

# Q & A

The most asked questions answered

Q. Does my child have to be confirmed?

A. No, however many Catholic High Schools request proof of this sacrament at enrolment, and it is becoming common to be asked for Confirmation before Marriage

Q. If a Bishop does not Confirm my child, is the sacrament still valid?

A. Yes. Bishop Terry Brady has given Fr Andy Bullen sj permission to confer the sacrament in his place. This often happens when bishops are unable to attend all the liturgies required.

Q. Will my child enjoy the same personal attention as previous years family based program provided?

A. Yes. Each candidate will be given opportunities to ask, contribute and discuss with their peers and attending teachers. Although the program will be presented in a different form, with appropriate activities, the content will be the same.?

Q. Why are we limited to only four people for each candidate? What about other members of our immediate family?

A. Current COVID restrictions limit the numbers allowed in a church to 100 people. Currently up to 180 candidates are asking to be included in the parish program, resulting in up to 8 Masses instead of the usual 3 Masses. Every effort will be made to stream the liturgies to allow families to witness the conferring of the sacrament.

Q. Can I change my Mass booking?

A No. Due to the current restrictions and strict rules on numbers allowed in the church, once a booking is made it must be accepted or passed up and Confirmation delayed until next year or sought in another parish.

Q. Can we take photos during Mass?

A. No. The parish will have a professional photographer taking 1 photos of your children, using a telephoto lens so there is no intrusion in the liturgy. These photos will be available online to parents using a designated password.

Q. What should my child wear to the Confirmation Mass?

A. Smart, neat and presentable is the code for both girls and boys. The appropriate clothes one would wear out to dinner are suitable. Army fatigue style outfits, and bare midriff tops are not appropriate.

Q. How long will the Mass take?

A. Between 45 minutes and an hour,

Q. Who can be a Sponsor? Can a Proxy stand in for a sponsor?

A. A sponsor is a practising Catholic who is over 18 yrs old and not the parent of the candidate. The sponsor is one of the people who nurtures the faith life of the candidate. Where a sponsor is unable to attend the Confirmation ceremony, a proxy is permitted.

Q. What happens if it's all cancelled?

A. The parish will notify all who are registered by email.