

A GREAT PARISH OCCASION

On 21st June, Bishop Philip visited our parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 19 of our young people,

supported by their families, friends and members of our own parish family.

Fr Paul and Fr Anthony Ikhenoba (Charminster) concelebrated the Mass.

Emma Evans, lead Catechist for Confirmation, said afterwards:

“It was a beautiful, spirit-filled service.

Bishop Philip was really good with the young people:

he went around and spoke to each of them before Mass,

his homily was directed to them and he spoke really warmly to them.

He also explained everything to the whole congregation throughout the service so everyone understood what was happening.”

“It took a lot of people to make the service happen

- too many to mention because I’m scared of leaving people out accidentally – but I’m so grateful to every one of them for making it such a special celebration for our young people.

Also, thanks to the parishioners who came along to support our young people.

Please keep all our newly-confirmed in your prayers as they embark on the next chapter in the lives.”

We also thank Emma so much for all her hard work and time in organising the whole Confirmation preparation process and supporting, encouraging and teaching our young people with such enthusiasm and skill.

Special thanks also to Gerardine Thomas, who assisted Emma throughout, and to Paul Thomas, our MC, who ensured the service ran so smoothly, organising our excellent altar servers and liaising with the Bishop’s Secretary throughout.

Now it is up to us all, as the parish family, to support our young people and their families in the journey ahead.