

PEACE BE WITH YOU...

Dear Families,

We are now at the final stage of your child's initiation into the Catholic Faith; the receiving of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our mission as a Catholic School involves supporting you and your children in their faith journey. This also includes the Sacramental journey where they become fully initiated into the Catholic faith and tradition.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be
Sunday August 18th @ 1.30pm.

As such, we are beginning preparation for this Sacrament. **To confirm your child's enrollment for the Sacrament of Confirmation please complete the online form found at this link or QR code.**



<https://forms.gle/juZRtSKnXBbjoKhA9>

*This form is now open for families to confirm their enrollment into the Sacrament. It will remain open until **WEDNESDAY JULY 17th**. Once the form closes, a confirmation letter will be sent out.*

MASS TIMES IN OUR PARISH

Craigieburn

Saturday 6.30pm

Sunday 8am, 11am & 6pm

Roxburgh Park

Sunday 9.30am



PERSONAL RECONCILIATION TIMES IN OUR PARISH

Craigieburn

Every Saturday 10.15am



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

AUGUST 2024

Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are Sacraments of Initiation, therefore the candidate having been baptised and received the Eucharist, completes his/her initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation; like Baptism it may only be received once.

In receiving the Holy Spirit, our young Christians are led towards a closer union with Christ and the life-giving actions and gifts of the Holy Spirit. It seeks to awaken a sense of belonging to the Church and Parish community.

The Sacrament of Confirmation aims to prepare the candidates to accept their responsibility as witnesses to Jesus Christ by sharing more completely in His mission.

WHAT ARE THE VISIBLE SIGNS OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION?

- **Laying on of hands** – the celebrant prays a prayer in which the candidate learns the implications of his/her new life in the Holy Spirit.
- **Anointing with Chrism** – Through anointing, the candidate is sealed by the Spirit: marked forever as a Spirit-filled Christian.

THE SPONSOR

The Sponsor chosen for the candidate must be a confirmed Catholic and at least 16 years of age.

The role of the Sponsor is to be a Christian role model for the candidate and along with the parents, support the faith journey of the candidate.

The Sponsor may be male or female.

CONFIRMATION NAME

Candidates to be confirmed select an additional name, most commonly a Saint, who has lived a type of life that the candidate wishes to follow in their footsteps.

We encourage research into the qualities of the chosen saint, so that the goodness of the saint's life has meaning for the candidate.

COMMON QUESTIONS DURING CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

What do children wear during Confirmation?

Candidates are asked to be in **semi-formal attire** for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Whilst the dress-code is not as traditional or formal as what is seen for the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist, we do expect candidates to be well dressed.

How many people can come to the Ceremony?

As this is a big occasion we reserve seating for the **candidates and their sponsors only**.

Families that wish to attend can be seated in a row without the reserved sign. These seats are limited with standing room remaining for other guests.

Can I take photos during the Mass?

It is **not recommended that photos be taken during the Mass and especially during the Sacrament itself** as the safety of all of the children in attendance is our priority.

There will be opportunities for photos before and after the Mass with the priest, teachers and/or family.

What time do we arrive at Church?

Families are asked to be at the Church **no later than 15 minutes prior to the Mass** beginning.

Who can I contact about the Sacrament or Mass as we get closer to the date?

Mr Angelo Iacopino is the best person to contact with any questions about the Sacrament, please contact him at:

aiacopino@olps.vic.edu.au

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Student Retreat Day (For all students in Year 6)

Wednesday 7th August - Details will come via Compass

Presentation Weekend

Weekend of the 10th and 11th of August
Any of the Parish Masses
(See back of pamphlet)

Family Faith Night

Thursday 15th of August @ 7pm
Parents & Child making the Sacrament must be in attendance

Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday August 18th @ 1.30pm
Our Lady's Church, Craigieburn