

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you for seeking to have your child/children prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We really look forward to journeying with you as a family. Faith is a whole family experience as parents are the first teachers of the faith to their children. We are here to support you as you nurture your child/children’s love and knowledge of God.

This letter will outline ***all you need to know*** about the Sacramental Journey:

**What are the requirements?**

1. ***Your child will need to be baptised and be in year 3 or above.***
2. ***A completed Enrolment form with signatures from both parents***. Please see the link on our webpage and submit electronically.
3. ***Upload a copy of your child’s Birth and Baptismal Certificates.***
4. ***Nominate a confirmation sponsor for your child.***

Sponsors must be Catholic, 16 years or older and not the child’s parent.

1. ***Enrolment fee of $50.*** This can be paid in person at the information night or parish office, Eftpos is available; or bank transfer as below.

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| Account Name  | Account Number  | BSB  | Reference  |
| OLSC General  | 100022973  | 064 786  | Child’s initial and surname (EG. J Smith)  |

1. ***The whole family is invited to attend*** as it is fun and family focused program.
2. ***Choose your date and time of Confirmation***. This will be in the enrolment form.

**Where will the Sacramental Journey be held?**

The Augustine Centre at St Augustine’s College. St Augustine’s Drive, Augustine Heights.

**What is the schedule?**

The Sacramental Journey runs for 5 weeks from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. You can attend either a Wednesday night **or** a Thursday night. Please decide which night suits your family roster.

**Schedule Wednesday Thursday**

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| Parent Information Session \*compulsory  | 19 April  | 20 April  |
| Week 1  | 26 April  | 27 April  |
| Week 2  | 3 May  | 4 May  |
| Week 3  | 10 May  | 11 May  |
| Week 4  | 17 May  | 18 May  |

**\*Parent information Session will be a time to ask any questions, hand in your paperwork and make payment.**

**What are the special dates you need to lock in?**

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| **Parent Information Session**  | Parents need to attend this information session in order to take the next steps of preparation. It is a **compulsory** step to attend the Sacramental Journey.  | **Please choose from one of the following nights:** **Date: 19 April at 6:30pm** **Or** **Date: 20 April at 6:30pm At St Augustine’s College in the Augustine Centre.**  |
| **Rite of Enrolment and Presentation to the Community.**  | This is a beautiful Rite that your child will receive in Mass at OLSC Parish before the Sacramental Journey begins.  | **Date: 22/23 April 2023** Compulsory attendance at one of the weekend Masses. Saturday: 5pm Sunday: 7:30am, 9am or 11am  |
| **Practice Session**  | The candidates will learn the practical steps that will occur at the Confirmation Ceremony.  | **Date: 20/21 May 2023** Practice will occur after each Mass. Please choose a time that suits your family. Saturday: 5pm Sunday: 9am or 11am  |
| **Confirmation Ceremony WEEKEND.**  | This is the Mass when your child will receive the sacrament of Confirmation.  | **Date: 27/28 May 2023** Please indicate in the Enrolment Form which Mass you will be attending. Saturday: 5pm Sunday: 9am or 11am  |

**What do we need to do in preparation for the special day?**

1. Dress attire is semiformal that is both comfortable and appropriate for the special occasion.
2. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of your chosen Mass time.
3. A parish photographer will be present to take shots of this special moment. Due to safeguarding requirements personal footage/photos are not allowed. Photos can be purchased for $5 after the ceremony.

We are excited to journey with you and your families. Please don’t hesitate to contact us.

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In faith,

OLSC Sacramental Team