

Notice to Parents Regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation 2018

On behalf of Fr Paul Hilder, I invite you to attend a Parents Information Evening regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Oatley.

When: Wednesday 8 August 2018
Where: Marian Hall at St Joseph's Church (entry via the Church)
Program Sales: from 7pm – cost is \$20
Meeting: starts at 7.30pm sharp (finishing no later than 8.30pm)
Attendees: Parents/carers only

Applicants must be baptised Catholics who are currently in Year 6 or older. We welcome those who have already been confirmed - such as Eastern Catholics and Orthodox - to join their classmates and friends in the program to learn more about this wonderful Sacrament and receive a special blessing from the Conferring Priest during the Confirmation ceremony.

If you wish your child to be accepted as a candidate for Confirmation, please complete the attached enrolment form and return it to the Presbytery prior to the meeting. A current **school photo** of your child will need to be attached to the application. Please print your child's name clearly on the back of the photo.

Evidence of the other sacraments (Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Communion) need only be provided if your child received these sacraments at a parish other than St Joseph's Oatley and you have not previously provided the parish with a copy.

The program will include the following:

- Four consecutive preparation sessions commencing **Saturday 18 August at 3pm**. The candidates should then attend Mass at 5pm.
- Special Reconciliation will be held during lessons
- Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Rev Paul Hilder on **Sunday 16 September at 1.30pm and 4.00pm**.

Choosing a Sponsor

Encourage your child to pick a sponsor whom you would trust to provide them with advice on matters of faith and morals; a good role model. The sponsor must be over 16 and a baptised Catholic. They cannot be a parent. If the sponsor is unavailable on the sacrament date, a proxy may stand in their place.

Choosing a Saint.

www.catholic.org/saints OR www.catholic-forum.com/saints/indexsnt.htm

Should you have any questions regarding this program please feel free to email me directly at sandragreen@optusnet.com.au or call the Presbytery during office hours (Thurs or Fri 9am-3pm).

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