

## **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC PARISH CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM 2020**



Confirmation is a time when young people stand up and take ownership of their faith journey. Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation are the sacraments of Christian initiation. Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. By the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. They are, as true witnesses of Christ, called to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.

Confirmation will be celebrated at IHM Sefton Parish on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm and 3pm Masses. 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 information evening meeting for parents. It continues with 3 preparation lessons, one per week over three 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. Program details:

**Parent Night: 7pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November in the Church**

**Commitment Sunday:** At any of the **Sunday Masses 7/8<sup>th</sup> November**  
(i.e. 5.30 pm Saturday, Sunday 8am, 9.30 am or 5pm)

**Sunday Mass each week**

**Preparation lessons**

For 2020 children from IHM school will receive preparation lessons at school during schools hours.

For 2020 children from other schools will receive preparation lessons over three Tuesday evenings from 5.30pm-6.30pm on 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**Retreat: TBC 27<sup>th</sup> November 9am-3pm** includes Reconciliation

**Confirmation Ceremony Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 1pm and 3pm**

In Confirmation children will receive the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit – Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord. They will be Confirmed using their chosen Confirmation name. Choosing a Confirmation name is an opportunity to choose a name that has special meaning to you, a name that will help in your journey of faith. By choosing a saint's name, you are asking him or her to pray for you in a special way.

**For Candidates:** Confirmation Saint Research - As part to of the Confirmation Preparation Program children will be asked to research their chosen saint at home. Present research on one A4 page. It will be displayed in the church. You may like to consider: Why did you choose this saint to be your Confirmation saint? What did they do? What qualities did they have- what was good about them? What did you find inspiring about their life and faith journey? How were they a witness to Jesus? How did they pray? What did they do when things went right and what did they do when things went wrong? You may like to include a picture of the saint and picture of yourself. *Please complete your saint research as soon as possible.*

The completed enrolment form may be given to the Parish Office, if outside office hours placed in the Presbytery letter box. Alternatively, scanned and emailed to [office@ihmsefton.org.au](mailto:office@ihmsefton.org.au). The enrolment form may also be brought along to the Parent Information evening.

If the candidate has not received previous sacraments in IHM Sefton also submit:

- A copy of Baptismal Certificate (if not Baptised in Sefton)
- A copy of First Communion Certificate (if not in Sefton)





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## CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT 2020

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MALE/FEMALE

CHILD'S SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

FATHERS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELIGION: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELIGION: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S PLACE OF BAPTISM: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BAPTISM: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please attach copy of Baptism Certificate if neither Baptism, Reconciliation or First Communion in Sefton)

YEAR & PLACE OF (first) RECONCILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF FIRST COMMUNION: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please attach copy of First Communion Certificate if not in Sefton)

CHILD'S PLACE OF FIRST COMMUNION: \_\_\_\_\_

SAINT'S NAME FOR CONFIRMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPONSOR: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsors are to be fully initiated Catholics (i.e. Have been Confirmed and made their First Holy Communion) regular in their practice of the Faith, and over sixteen years of age. Parents cannot be sponsors. Often Godparents are chosen.

### PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR CONFIRMATION MASS

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 1 pm    OR    Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 3 pm

The Parent information Evening is in IHM Church Sefton at 7pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.