

2022 CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL DATES

To enrol for a sacrament, children need to be a **baptised Catholic** and must have **at least one parent who is Catholic**. If you (the parent) is Catholic and your child has not yet been baptised or has been baptised in another Christian faith but not received into the Catholic Church and you wish them to be, you will need to contact the parish office (Ph: 4261 1315) to make an appointment to see Father Francis.

Attendance at the Parent Night for all Sacraments is a compulsory requirement when enrolling your child for a sacrament. If you are unable to make this night, you will need to contact the parish office (well before the date) so that we can make other arrangements.

Please note – modifications may need to be made based on COVID restrictions at the time.

CONFIRMATION (FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 6 OR OLDER, WHO ARE BAPTISED CATHOLICS)	DATES
<p>ENROLMENT WEEKENDS After the 5pm Mass on Saturday night or at any of the Sunday Masses, on any of the weekends indicated, parents will collect an Enrolment Sheet and record their child's name on the sheets at the back of the church.</p>	<p>Saturday/Sunday 2nd and 3rd April 26th and 27th March</p>
<p>PARENT NIGHT This night is to inform parents about the practicalities of the sacrament and reinforce the importance of adequate preparations for the sacrament. Confirmation workbooks will be given out on this night. <i>On this night, parents bring back completed Enrolment Form, pay \$30 and present Baptismal Certificate (only if candidate was baptised in another parish and has not received any other sacraments at St John's).</i></p>	<p>Thursday 28th April 6pm</p>
<p>COMMITMENT WEEKEND At the Saturday 5pm or Sunday 9:30am Mass, parents will be asked to stand and read out a commitment to prepare their child for this sacrament. Parents will collect the child's Lesson Booklet. Candidates and their parents/carers must attend.</p>	<p>Saturday/Sunday 30th April 1st May</p>
<p>THE PROGRAMME This Confirmation programme runs for 8 weekends beginning with enrolment. Candidates and their parents/carers are encouraged to come to Mass every weekend during this time. At the end of mass on the weekends listed, the candidate presents their booklet with the lesson/s completed to one of the parishioners/teachers at the back side door of the church where the completed lessons will be stamped/signed. If you are unable to be at church on a particular weekend, then you will need to contact the parish office to make other arrangements. If you have any questions regarding the content of the lessons, please contact: Shirlie Druery (Catechist) shirliedruery@bigpond.com Ernestina Leonard (Catechist) leonards01@dow.catholic.edu.au OR Renee Maguire (St John's School Religious Education Co-ordinator) maguirer02@dow.catholic.edu.au</p>	<p>Lesson booklets need to be stamped on the following weekends: Saturday/Sunday 7th and 8th May 14th and 15th May 21st and 22nd May 28th and 29th May</p>
<p>RECONCILIATION It is necessary that all candidates receive the sacrament of Reconciliation in the days/weeks before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. St John's Parish School Students will have the opportunity to receive Reconciliation at school just before Confirmation. However, if a child is away from school on this day, they will need to receive Reconciliation on Friday 27th May, along with the children from other schools.</p>	<p>Friday 27th May 5pm</p>
<p>WORKSHOP DAY Held in St John's Parish Hall or Year 6 Classrooms. Completed Saints projects need to be brought to this day – more information will be given regarding this at the Parent Information Night.</p>	<p>Thursday 26th May 8:30am – 2:40pm</p>
<p>AFTER SCHOOL LESSONS (for state school children only) Held in the Church.</p>	<p>Wednesday 4th May Wednesday 11th May 4pm – 5pm</p>
<p>PRACTISES FOR THE CEREMONIES (For ALL Confirmation candidates) St John's Parish Church. Children must attend both practices.</p>	<p>Wednesday 18th May Wednesday 25th May 4pm – 5pm</p>
<p>CONFIRMATION - St John's Parish Church. Children will meet in the St John's Library at 6:30pm <i>Please note – We will try to allow preferences for dates, however the ceremonies need to be similar in number. You will be given a chance at a later date, to give your preference.</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 1st June Thursday 2nd June 7:00pm</p>