

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