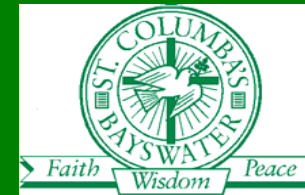


CONFIRMATION
SACRAMENTAL
PROGRAM

2011



ST COLUMBA'S PARISH
BAYSWATER

God our Father,

as our children prepare for Confirmation,

Send them the special gift of your

Holy Spirit.

Help them to share this Spirit with

every person they meet.

Send your Holy Spirit to teach them

the right things to choose

so that they can follow you each day.

Let your Spirit to help them to be kind to

others,

to be gentle

and to listen to others.

Make your gifts new again in them, Father.

Amen



CONFIRMATION 2010

Please complete the following information and return it to your child's teacher
NO LATER than Friday 19th August 2011.

Child's Name:

CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY

I am able/unable to assist with (please circle):

* MORNING TEA (10.15 AM – 11.15 AM) * LUNCH (12.15 – 1.30)

Signed:

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ENROLMENT MASS CARD Please bring to the Enrolment Mass on
Sat 30th July 2011 at 6.00pm.

St Columba's Parish Bayswater



We,.....

present our child,

as a Candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We ask the Holy Spirit to continue to guide us in fulfilling our
privilege of initiating our child into the Church.

CONFIRMATION CARD

Front Of Card

CONFIRMATION CARD	
NAME IN CONFIRMATION _____	(LARGE BLOCK LETTERS)
NAME OF CANDIDATE _____	
ADDRESS _____	
AGE _____	

Back of Card

OTHER PARTICULARS	
CHILD OF:	FATHER: _____
	MOTHER: _____
	(INCLUDE MAIDEN NAME)
BAPTISED:	DATE _____ PLACE _____
CONFIRMED:	DATE _____ PLACE _____
OFFICIATING PRELATE:	_____
SPONSOR:	_____
PRIEST'S SIGNATURE:	_____



INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents

In 2011, students from St Columba's Parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

DATE: Sunday 4th September 2011

TIME: 11.00am

PLACE: St Columba's Church, BAYSWATER

DRESS: Neat and tidy (doesn't have to be white).

COST: \$45.00 (as per the 2011 Fee Structure and payable to your child's class teacher as soon as possible)

Enclosed in this booklet is all the relevant and necessary information regarding Confirmation 2011. Please read the details carefully and do not hesitate to contact us regarding any concerns or queries you may have.

Yours faithfully

Megan Dwyer

Assistant Principal Religious Education

Julie Kelly

Catechist Coordinator

Preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation

St Columba's offers an approach to sacrament preparation that is family focused, parish based and supported by the school and parish Religious Education Programs. Families, the parish and school work in partnership for the preparation & celebration of the sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation.

This approach is based on the understanding that parents, with the support of the school and parish, have the responsibility for the passing on of Christian faith, values, traditions, beliefs and stories to their children.

Catholic schools, by the nature of their mission and mandate, have a direct responsibility to support the family and the parish in the preparation of children to receive the sacraments.

Both the school and the Parish Religious Education Program achieve this by providing knowledge and understanding through the Religious Education Program and by providing an environment which witnesses to, and teaches, gospel values.

Family Focused

"The family is the domestic Church, the Church at home, the place where children receive formation for Christian living.

As parents come to understand how their 'domestic church' shares in the life of the whole church, so their children will come to feel 'a sense of the church' and will want to work for it."

(Christifideles Laici, The Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church, 62)

Children's Religious Education begins at home and parents are educating their children in all sorts of ways long before they come to school. The Faith experience children have from the time they are born forms the foundation and content of their Religious Education program.

Parents educate and form their children's faith by:

- their daily example of Christian living
- sharing of the faith through stories
- praying together as a family e.g. prayer before meals, bedtime prayer
- giving their children the opportunity to experience belonging to a faith community, especially through Sunday mass

What is expected of parents to assist their child with the preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation?

- Attend the Enrolment Mass
- Attend sacrament workshops
- Return all relevant paper work by due dates



CONFIRMATION REFLECTION DAY

We are conducting a Reflection Day for ALL Confirmation Candidates as part of their sacramental preparation. This is a very important time that allows the students to focus on the Sacrament of Confirmation through the various activities we have planned for the day and it is essential that all students attend. Some of the activities include individual and group reflection activities, going to Reconciliation and practising the ceremony and readings.

Please take note of the following details:

- WHO:** ALL Confirmation Candidates attend.
- DATE:** Friday 26th August 2011
- TIME:** 9.00am – 3.00pm (students not attending St Columba's School may be left at the hall from 8.45am. St. Columba's students will be brought to the hall with their class teachers)
- DRESS:** Free Dress
- FOOD:** Please bring a small plate of food to share to share for lunch. Morning tea & drinks (cordial & water) will be supplied.
- IMPORTANT: Please DO NOT send any food that contains nuts or traces of nuts and advise your child's teacher if your child has any food allergies.*
- BRING:** Confirmation Stole
Confirmation Card details
Pencil case with textas, pencils, scissors & glue.
- SUPERVISION:** The children will be supervised by class teachers and catechists. Normal school rules will apply.

The students will spend the day in the Parish Hall and will have morning tea and lunch there. If you are able to assist with the preparation and cleaning up of morning tea and/or lunch please complete the slip at the end of this booklet and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

We trust that the children will gain a lot from this experience and look forward to sharing this day with them.



IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Please take careful note of the following dates:

SATURDAY 30th July at 6.00pm

Enrolment Mass for all children receiving the Sacraments of Penance and Confirmation in 2011 will be held in the St Columba's Parish Church

TUESDAY 30th August at 7.00—8.30pm

Interactive Family Workshop for children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and their parents in the St Columba's Parish Hall

FRIDAY 26th August at 9.00am - 3.00pm

Confirmation Retreat Day in the St Columba's Parish Hall

SUNDAY 4th September at 11.00am

Confirmation celebration at the St Columba's Parish Church

Important details regarding each of these events are included in this booklet

Please take time to read everything carefully and don't hesitate to contact us regarding any queries or concerns you may have. We look forward to celebrating this special sacrament with your child and family and hope to make the occasion a memorable one.



ENROLMENT MASS

Participation in the Enrolment Mass is to indicate a willingness on behalf of the candidate, and their parents, to participate, to the best of their ability, in the preparation activities. It is essential that all students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and their families attend this mass.

Date: Saturday 30th July 2011

Time: 6.00pm (Youth Mass)

Venue: St Columba's Church

Who should attend? Students making their Confirmation, parents and siblings

Please bring the signed Sacrament Commitment Enrolment slip, found at the back of this booklet, to the Mass.



INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

This year, as part of the preparation for Confirmation, we are hosting an activity-based interactive Confirmation Workshop for the students receiving the sacrament and their parents. It is essential that all families attend.

Please note that this workshop is for the students receiving the sacrament and their parents **only** and we do not have crèche facilities.

The workshop details are as follows:

Date: Tuesday 30th August 2011

Time: 7.00—8.30 pm

Venue: St Columba's Church Hall

Who should attend? At least one parent and their student receiving Confirmation

Ceremony: Sunday 4th September at 11.00am
Celebrant: Father Minh-Thuy Nguyen
Sponsors: Must be of Catholic faith, Confirmed and 16 years of age or over. Not parents but may be a Godparent.

Confirmation Card

Included in this booklet are the details required for the Confirmation Card. This must be filled out correctly and returned to your child's teacher as soon as possible and NO LATER than 26th August (Reflection Day). If your child was Baptised outside of Western Australia we need to know the church and the locality as well as the state or country.

Clothing

Neat and tidy (doesn't have to be white). NO jeans, T-Shirts or bare midriffs PLEASE

Confirmation Name

Confirmation candidates choose a saint's name for Confirmation. The saint may be male or female and should be a saint who is an example and inspiration to the candidate.

Confirmation Stoles

Confirmation candidates will be wearing a name stole. The sewn stoles will be sent home with decoration instructions early in Term 3. They will need to be brought to the Reflection Day for the finishing touches.

Seating

Candidates and Sponsors ONLY sit together at the front of the Church. Other family members in non-reserved seating.

Confirmation Cake

Following the mass, students will proceed into the hall for the cutting of the Confirmation cake.

Cost

\$45.00/candidate and payable to your child's teacher as soon as possible for the purchase of certificates, bookmarks, pins, Confirmation Cake, Reflection Day costs, flowers, booklets.

Reflection Day

Thursday 26th August 2009 – all candidates are required to attend.

Photographs

An official photographer has been booked and will be taking photos before and during Mass.