsor who stands at your side represents for you the whole community.

POPE JOHN PAUL II
COVENTRY 1982



To be invited to be a Sponsor is always a great honour.

It brings with it certain responsibilities, because the Sponsor represents the Church, which is calling down God's gifts and blessings on those who are to be confirmed.

Since Confirmation is the completion of Baptism, the Confirmation Sponsor should ideally be one of the baptismal god-parents.

The Church asks Sponsors to become actively involved in the spiritual growth of those whom they are sponsoring by:

- giving an example of Catholic living;
- encouraging them to be faithful in their membership of the Church;
- praying for them.

This means that **a Sponsor should be a person who is in regular contact and is involved in the life of the person who is to be confirmed. In this way, continuing support and encouragement can be given.**

You should only accept the invitation to be a Sponsor if you are sincerely prepared to accept these responsibilities.

Because the Sponsor represents the whole community, **to be a Sponsor you must be a Baptised, Confirmed and a fully practising member of the Catholic Church.** Except in unusual circumstances, a Sponsor must not be less than 16 years old.

A candidate may choose a Sponsor of either sex.



I _____
have been asked to act as
Confirmation Sponsor for

I am aware of the responsibilities
of a Sponsor and with God's help I
am willing to accept them.

Signed _____

Witnessed by _____

Date _____

