

Theme for Confirmation 2023

**'Making a Choice
to take
My Place in the Tent'**

"Enlarge the space of
your tent, spread out your
tent cloths unsparingly,
lengthen your ropes and
make firm your pegs"
(Is 54:2)

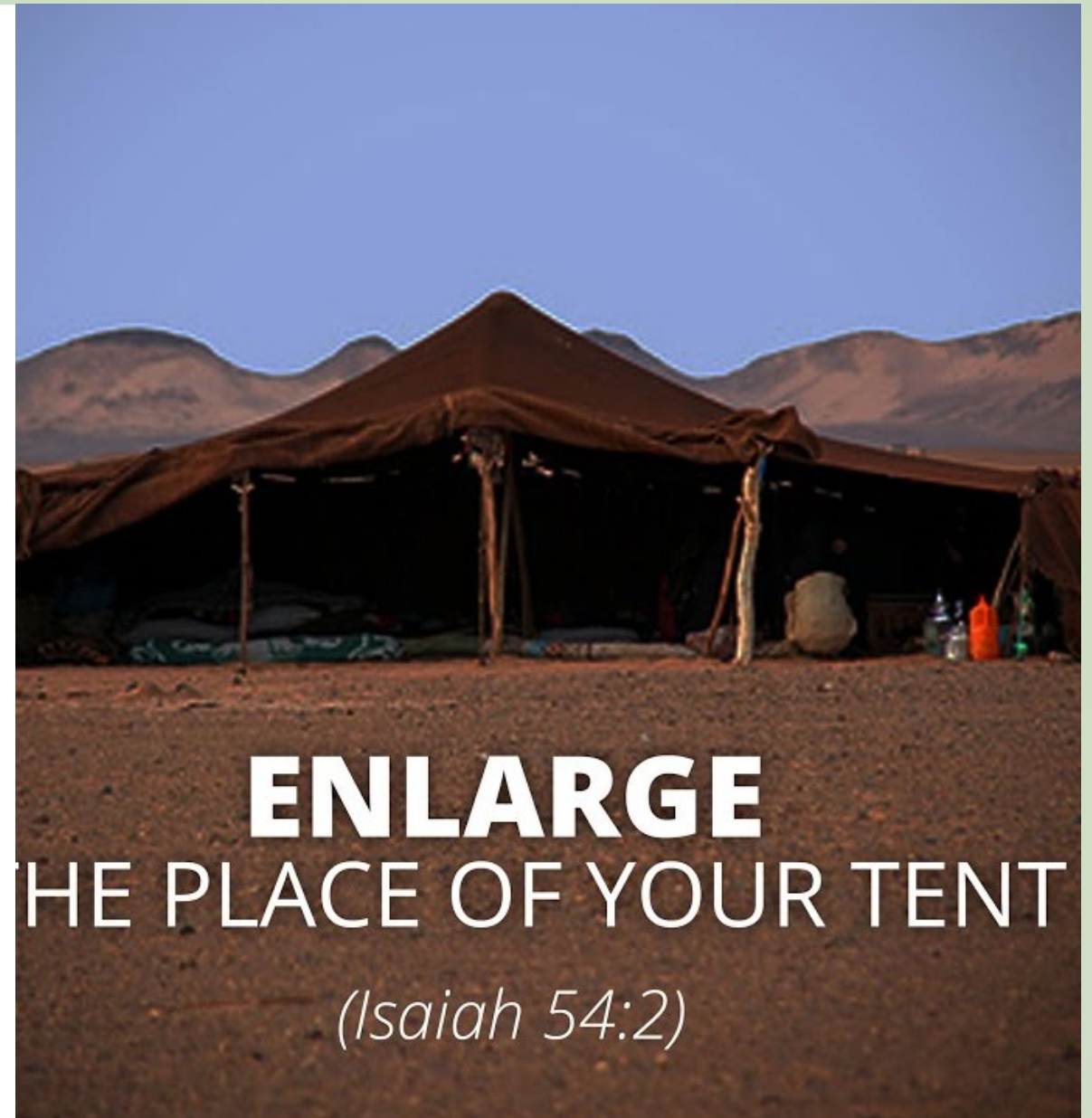


Come Holy
Spirit.....



Why this theme?

- *Charlotte and Fr. Micheál tell us all about the Theme for Confirmation 2023 and share with us how Bishop Denis wants the candidates to get involved.*



Exploring the Theme I

- Watch the Video
 - What kind of tent/church do you want to take your place in?
 - How will the gifts of the Holy Spirit help you to make that a reality?

Exploring the Theme II

Discussion after Watching the Video

- Why you are choosing to claim your place in the tent/church?
- What difference do you think you can make to the church?
- If you could describe the church that you would like to belong in one word what word would you use?
- Why that word?

Exploring the Theme II

Consider

- Inviting the candidates to reflect on the questions
 - Individually at home?
 - In small groups
 - As a class group
 - brainstorming on all the words that have emerged
 - Why this word emerges an accompanying text?

Exploring the Theme III

- Poster

The poster (no larger than an A2 size page) contains one word that, following discussion in their classroom, describes the church that the Confirmation candidates want to belong to, the church that they would like to help make a reality in the future. The poster can be decorated however the candidates decide. It will be presented to Bishop Denis or the priest, if he is the Celebrant of Confirmation, towards the end of the Confirmation Ceremony.

Preparing for Confirmation

- Gather Contact Details for all Confirmation Candidates

<https://www.kandle.ie/resources/primary-resources/#collapse-11463>



PREPARING TO CELEBRATE SACRAMENTS
DIOCESE OF KILDARE & LEIGHLIN



PARISH: _____

Dear Parent/Guardians of children preparing to celebrate First Holy Communion/Confirmation

To help us best prepare for First Holy Communion/Confirmation celebrations in 2023 we need to ensure that we have up to date contact details for all our families. This will help us to keep in touch with you and to consider how we can prepare together to celebrate these sacraments. Please complete both sides of this form and return it to _____ on or before _____.

CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME OF CHILD: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PARISH OF BAPTISM: _____

PRIMARY SCHOOL: _____

I/We wish to register _____ for preparation for (please tick which sacrament)
(child's name)

First Holy Communion ☐

Confirmation ☐

I/We look forward to hearing from the parish about opportunities to be involved in preparation for this sacrament.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: _____

If your child was baptised outside of this parish and you have not yet provided a copy of their baptismal certificate to the parish, please include a copy with this form.

Preparing for Confirmation

- The Rite of Confirmation
- Within the Eucharist

GUIDELINES FOR
CELEBRATING THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION 2023



DIOCESE OF KILDARE & LEIGHLIN

Guidelines Include

Prayers

Readings

Prayer of the Faithful suggestions

Music Suggestions

Sacramental Preparation & Celebration led by Parish

Parish to facilitate/organise the sacramental celebrations

Smaller, simpler celebrations to allow focus on the sacramental moment

Parish Cantors/Choirs/Readers/Stewards

Replace classes practising in the church with family practice led by parish

Preparation for Sacraments (Grow in Love) continues in school setting

Preparing for Confirmation

Planning Form/s

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION PLANNING FORM:

Thank you for completing this form giving these important details about Confirmation in your parish! This will help Bishop Denis as he plans for Confirmation. Please complete and return this information to Bishop's House at least **three weeks or as soon as possible** before your Confirmation date. If you have any questions please call **059 9176725**

EMAIL: bishop@kandle.ie

MAIL: Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

PARISH: _____

NO. OF CANDIDATES: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL/S: _____

NAME OF PRINCIPAL/S: _____

NAME OF
CONFIRMATION TEACHER/S: _____

*Please ensure that the names
of **all teachers** are included:* _____

*Please indicate if there are children from other schools, Church of Ireland, Educate Together,
Community National Schools or Special Schools celebrating the sacrament with the candidates from
the Catholic Schools in the Parish.* YES ☐ No ☐

If Yes:

Number of candidates: _____

Name of Catechist/s who prepared them: _____

PARISH PREPARATION

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PARISH/HOME PREPARATION UNDERTAKEN IN YOUR PARISH

SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR: YES ☐ No ☐

IF YES

NAME OF SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR: _____

LETTERS TO BISHOP: YES ☐ No ☐

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: YES ☐ No ☐

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: YES ☐ No ☐

CONFIRMATION LITURGY

DATE OF LITURGY: _____

TIME: _____

NAME OF CHURCH: _____

NAME OF SACRISTAN: _____

NAME OF CHOIR DIRECTOR/S _____

BOOKLET: YES ☐ No ☐

Preparing for
Confirmation

Letter to the
Bishop/Priest

Guidelines page
4 & 5

Preparing for Confirmation

- Name & Sponsor
 - Revise understanding of Baptism
 - Oil of Chrism
 - Teach/Pray Baptismal Promises
- Retreat
- Rite of Reconciliation
- Ceremony of Light

The Pledge

- Guidelines: page 5
- Certificate <https://www.kandle.ie/resources/primary-resources/#collapse-11542>
- Resources: Confirmation Commitment
Irish Bishop's Drugs Initiative (IBDI)

Commitment Card , Sponsor's Card & Holy Spirit Band

Candidate

- Commits themselves to a Healthy Life style
- Receives a Spirit Band (*Silicone Band*) with one of the Gifts on it.
- Presents a Bookmark with a special Prayer to Sponsor in appreciation of their support.

Contact Information

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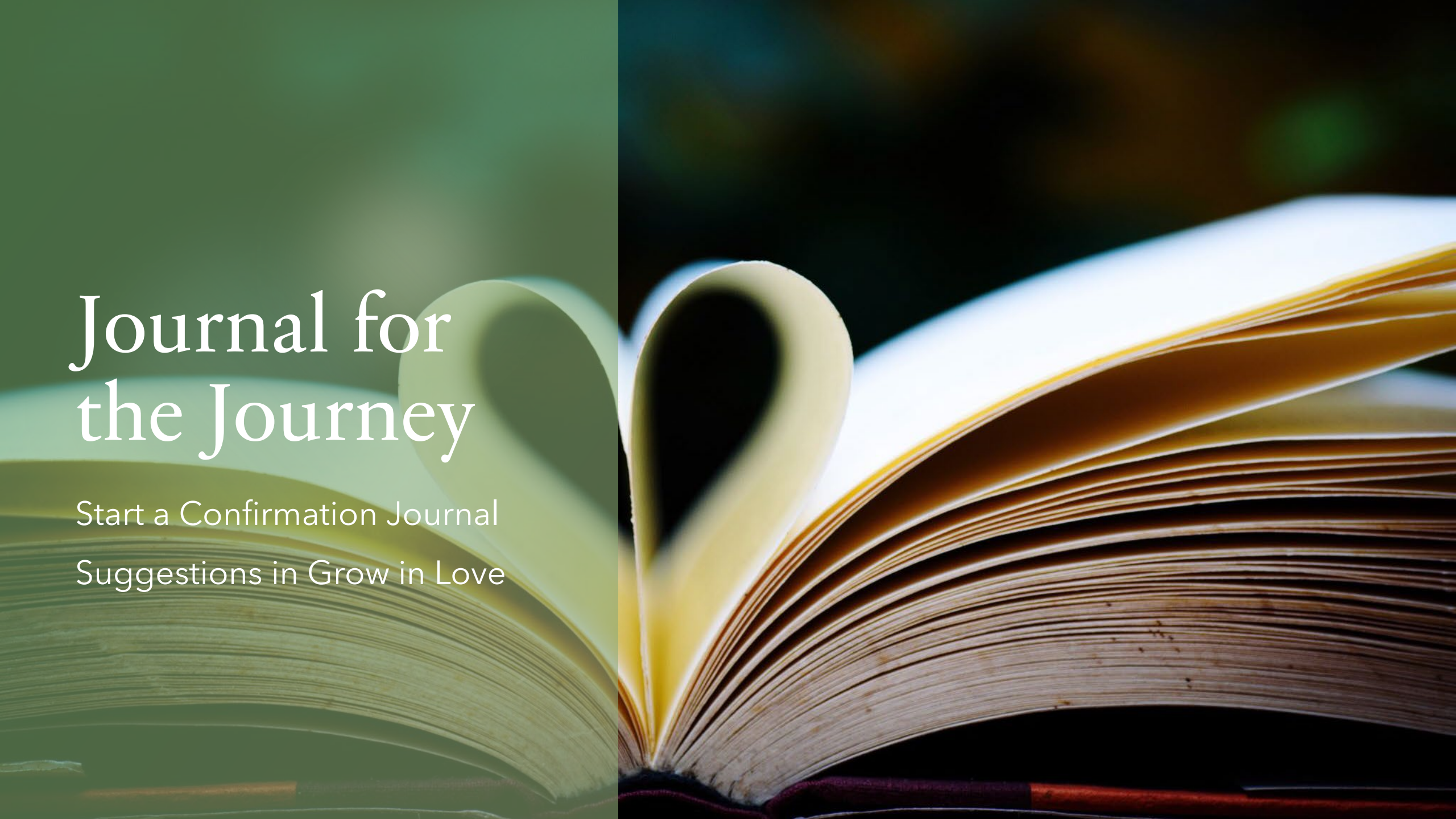
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Title Email or Text : Kildare & Leighlin Confirmation

Journal for the Journey

Start a Confirmation Journal
Suggestions in Grow in Love



Theme 8: The Holy Spirit

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Grow in
Love
5th & 6th
Classes

Gathering Post Confirmation

Representatives from all Confirmation Classes

Broadcast online for those who can't be there in person

Opportunity to pray, reflect and celebrate

Proposed Date: June 16



St Brigid's Day 2023

Pause for Prayer at 12 Noon