



## Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

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### **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM 2018**

Receiving Confirmation brings to completion one's entry into the Church. It presumes a level of mature faith that leads young Catholics to commit themselves fully to unity with Christ in their lives and to unity with the People of God. To receive this Sacrament, candidates should be practising Catholics, that is, participating in weekly Sunday Mass according to the Commandments of God and of his Church.

Confirmation will be celebrated at IHM Sefton Parish on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. Catholic Christians in Year Six and above who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion are eligible to enrol in the Confirmation Program.

The program begins with an evening meeting for parents only. It continues with 4 small group sessions for parents and child, one per week over four weeks. Each of these weeks begins with attendance at Sunday Mass. The program continues with a Retreat Day and the Sacrament of Reconciliation as preparation for the Sacrament.

Active participation in all steps of the Preparation Program is essential.

The program details are as follows:

<b>Parent Night:</b>	<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm in the Oblate Rooms beside the church</b> -receive information, and materials.
<b>Commitment Sunday:</b>	<b>at all Masses on 19<sup>th</sup> /20<sup>th</sup> May</b> Presentation of the candidates to the Parish.
<b>Sunday Mass each week</b>	
<b>Four Group sessions:</b> (Sunday or Wednesday)	<b>20<sup>th</sup> May 11am, or 23<sup>rd</sup> May 6pm</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> May 11am, or 30<sup>th</sup> May 6pm</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> June 11am, or 6<sup>th</sup> June 6pm</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> June 11am, or 13<sup>th</sup> June 6pm</b>
<b>Retreat</b>	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 9am-3pm Oblate Rooms</b> includes Reconciliation

### **Confirmation Ceremony Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm**

**To enable material to be organised and groups forms submit application in Term 1, 2018**  
Lodge completed form in the Parish Office (Presbytery) along with a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate if not submitted with previous sacraments at the Parish.

To complete enrolment you will need:

- Completed Application Form
- On the Application Form indicate preferred day for group session
- A copy of applicant's Baptismal Certificate (if not Baptised in Sefton)
- A copy of applicant's First Communion Certificate (if not in Sefton)