

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Caringbah

Please note I am available in the parish office every Thursday except school holidays from 9am to 3pm

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Sacrament of Confirmation 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation completes a child's initiation into the Church. In the Archdiocese of Sydney, this sacrament is usually 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 are able to affirm their Christian belief and way of life for themselves as they look ahead to their lives as disciples of Christ and members of God's family as young adults.

Due to COVID restrictions, the Confirmation Program in 2020 was cancelled, and students who were expecting to be confirmed last year will have the opportunity to be confirmed this year. Additional confirmation Masses have been scheduled and contingencies have already been planned in case of any changes to current restrictions. It is hoped however that the Confirmation Masses will be as meaningful and inclusive of family participation as possible.

We wish to inform you the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place over the following session times;

Friday 18 June at 6pm,
Sunday 20 June at 1.30pm;
Sunday 20 June at 3.30pm, and
Sunday 20 June at 5pm

Once you have enrolled at your requested session time, you will not be able to change your session. Please consider all family arrangements prior to enrolment.

Candidates are required to attend four 30-minute instruction lessons and mass attendance is encouraged over the course of 4 weekends at either the Saturday 4pm or 5.30pm mass or Sunday 8am or 9.30am mass.

The following weekend dates are to assist your family commitments to best attend to the parish:

Saturday 15 May, Sunday 16 May, Saturday 22 May, Sunday 23 May, Saturday 29 May, Sunday 30 May, Saturday 5 June, Sunday 6 June 2021.

We ask that a parent accompanies their child to the parish on all occasions for this special sacrament preparation.

At Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Parish Caringbah, we see Sacramental Preparation as partnership between the Parish and your family. As parents you are the most important link in your child's religious education and key to this is regular attendance at Our Lady of Fatima masses.

Enrolment / Costs: I am available in the parish office every Thursday from 9am to 3pm except school holidays otherwise please hand to me your enrolment form and payment (EFT available or cash) over the weekend masses.

We kindly ask for an enrolment fee of \$40. This cost covers your child's confirmation sash, confirmation pin and certificate. Please be aware the office is closed on Monday.

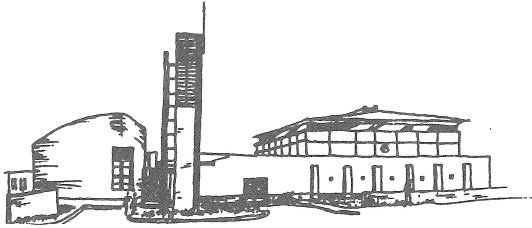
Please find attached the required enrolment form and practical details for this sacrament

If you require any further information to the above mentioned please do not hesitate to contact me on 0410 699 363 or via email sacraments@olofcaringbah.org.au.

Yours sincerely

Rev Father Julian Belich
Parish Priest

Wendy Macken
Sacramental Coordinator



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Sacrament of Confirmation 2021 Practical Details

- Date:** Sacrament of Confirmation sessions available are Friday 18 June at 6pm, Sunday 20 June at 1.30pm, 3.30pm or 5pm. *Please consider all family commitments prior to enrolment as you will be unable to change session times.*
- Confession:** Candidates are required to attend Confession prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please note Our Lady of Fatima holds Confession every Saturday from 10am to 11am.
- Confirmation Rite:** Candidates with their Sponsor will be asked to move forward to the front of the church at an appropriate part of the mass for the Sacrament to be administered.
- Confirmation Card:** You must fill in your Confirmation Card for Parish records. Please sign all relevant areas required. Cards can be handed into the parish office.
- Dress:** Candidates should be dressed appropriately (special occasion / Sunday best). Each candidate will also be requested to wear their Confirmation sash over the shoulder with their Saints name embroidered.
- Faith Preparation:** Candidates are requested to attend four instruction lessons over a 4-weekend period commencing from Saturday 15 May and concluding weekend of Saturday 6 June 2021. A parent must accompany the candidate to the parish on all occasions.
- Retreat:** Candidates will participate in a retreat day at the parish on Tuesday 15 June 2021 from 9am to 2pm. Students will be supervised by staff from De La Salle Catholic College and Our Lady of Fatima Primary School. Further information will be available to you closer to the event.
- Seating:** Each candidate will be allocated a pew with safe social distancing. Each candidate is permitted to have their Sponsor plus 2 parents in attendance only (this advice is followed by the parish given by the NSW Government and Sydney Archdiocese).
- Sponsor:** Candidates are required to have at least one sponsor. The sponsor must be Catholic, aged over 16 years of age, have received all their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism Eucharist and Confirmation).

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Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolment Form 2021

Parish Office address: 389 Port Hacking Rd, Caringbah

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday Wednesday Friday 10am – 4pm

PLEASE NOTE I AM AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE EVERY THURSDAY EXCEPT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FROM 9AM TO 3PM

Sacramental Coordinator: Wendy Macken Contact: 0410 699 363 or email sacraments@olofcaringbah.org.au

Your Enrolment form MUST be accompanied by a COPY of the candidate's relevant Sacrament Certificates; or dates of when / where Sacraments took place

Chosen mass time (**please circle your chosen mass time for the Sacrament of Confirmation, you will not be able to change your session once enrolled. Please consider all family arrangements**)

Friday 18 June at 6pm

Sunday 20 June at 1.3pm

Sunday 20 June at 3.30pm

Sunday 20 June at 5pm

Candidates Details

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Surname: _____

Candidates Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Baptism: _____ Parish of Baptism: _____

Address of Parish where baptised: _____

_____ School in 2021: _____

Father's Name: _____ Father's Religion: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Mother's Religion: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____