

Balyna Parish

Ceremony of Light and Pledge

Before Mass, please place completed pledge forms in the basket before the Altar. Pledges should be in a sealed envelope with the Candidate's name on the front.

After the Gospel, Candidates and their parents are invited to stand. Baptismal candles will be lit from the Paschal Candle.

Fr Sean:

Dear Friends, on the day of Baptism this candle was entrusted to your parents and Godparents and they were asked to keep it alight for you. We thank them now for honouring this commitment. As you proceed to make the gift of faith alive for yourselves, we ask them to hand you that lighted candle now.

Parents:

Name, Receive the light of Christ. We have kept this light aflame for you. Now we ask that you live your life with this light of hope and faith.

Parents hand the lighted. Candle to their son/daughter.

Candidates:

Thank you, Mam/Dad, for all that you have given me. Thank you for the sacrifices that you have made. Thank you for the times you helped me when I was frightened or confused. Thank you for your support and for your love. I have learned much from you. I have more to learn and I hope to continue the journey with you in hope and love for a long time to come. Thank you.

Together: *Hail Mary.....*

Fr Sean

I now invite the candidates to make their confirmation Pledge.

Candidates:

I promise to honour the pledges that I have made in writing and to ask the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide me when I need help with any decision.

The pledges will now be blessed and can be retrieved after Mass.