



Confirmation at Rathkenny

On Thursday, 2nd March 2017, Most Reverend Michael Smith, Bishop of Meath and successor of the Apostles, conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on the young people of St Louis, Rathkenny, and St Patrick's, Stackallen . . .

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▣ **St Louis, Rathkenny**

Name	Surname
Peter	Browne
David	Curtis
Abbie	Devin
Charle	Farrell
Kieran	Lanney
James	McCabe
John	Meehan
Conor	Moore
Callum	O'Carroll
Robyn	Weldon



St Patrick's, Stackallen

5th Class	Name	Surname
	Luke	Califf
	Róisín	Canning
	Keith	Carolan
	Aoife	Clarke
	Noah	Clarke
	Alana	Cogan
	Aoife	Conlon
	Bláthnaid	Farrelly
	Daniel	Gavagan
	Ava	Hanratty
	Dearbhla	Hunter
	Corbin	Jenkinson
	Aaron	Johnson
	Luke	Kealy
	Cormac	Kenny
	Conor	Kerr
	Patrick	Knowles
	Tadhg	Mallon
	Eibhlin	McKeever
	Max	McKenna
	Richard	Melady
	Peter	O'Donnell
	Lilly	O'Neill
	Luke	Rock
	Noah	Rock
	Saoirse	Taaffe
	Ríoghan	Timmons

6th Class	Name	Surname
	Leah	Casey
	Abigail	Connell
	Evan	Halpenny
	Coady	Harding
	Alice	Harford
	Noah	Jenkinson
	David	Kavanagh
	Mary	Kealy
	Sadhbh	McMahon
	Emily	Meehan
	David	Mennis

Scott	O'Halloron
Seán	O'Hare
Jorja	Price
Lauren	Reid
Lucy Mae	Reilly
Aoibhinn	Rock
Rosie	Searle
Adam	Sherlock
Sally	Smyth

The Descent of the Holy Spirit



At the Last Supper Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, to the apostles. The Holy Spirit would strengthen them and be with them always.

After our Lord's ascension into heaven, His apostles and disciples gathered together in an upper room with Mary His Mother, and the holy women. Numbering about one hundred and twenty persons, they spent their time in prayer.

On the tenth day a sound like a mighty wind filled the whole house, and tongues of fire came down upon the head of each one of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in many strange tongues.

Before the descent of the Holy Spirit, the apostles were afraid. After they had received the Holy Spirit, they were filled with courage and feared nothing. Peter, who had denied his Master three times, came forth with the other apostles, and stood before the crowd. "*Men of Israel,*" he said "

hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth whom you have crucified and put to death by the hands of wicked men, God has raised up. We are all witnesses. And now that He has been taken up into heaven and is at the right of God, He has poured forth His Holy Spirit, which you see and hear, even as He promised

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About three thousand persons were converted by this first sermon. They were baptised and united with the rest of the disciples. And they continued faithfully in the teaching of the apostles and in the Communion of the breaking of the bread and in prayer.

After the feast of Pentecost, the apostles went out into the world and preached Christ crucified. They performed many miracles and converted many people.

The Church, founded by Jesus Christ, will last to the end of time because He sent the Holy Spirit to strengthen, guide and keep it from error, and because He said,

"Behold, I am with you all days, even to the end of the world."

(from **The New Catholic Picture Bible: Popular Stories from the Old and New Testament** by Rev. Lawrence G. Lovasik, S.V.D. Divine Word Missionary)



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