Dear candidates,

Confirmation can be a great experience and we are really looking forward to making your preparation memorable.

The confirmation programme 2016 will consist of 5 sessions running from 4pm to 5:50pm followed by mass at 6pm. The dates and focus of each session are below:

| Date | Focus |
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| Sat 27 th Feb | What is the Kingdom? |
| Sat 5 th March | Who is Jesus? |
| Sat 19 th March | What is a sacrament? Inc. |
| | Reconciliation Service at Buckden |
| | Towers. 1pm to 5pm |
| Sat 16 th April | Who is the Church? |
| Sat 23 rd April | Why the Holy Spirit? |

The confirmation mass will be on **Thursday 28th April at 7pm**

You need to **choose a sponsor**—someone who will support you as you undertake the programme and share the story of faith with you. When choosing a sponsor you are looking for someone you trust, whose faith you admire and who will be willing to spend some time - meeting at least twice with you and attending a couple of meetings. The person you chose must be a *confirmed Catholic*, *at least 16 years old* and a *committed member of the Church, while not being your parents*. This means you can choose a relative, friend or someone from your parish as your sponsor. We have written a short letter about being a sponsor which you can give to your chosen person.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask at any of the sessions or email: <u>chrisi_brierley@hotmail.com</u>, or call the parish office.

Yours sincerely,

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