



## **CONFIRMATION INFORMATION SHEET**

### **ST JUDE AND ST JOHN VIANNEY PARISH**

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup>/Sun 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Commitment Masses

Sat 6.00 pm @ St Jude's

Sun 9:00 am @ St John Vianney's

Please attend one of the weekend Masses with your child.

**Formation Evenings**

There are 2 formation sessions you need to attend. Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March (Adult Formation, no children) and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April for families to attend. Both sessions are compulsory and will be held at St Jude's school hall from 6-7pm.

**Friday  
4<sup>th</sup> May**

Confirmation Retreat Day

8.50am – 3.00pm at St Jude's and St John Vianney Schools

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

# GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

## REGISTERING FOR THE SACRAMENT

Registration and payment for the sacrament is to be completed via the parish website. The Cost for the sacrament is \$50. This money goes towards a gift for each candidate, supplies for the Confirmation program, Retreat Day and the sacrament itself. Please go to <https://stijvwestoncreek.blogspot.com.au/> and follow the link to the sacrament. Registration needs to be completed before 3<sup>rd</sup> April. If your child does not have a saint name chosen please put TBA and this can be told to us on Family Formation night.



## CONFIRMATION MASS

This year Confirmation will be celebrated on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May (St Jude's)** and **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May (St John Vianney)** at 6pm.

At this Mass:

- o Each family will be designated a pew according to the number of people attending
- o Children stand at the end of the seats for the Laying On Of Hands
- o Sponsors present the candidate to the officiate for the Sealing with Chrism

## **NB Retreat Day for all students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation**

Date: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May

- o The Confirmation Retreat will be a Spiritual Reflection Day
- o Children may come dressed in normal clothes
- o Lunch will be supplied
- o Parents drop off (8.50am) and collect candidates (3:05pm) at St John Vianney's or St Jude's Schools.

## SPONSORS

Canon Law or Church law nn. 874, 892 and 893 outline the requirements for sponsors. It is desirable that the Confirmation sponsor be the one who was sponsor (Godparent) at Baptism. **In any case he/she must be a confirmed Catholic normally not less than 16 years of age who lives a life of the faith. Parents may not be sponsors for their children.** This is because a sponsor, while often a relative or friend of the family, is 'sponsoring' on behalf of the wider 'family of faith', the Church.

## **CONFIRMATION NAME**

It is customary to select a Saint's name. The understanding is that a saint is someone to both imitate and seek prayerful intercession from. Your child might choose to use their baptismal name, if that is a saint's name. This emphasises the connection between Baptism and Confirmation.

## **Confirmation Commitment Masses**

- Please attend one of the weekend Masses with your child, ie  
**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 6.00 pm at St Jude's**  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 9:00 am at St John Vianney's**

Sponsors are also invited to attend if this is convenient.

- Candidates are asked to take 3 Prayer Cards to the commitment Mass and can be given out to Parishioners at the conclusion of Mass. The additional prayer cards can be sent to or given to relatives/friends.

### **STRAIGHT AFTER THE HOMILY**

- **Father** will invite the students to make their commitment to the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Parishioners and parents will offer a Prayer of Support.
- Children stand outside the Church to hand out prayer cards to parishioners.

Please do not hesitate to contact us or Cathy at the parish office (6288 1979) should you have any questions or concerns.

Susan Chant and Ryan Matchett