## My Confirmation Name

## Choosing your Confirmation Name

At baptism, your parents/guardians chose a name for you. Now it is your turn to choose a name that will mark the beginning of the next stage of your faith journey. When God chose 'Abram' to be the leader of his people, he gave him a new name to go with the responsibility. He called him 'Abraham'. Jesus did the same with some of his followers; Simon was called, 'Peter' and Levi became, 'Matthew'.

As you begin your new life as a fully committed member of the Church you are asked to choose a name that reminds you of someone that you know who tries to live a spirit-filled life. Very often the name of a saint is chosen. A saint is someone *'who lets the light through.'* There are people who have been recognised by the Church as saints, you have heard about many of them during your time in school and your parents or grandparents probably have their favourite saints to pray to. You can also probably think of people who *'let the light through'* and who are an inspiration in your own life but, who may not be saints yet. You are asked to choose the name of someone whose story gives you the courage to try and make the world a better place; someone who will accompany you on your faith journey. What name are you going to choose?



## NAME PROJECT

When you choose your name. Draw up a fact file about the saint or the person whose name you are choosing. Maybe they also have the name of a saint and you can find about that saint too.

- Where and when they were born
- What they did or are doing with their life that inspires you?
- Why have you chosen their name?