



Where: Saint Laurence Parish Hall, Cambridge

September 25	1 – 3pm – Parents and Candidates Meeting
October 2 More than Man, Why Die? Why Comeback?	Why the World is Broken 1-5pm – Confirmation Session Candidates 5pm – Mass 6pm – Shared dinner and clean up
November 6 More than Man, Why Die? Why Comeback?	1 -5pm Confirmation Session 5pm – Mass 6pm – Shared dinner and clean up
November 19 – 20	World Youth Day – Norwich Trip November 19 and Cambridge November 20
December 4 Prayer	1-5pm Confirmation Session 6pm – Shared dinner and clean up
December 24 Christmas Eve Mass	3pm – arrive to set up and prepare 4pm Mass
January 8 Holy Spirit	1 – 5pm Confirmation Session 5pm – Mass 6pm – Shared dinner and clean up
January 20 – 22	Sion Community Retreat - Brentwood, Essex, CM15 9BX
February 5 Saints	1 – 5pm – Confirmation Session 5pm – Mass 6pm – Shared dinner and clean up
March 4	FLAME – Wembley Arena, Arena Square, Engineers Way, London (9am – 11pm)
March 5 The Church and Vocations	1 – 5pm Confirmation Session 5pm – Mass 6pm – Shared dinner and clean up
April 2	Psalm Sunday (TBC)
April 7 Children's Stations of the Cross	10am – 11:30am
May 6 – 8 (Weekend)	Ignite Weekend – Swaffam, Norfolk
June 4 The Eucharist and Mass	1 – 5pm – Confirmation Session 5pm – Mass 6pm – Shared dinner and clean up
July 3 Confirmation	1 – 5pm Confirmation Session 5pm – Mass 6pm – Shared dinner and clean up
July 4 Confirmation with Bishop	5:15pm – Candidates and Sponsors Arrive 6:00pm – Confirmation Mass



Additional Information For 2021-2022 Confirmation Candidates

Diocese of East Anglia Confirmation Guidelines

- They will ordinarily be in Year 8 at school and have reached the age of 13 by the time they receive the Sacrament (June/July 2023).
- To attend Sunday Mass throughout their confirmation preparation; • to attend all scheduled confirmation sessions unless a serious reason prevents them; • to attend the Ignite Festival, and any other retreat days organised by catechists; • to have participated in Adoration and received the sacrament of Reconciliation as part of the immediate preparation for the celebration of Confirmation.
- In the guidelines – there are more details for Sponsors and Parents.

Materials for Each Session / Ablaze Mass:

- YOUCAT – Confirmation Handbook for candidates - <https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/youcat-confirmation-book-for-candidates/>
- YOUCAT – English - <https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/youcat/>
- BIBLE
- Journal – perhaps this would be a nice gift from a Sponsor/Godparent. This is to take notes, write prayers, in, etc.

Ablaze Mass – candidates will be taking active parts in the Ablaze Masses (as alter servers, musicians, singers, lectors, gift bearers, etc.). Families are strongly encouraged to attend the Ablaze Mass as well. Sponsors and Parents will also be asked to become involved.

- Lectors for Ablaze – we will be having candidates/Sponsor/Parent teams sign up to a Rota to be lectors at the Ablaze Mass
- IT Support for Ablaze Mass

IGNITE FESTIVAL: All Confirmation Candidates must attend the IGNITE FESTIVAL. It is a 2 night trip over May Bank Holiday.

Saint Laurence's Open Meetings: Candidates must attend one of the meetings during their confirmation year. This is to see how the Parish runs and gain a sense of the community. This will also provide candidates opportunities to express their views to the parish community. Dates to be shared when available. Currently, they are taking place over Zoom



St. Laurence's Family Fridays 2022 – 2023 6:30 – 8:30pm

All activities will be appropriate for a range of ages
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September 9	Season of Creation	Activities (TBC)
October 14	Made in God's Image	Drawing, games
November 11	Saints Bingo	How well do you know your saints? Mix media Bingo Game
December 9	Christmas Traditions	Volunteers will share different craft / food traditions for their family Christmas
January 13	Science and Faith for the Family	2 scientists will be sharing what it is like to be Catholic and a Scientist! Some science crafts included
February 10	SCHOOL BREAK	TBC
March 10 6pm – 8:30pm	Lenten Reconciliation Service For Families	Reminder of What is Confession. (There will be a special separate session for children in the library who have not yet had their first Reconciliation). Confessions available whilst we participate in a Family Lead Stations of the Cross. Fish and Chips after the Stations of the Cross.
April 10	SCHOOL BREAK	TBC
May 12	Month of Mary	We'll be making Rosaries as well as discussing the different mysteries
June 16	Holy Spirit Fruits	Crafts and Games revolved around the Holy Spirit
July 14	God and Art	We'll be creating our own art pieces using different materials about your relationship with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit

Families are asked to bring £2 per person to help pay for costs of materials / food

All ages are welcome – Family members will be asked to help with clean up, etc.

Great opportunity for First Communion and Confirmation Candidates' families to get to know each other.

Volunteer needed to help ☺ Email: confirmation@saintlaurence.org.uk