



# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

## PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1 January 2023

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023

Dear Parents and children,

I would like to inform the Catholic families in the Cathedral parish of the dates of the parish events which lead up to the reception of the sacrament of confirmation in 2023. This sacrament is normally celebrated in year six.

Parents play a key role in passing on the faith. Pope Francis said recently, *'Your children's "little eyes" gradually memorize and interpret with the heart that faith is one of the greatest inheritances you have received from your parents and ancestors.... And if you hand on the faith and live it well, that is where the transmission happens.'* Parents are supported in this by the Catholic School Religious Education Programme or a Parish Religious Education Programme (PREP). Parents will need to ensure that their children are attending one or the other; if your child is not attending a Catholic school please contact the Cathedral parish office as soon as possible so that we can assist you.

The sacrament of confirmation will be celebrated in the parish on Sunday, 28 May 2023 at the 11am Mass. Children are asked to come in neat clothing appropriate to the occasion; school uniforms may not be worn.

There will be a commitment Mass for the sacrament at the Cathedral on Saturday 11 March at 6pm. The whole family is encouraged to attend.

To register your child for the sacrament of Confirmation please follow the link below:

<https://smcperth.jotform.com/dean.cathedral/confirmation-enrolment-form>

A Baptism certificate must be attached to the form when submitting and payment of \$30 for the enrolment fee is required at this time. Once you have submitted the form with attachments and payment you will be sent a second link for a permissions Jotform, please complete, and submit.

On Thursday, 18 May at 5pm-6.30pm a parent-child workshop will be held in the Cathedral parish centre. A parent will need to attend one of the workshops with the child. At that workshop, a facilitator will help parents and children talk about faith and confirmation.

As you can see there are not many events. It is very important for the children and their families to participate regularly in Sunday Mass if they are not already doing so. The Mass is at the heart of our Catholic identity and faith. We are, indeed, baptised and confirmed so that we can participate fully in the Mass.



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If you have any questions, please do speak to one of the priests or call the parish office. This sacrament is a very special moment in your child's journey of faith and your parish community looks forward to supporting you in the journey and to the celebration of the Sacrament.

### Summary of Dates

Commitment Mass	-	Saturday, 11 March	6pm Mass Cathedral
Parent-child workshop	-	Thursday 18 May	5pm - 6.30pm Parish Centre
Celebration of sacrament	-	Sunday 28 May	11am Mass Cathedral

God Bless.

Best wishes

Fr Sean Fernandez  
Dean and Administrator