

Thought for the week

Corpus Christi 2018

21 young members of our parish community will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, the feast of Corpus Christi.

As a young girl preparing for Confirmation in 1960's Scotland, much was made of "*being a soldier of God*". The Holy Ghost, as the Spirit was referred to back then, seemed a rather scary incarnation to me and I was a little bit worried about becoming a soldier, aged 10.

Age, prayer and personal experience, as well as the Life in the Spirit course offered at St. Michael's a few years ago, have helped me to recognise the deeper meaning of this precious gift in guiding me to become a channel for the Holy Spirit, rather than a soldier!

'If you know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!' **Luke 11:9-13**

This significant blessing for our young parishioners, if nurtured, will help them navigate what can be a bewildering world at times. But, as Luke says, we must all ask for the Spirit, whose gifts will help us to pray and understand Scripture.

So let's remember our young people in our prayers: pray that they will practise turning to the Holy Spirit, that the gift they receive on Sunday will grow and that they will develop the confidence to follow the path of their faith through the ups and downs of their lives.

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