

The young people of P7 in Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 10th April. 2013 at Our Lady of the Wayside Church in Broughderg. Monsignor Eamon Martin, Coadjutor Archbishop-elect of Armagh and Diocesan Administrator of Derry was the minister of Confirmation. He was ordained to the Episcopacy on Sunday April 21st in Saint Patrick's Church Armagh at the same time as he was originally scheduled to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish. Our young people wrote these reflections in response to receiving the sacrament.

Monsignor Eamon Martin was the priest who confirmed us. He was very friendly and welcoming. We were anointed with the oil of Chrism and received the Holy Spirit. **Sorcha**

My Confirmation took place in Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg. When Monsignor Martin came over and talked to me before Mass I felt very welcomed into God's home. **Jamie**

Just before the Confirmation ceremony Monsignor Martin talked to us and reassured us not to be nervous. **Luke**

I was confirmed by Monsignor Eamon Martin and Father Eugene Hasson was there too. I felt the Holy Spirit coming down on me during the ceremony. At the laying of the hands Monsignor Martin put his hands on my head. I said a little prayer during that moment. **Eunan**

We all went up to the altar with our sponsors to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I felt very happy. I felt the Holy Spirit within me. I am trying really hard to use all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. **Serene**

We arrived at Our lady of the Wayside, Broughderg and sat in our seats. Before Mass began, Monsignor Martin greeted us and asked us what name we had chosen. There were eight Prayers of the Faithful and I said one of them. Fr Hasson said his speech about how good we were. It was an excellent night and my heart was jumping with joy. **Shea**

When I got to Our lady of the Wayside church I was nervous at the start. Monsignor Martin talked nicely to me. When I was coming down from being confirmed I was very happy because I wasn't nervous any more. **Sean**

I came into the chapel with my mum, dad and little brother, Ronan. Father Hasson welcomed everyone and then Mass went on as normal until after the Gospel. **Eoin**

My Confirmation took place on the 10th of April 2013 in Our Lady of the Wayside church, Broughderg. My sponsor, Margaret, arrived and she is so nice I am lucky to have her as my sponsor. Fr Hassan asked the candidates for Confirmation to stand up. At that moment I started to feel nervous but the nerves didn't stay for long. Soon it was time for the renewal of our baptismal vows which went very well.

Monsignor Martin sealed the Holy Spirit within me with oil of chrism and for the rest of the day I couldn't stop smiling I was so happy. **Tara**
Monsignor Eamon Martin was the priest who confirmed us and Father Hasson helped him. When I got to the chapel I felt excited and also a little scared. When Mass started it was so exciting. We received the Holy Spirit. **Lauren**

The laying of the hands was very exciting. Monsignor Martin put his hands on our head and said "Come Holy Spirit" I felt the Holy Spirit coming into my heart. I felt proud. **Matthew**