



Our Lady of Fatima Parish Caringbah

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Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation completes a child's initiation into the Church. In the Archdiocese of Sydney, this sacrament is received by young people in Year 6 or older, who have already received Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, desire Christ in their life and demonstrate an active faith commitment in the Church. The strengthening of the Holy Spirit, along with the opportunity for candidates to publicly state their faith, means that this is a significant moment in their Christian journey, and a time of great blessing for them, your family, and the whole Church community. It is a point in time in which they can affirm their Christian belief and way of life for themselves as they look ahead to being a member of God's family as young adults.

Parish Faith Formation Program:

There are **2 group preparation lessons on Thursdays 18th May and 1st June at 5.30pm in the church**, it is a compulsory part of the preparation, and all candidates must attend with a parent/guardian. Leading up to the Sacrament of Confirmation, **we ask all families who are part of the program to attend weekend Masses**. You can see the timetable of Masses and group sessions below.

Sacrament Confirmation 2023 Yr6	
3 rd April 2023	Online registration opens
18 th May 2023	Session 1 all candidates @ 5.30pm in church
20 th /21 st May 2023	Candidates to attend any Weekend Mass
27 th May 2023	Pentecost Confirmation Family Mass 5.30pm
1 st June 2023	Session 2 all candidates @ 5.30pm in church
3 rd /4 th June 2023	Candidates to attend any Weekend Mass
10 th /11 th June 2023	Candidates to attend any Weekend Mass
16 th June 2023	Candidate Retreat Day
18 th June 2023	Sacrament Confirmation Masses 12pm & 2.30pm

Enrolment: Candidates must be baptised catholic. If your child was baptised at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Parish Caringbah, their baptismal record is on file at the parish and no certificate is required to be presented.

If your child was baptised at another parish you need to provide a copy of their Baptismal Certificate to our Parish Office. If you do not have a copy of their certificate, you can contact that parish and request a Copy. Every candidate must have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion prior to making the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Registration is \$40 and we ask you to make an EFT payment when you register online. Bank account details can be found at the bottom of the online registration form.

Mass attendance is compulsory over the course of 4 weekends at either the Saturday 4.00pm or 5.30pm Mass or Sunday 8am or 9.30am Mass. Candidates will be issued with a Passport to Faith booklet which they are required to have signed or stamped by the Parish Priest or Acolyte every time they attend Mass. If they happen to attend Mass at a different parish, we just ask for the priest to initial where provided.

Confirmation Name

The candidate must choose the name of a canonised saint of the Catholic Church. The saint you choose should reflect a saint that has meaning to you, this will be because of their virtues or gifts to which you hold dear. Please research your Confirmation name carefully, your Confirmation name must be included in your online registration form.

Sponsors Name

The Sacrament of Confirmation requires the candidate to choose a person to be their sponsor. This person should not be their parent, must be at least 16 years of age and a confirmed Catholic who is a witness to the faith. As Confirmation is linked to Baptism, ideally registration online form. the sponsor could be one of your child's godparents. The Sponsors name must also be included in the online registration form.

Sacrament of Confirmation Mass times

Confirmation Masses will occur at 12pm and 2.30pm on 18th June 2023. The Masses are expected to last a maximum of 90 minutes each. Please list your preferred Mass on the online registration form or select if you are open to either Confirmation Mass. We will endeavour to allocate your selected time, but please note this may not always be possible. Mass times will be allocated as registrations are received.

Please find [here the link](#) to register for Confirmation 2023. Or alternatively copy and paste this link <https://forms.gle/h3oFWGtQeYVW5tH49> to register for Confirmation 2023.

Registrations open **3rd April 2023** and will close on **8th May 2023**.

If you require any further information to the above mentioned, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Kim Gibbons, at the parish office on 9524 7283 or via email sacraments@olofcaringbah.org.au.

Blessings and Peace

Fr Julian Belich

Rev Father Julian Belich

Parish Priest