



Our Lady of Fatima Parish Caringbah

"Together Celebrate One Vision"

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

You are receiving this letter as a parent or caregiver of a Student who attends a non-Catholic school within the Caringbah Parish. We wish to inform you of the Sacramental Program for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession), Communion (Eucharist) and Confirmation in 2016 and warmly invite you to participate. In Caringbah Parish children prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation in year 2, Communion in year 3 and Confirmation in year 6 or early secondary school.

At Our Lady of Fatima Parish Caringbah we see Sacramental preparation as a partnership between the parish and your family. Our Sacramental program is designed for full parental participation. As parents or caregivers you are the most important link in your child's religious education. Parents or caregivers and children attend classes together.

There is a requirement that children, together with the caregivers, preparing for Confirmation, Communion and Reconciliation, attend **four Sunday lessons and the following Masses**. As well as these lessons and Masses there is an expectation that the candidates **will attend a candidates retreat day** and that the **candidates and caregivers will attend an information evening**. Without this preparation the Sacrament will be deferred so we encourage you to be really involved in this time of preparation. Only upon completion of the compulsory attendance of these events candidates will be officially accepted for the Sacrament.

SACRAMENTS

Confirmation Sunday 15th May 2016 12pm or 3pm

First Holy Communion Sunday 7th August 2016 9:30am or 12 Noon

Reconciliation Tuesday 25th October 2016 5pm or 7pm

Where Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Caringbah
389 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah 2229.

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PREPARATION CLASSES (compulsory attendance for candidates and their caregivers)

All Classes held at *Our Lady of Fatima, Caringbah*

<u>Confirmation</u>	Sundays (4.45pm to 6pm) – Parish Meeting Room	17 th April, 24 th April, 1 st May, 8 th May
<i>Lessons will finish in time for the group to attend 6pm Mass together</i>		
	Information Evening (6:30pm)	15 th March
	Candidates Retreat Day (9am to 2:45pm)	13 th May
<u>Reconciliation</u>	Sundays (4:45pm to 6pm) – Parish Meeting Room	18 th September, 9 th October, 16 th October, 23 rd October
<i>Lessons will finish in time for the group to attend 6pm Mass together</i>		
	Information Evening (6:30pm)	6 th September
	Candidates Retreat Day (9am – 2:45pm)	21 st October
<u>Communion</u>	Sundays (4.45pm to 6pm) – Parish Meeting Room	5 th June, 12 th June, 19 th June, 26 th June
<i>Lessons will finish in time for the group to attend 6pm Mass together.</i>		
	Information Evening	1 st June
	Candidates Retreat Day (9am – 2:45pm)	5 th August

COST

The enrolment fee of **\$30 for each sacrament** will cover costs/ outgoings only. There is NO profit margin in this costing. Costing includes medal, certificate, children's activity book and retreat day activities.

ENROLMENTS:

Please fill out the attached **Enrolment Form** and submit it with **full payment** and a copy of the Candidate's **Baptismal Certificate, Reconciliation Certificate** (for those enrolling for Communion and Confirmation) **and Communion Certificate** (for those enrolling for Confirmation) to the **Parish Office** prior to the **15th March (Confirmation), 1st June (Communion) and 6th September (reconciliation)**

Parish Office PH:(02) 9524 7283

Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am-4pm.

If you require further information or have any questions please contact the Parish office on the (02) 9524 7283.

Regards

Father Mate Litric
Sacraments Coordinator

Father Danai Penollar
Parish Priest

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