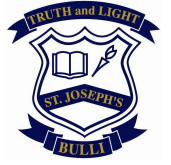


St Joseph's Parish Community

Working Together



24 July 2020

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION INFORMATION NOTICE

Dear Parents,

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place for St Joseph's Catholic Primary students during their Religious Education lessons.

This year, however, the sacrament will look a little different due the current restrictions imposed on the Church under Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (no 4) 2020 under the NSW Public Health Act 2010 and issued by the NSW Minister for Health and Medical Research on 30 June 2020.

St Joseph's Church is currently only allowed to hold a maximum of **50 Worshippers** at any one time and thorough cleaning is required after each use of the church as per Work Safe Australia guidelines.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place over 2 nights:

Tuesday 3 November at 7pm and Wednesday 4 November at 7pm

Parents please discuss with your child about choosing a **Saint's** name for their Confirmation name and who will be their sponsor.

The Bishop's directives are as follows:

"Parents should be exhorted to select the baptismal sponsor or godparent of the candidate as the sponsor for the sacrament of Confirmation. If the baptismal sponsor cannot be present, then a proxy should act of his/her behalf. The role of the parents is to present their children for Confirmation not to act as a sponsor. In accordance with Canons 893 & 874, priests and teachers should impress on candidates that sponsors be at least 16 years of age, be confirmed themselves, be living a life of faith and not under canonical penalty."

There is still the expectation that your child and family attend at least **4 Masses** leading up to the Sacrament of Confirmation as Mass is important to preparation for Confirmation. You must ring the **Parish office** (Mon to Thurs 9:30am – 2:30pm) on **4284 3000** to register for the Masses you would like to attend.

SUNDAY MASSES ARE: 8:30am and 5:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES outside school hours: **Tues 5pm, Wed 5:30pm**