

# **Agenda Confirmation Parent Meeting**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021**

**Thank you for attending the information session for the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

**You are the first teacher as parents for your child's faith. In their preparation for the sacrament, we the Parish, and with the help of the school Community assisting with our Workshops we will support you.**

**However, we rely on your involvement in home learning and at Mass each weekend.**

## **CONFIRMATION**

**The Sacrament of Confirmation consists of the renewal of baptismal promises and the laying of hands and anointing with the oil of Chrism. The anointing of the candidate is a sign of confirming the gift of the Holy Spirit, and calling the candidates to use these gifts to become involved in the life and mission of the community they live in.**

**Usually, the Bishop presides over this sacrament but sometimes maybe the Archbishop or a Monsignor.**

## CONFIRMATION PACK

- Everyone should have received the **Confirmation pack** today.  
**It contains the following:**
- Pledge Form to be returned and signed by Candidate and Parents on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 8am Mass**
- Mass Attendance Card (To be signed by Priest or Sacramental Team Member each weekend at Mass or if you attend another Church)
- My Sacramental Journal Workbook
- Flame for seat Allocation for Celebration Surname **only on bottom. To be returned by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August**
- Dove is to be coloured and returned also by **Sunday 29th August**. Doves will be put in church.
- Coloured Prayer Sheet to go on board in Church for people to pray for you from church community
- Envelope for payment \$50 per child

Please note that The Australian Children's Mass Book will be given to the Candidates at Mass on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July by Father Prem

Also, the Date Information Sheet, Enrolment Form and Original Pledge Form has been emailed by the Parish Office with letter to every Candidate Family

### Sacramental Journal Workbook

**All** book (My Sacramental Journey Confirmation) to be done with child

We will go over some parts of workbook with children in the workshops

Theme is through child's experience of the family and the catholic church tradition.

Family focus shapes your child's encounter of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation has always been linked to BAPTISM. As we know together with the Eucharist it forms one of the three Sacraments of Initiation

- Confirmation is being held on **Thursday 16th September.**

**Session One at 5.30pm**

**Session Two at 7.00pm at Mary Mackillop Catholic Church**

#### REHEARSAL FOR CONFIRMATION

Rehearsal Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Session One – 5.30pm

Session Two – 7.00PM

- All to attend - COMPULSORY
- Sponsors if possible
- Dress code is white dresses for girls; Black pants and white shirt for boys with a tie If they want to wear one. The Parish office has a small selection of white dresses that can be borrowed (1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist and Confirmation). The dresses need to be cleaned and returned to the Parish office after the celebrations.
- Seating arrangements will be that all Candidates will sit next to their Sponsors in **ALLOCATED SEATS.**  
Parents and other relatives and friends will be able to sit in remaining vacant seats.  
These seats are not reserved

**Four Workshops for Sacrament of Confirmation. It is compulsory that the children attend the FOUR WORKSHOPS and attend MASS every weekend if possible**

- The **First Workshop** will be on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July from 9.00am to 10.30am** in the **SOUTHERN CROSS CENTRE** with Christine from the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Children to bring **Pencil Cases**  
**AT LEAST ONE PARENTS TO ATTEND WORKSHOP**
  - The other Three Workshops are listed on Date Sheet Information
  - We email reminders to parents
  - Children will get a chance to read Prayers of Faithful for a Mass on Saturday or Sunday during the Confirmation Journey as well as on Celebration Night

The cost for any Candidates starting the Sacramental Program at

- Confirmation is \$50 per Sacrament
- **Sponsors must be over 16. They must be baptized and confirmed. Sponsors cannot be a parent or stepparent Usually Godparents**  
**Also, if someone needs to stand in for sponsor i.e., if away or overseas the same rules apply**

