

14 February 2024

**Sacrament of Confirmation - 2024**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and high spirits at the start of 2024. Thank you for seeking to have your child prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents are the first teachers to your children. Because of this, the family provides a central role in the formation of the sacraments. We are here to support you as you nurture your child’s love for and knowledge of God.

This letter will outline ***all you need to know*** about the Sacrament of Confirmation Program:

**What are the requirements?**

1. Your child will need to be baptised and be in year 3 or above.
2. A completed **online enrolment form** with signatures from both parents. Please see the link on our webpage and newsletter and submit electronically.
3. Nominate a confirmation sponsor for your child. This is a great opportunity to invite their Godparents into a space where they can help with the spiritual formation of your child. Sponsors must be Catholic, 16 years or older and not the child’s parent.
4. 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. This fee will cover materials produced by the parish.

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

**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.

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

All families have the option to attend either Monday or Tuesday, whichever suits your family. Please note all sessions and dates indicated are **compulsory**.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

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| **Stepping Stone** | **Monday**  **6:30pm** | **Tuesday**  **6:30pm** | **Focus** |
| 1 | 25 March | 26 March | Parent Information Session |
| 2 | Saturday 20 April 5pm Mass or  Sunday 21 April 9am Mass or  Sunday 21 April 11am Mass | | Presentation of candidates  Prayer Card distribution  Take home workbook |
| 3 | 29 April | 30 April | Lesson 1: All About Me |
| 4 | 13 May | 14 May | Lesson 2: The Holy Spirit |
| 5 | 20 May | 21 May | Lesson 3: Fruits of the Spirit |
| 6 | 27 May | 28 May | Rehearse Rite |
| 7 | Saturday 1 June 5pm or  Sunday 2 June 9am or  Sunday 2 June 11am | | Confirmation by Archbishop/Bishop |

**SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (EUCHARIST)\***

**For Years 4 to 6**

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| **Stepping**  **Stone** | **Monday**  **6:30pm** | **Tuesday**  **6:30pm** | **Focus** |
| 1 | 17 June | 18 June | Parent Information Session |
| 2 | Saturday 13 July 5pm Mass  Sunday 14 July 9am Mass  Sunday 14 July 11am Mass | | Presentation of candidates  Prayer Card distribution  Take home workbook |
| 3 | 22 July | 23 July | Lesson 1: Love and The Sacraments |
| 4 | 29 July | 30 July | Lesson 3: Preparing like Zacchaeus & Examen |
| 5 | 5 August | 6 August | Lesson 4: Rehearse Rite (First Reconciliation) |
| 6 | 12 August | 13 August | First Reconciliation (Adults lead & Candidates follow) |
| 7 | 19 August | 20 August | Lesson 5: The Parts of the Mass/Instructional Mass |
| 9 | 26 August | 27 August | Rehearse Rite (First Holy Communion) |
| 10 | Saturday 31 August 5pm Mass  Sunday 01 September 7:30am Mass  Sunday 01 September 9am Mass  Sunday 01 September 11am Mass | | First Holy Communion |

\*This is for children who have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We are excited to embark on this sacred journey with your family and look forward to a year filled with spiritual growth, community connections, and profound encounters with God’s grace.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of our friendly members of the sacramental team at OLSC. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

We extend our prayers and warmest wishes to you and your family as we begin this inspirational and transformative sacramental program. May God’s abundant blessings guide us on this sacred journey.

In faith,

OLSC Sacramental Team

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