

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

**Rite of the
Presentation of the
Gospels**

for children preparing for the

**Sacrament of
Confirmation**



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After the homily, the priest invites the children to the front of the church and addresses them in these or similar words:

Priest: In the Gospels we hear about the life of Jesus; about His teaching, about His love for others, about the healing miracles He performed. We hear also of how He showed His love for us by His death and Resurrection.

All of the books of the Bible, but especially the Gospels, tell us how we should live our lives in the way that God wants for us.

As you receive today this book of the Gospels, do you promise to read them often so that you might come to know and love Jesus more deeply?

Children: We do.

The priest now blesses the books of the Gospel:

Priest: Heavenly Father, bless these books of the Holy Gospel which we present today to these children. Grant that these candidates for confirmation will find in them your living word, and that this word will enlighten their minds and fill their hearts with your love. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

The priest now presents each child with a book of the Gospels.

Priest: Children, receive the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Children: Thanks be to God.

The priest now blesses the children:

Priest: God our Father, bless these candidates for Confirmation. Through your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds and open their hearts to love and to treasure the words of the Gospel. Through reading and praying with the Scriptures, may they come to know Jesus and His love for them, putting His love into practice in their lives. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

All: Amen.

The children now return to their places.