# **The Parish of St Andrew, Orford with Longford**

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23rd January 2019

Dear Parents,

## CONFIRMATION

Once a year, the Church holds a confirmation service and this year, the Bishop of Liverpool, Bishop Paul Bayes, will be coming to St Andrew’s on Tuesday 12th March at 7.00pm. It is always a very special service and also a memorable one for those to be confirmed and their families. It is also an important occasion in the lives of those confirmed and one they will always remember.

At baptism, parents and godparents have a special role and make certain promises on behalf of their children. Confirmation is an opportunity for young people and adults to decide for themselves and to make a commitment to faith in their own lives.

I will be holding confirmation classes in school on Wednesday mornings in school for those children who are interested. There will also be a rehearsal just before the Confirmation.

In order to be confirmed, candidates have to have been baptized, but if your child hasn’t been baptized (christened) to date, we can arrange it before or at the confirmation service so there’s no need to worry.

Last year, I also ran a Confirmation Club for those to be confirmed. I’ll let you know more once we start our preparation next week.

If your child is interested in confirmation, I hope you will support them. If you would kindly return the tear-off slip at the bottom of this letter, I’d be most grateful.

With best wishes

Fr Michael

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Child’s name ………………………………………….. is interested in being confirmed on Tuesday 12th March at 7.00pm.

He/she has/has not been christened (baptized) – [ please delete as appropriate]

Signed ……………………………………….. Date …………………….