



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

29 February 2024

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

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 2024. This sacrament is normally celebrated in year six.

Parents play a key role in passing on 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, 19 May 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 combined commitment Mass and enrolment for the sacrament at the Cathedral on Saturday 20 April at 6pm. The commitment ceremony will take place during Mass and after Mass the enrolment for the sacrament will be completed. Please ensure that you have completed the enrolment and permission forms before the Mass. You are asked to pay the fee when enrolling online.

On Thursday, 1 May at 5pm-6pm a parent-child workshop will be held in the Cathedral parish centre. A parent will need to attend the workshops with the child. At that workshop a facilitator will help parents and children talk about faith and confirmation. After the workshop the participants will be taken to the Cathedral for a bit of a familiarisation.

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.

Please take time to fill in the form from the link below, attach relevant certificates and pay the enrolment fee.

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

Summary of Confirmation Dates

Commitment Mass	Saturday	20 April	6pm	Cathedral
Parent-child workshop	Wednesday	1 May	5-6.30pm	Parish Centre
Confirmation Mass	Sunday	19 May	11am Mass	Cathedral

God Bless.

Best wishes

Fr Sean Fernandez
Dean and Administrator