

2024 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. To receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, candidates must have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion (Eucharist).

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.

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. <i>NOTE: These dates are in the holidays so if you are going to be away for both of these weekends, please see the Parish Office before the holidays so that you can get your enrolment form.</i></p>	<p>Saturday/Sunday 20th and 21st April 27th and 28th April</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 2nd May 6pm</p>
<p>COMMITMENT WEEKEND At the Saturday 5pm or Sunday 9:30 am 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 4th and 5th May</p>
<p>THE PROGRAMME This Confirmation programme runs for 8 weekends beginning with enrolment. Candidates and their parents/carers must 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: Shirley Parker (Parish Sacramental Team) - shirleyparker@hotmail.com OR Kylie Stephens (St John's School Religious Education Coordinator) - StephensK02@dow.catholic.edu.au</p>	<p>Lesson booklets need to be stamped on the following weekends: Saturday/Sunday 11th and 12th May 18th and 19th May 25th and 26th May 1st and 2nd June</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 31st May, along with the children from other schools.</p>	<p>Friday 31st May 5pm</p>
<p>WORKSHOP DAY Held at St John's School. Completed Saints projects need to be brought to this day – more information will be given regarding this at the Parent Information Night. Year 6 children from other schools will also attend the Workshop Day. High School children do not need to attend the Workshop Day.</p>	<p>Thursday 30th May 8:30am – 2:40pm</p>
<p>AFTER SCHOOL LESSONS (for state school children only) Held in the Parish Office.</p>	<p>Wednesday 8th May Wednesday 15th 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 22nd May Wednesday 29th May 4pm – 5pm</p>
<p>CONFIRMATION - St John's Parish Church. Children will meet in the St John's Library at 6:30pm Please note – Depending on numbers there may be only one ceremony. If there are 2 ceremonies 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, once enrolments have taken place.</p>	<p>Wednesday 5th June 7:00pm Thursday 6th June 7:00pm</p>