



*Holy Family Church
2 Highfield Rd, Lindfield*

CATHOLIC PARISH *of Lindfield- Killara*



*Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
76A Fiddens Wharf Rd, Killara*

A LETTER FROM OUR PARISH'S PRIESTS

3 July 2019

A warm welcome to our Parents and the children.

We look forward to helping you and your children prepare for Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation is like a sister to Baptism – it further deepens the gift of the Holy Spirit in your children's hearts to strengthen them in living their lives in Jesus. We look forward to sharing with you your child's journey to this sacrament of God's love.

Fr Colin and Fr Thomas

YEAR 2 and older children are invited to enrol for THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

In our Diocese, in order to share in their First Holy Communion, the children need to have already celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation first. This will be explained further at the Parent Meeting.

ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Before Enrolment - please prepare the following:

1. Group Allocations

You are welcome to form your own groups/part of a group for the Sessions; Six candidates per group.

Otherwise, we can assign you to a group and will inform you of the details by email before the Parent Meeting.

Facilitators – Please nominate a parent in your group to be the group facilitator, or perhaps volunteer to be the facilitator yourself. Alternatively, we will allocate you to a group if you leave the facilitator field blank.

2. Save the dates

Please enter all programme dates in the table below into your diary. If there is a date you absolutely cannot attend (lessons or sport are not acceptable reasons - please make this programme a priority), let me know now so that we can try to find another parish where you can attend that session – sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au.

Regrettably it will not be possible for your child to celebrate the sacrament unless they have attended all preparation days as the dignity and importance of the sacrament requires proper preparation.

For unforeseen pastoral reasons for non-attendance on the day, please email Fr Colin (colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au.) and myself.

3. Baptism Certificates

Please email a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate upon enrolment. If your child was NOT baptised in the Lindfield-Killara Parish, please ensure that your child's certificate clearly includes the address of the parish in which they were baptised as we are required, by Canon Law, to send them a notification of your Confirmation.

Please email the **copy of your child's Baptism Certificate** to maia@lindfieldkillara.org.au.

This is an important requirement. Please contact the church of your child's Baptism now if you need to get a copy of your certificate.

Web: www.lindfieldkillara.org.au

Parish Office: PO Box 22 Lindfield NSW 2070

Pb. 02 9416 3702

Fax: 02 9416 3913

Email: parish@lindfieldkillara.org.au

4. Confirmation Name

Please work with your child to research and choose your child's Confirmation Name **before you enrol**.

Our Diocese asks that you choose the **name of a Saint**; a model to follow in their own Christian life.

More information about this and a link to the **list of saints to choose from** can be found on our website <http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au> under 'Sacraments' and then selecting 'Children's Sacraments' (at the bottom of the page – scroll down to find saint's list).

Your child may also choose to be confirmed with their original Baptism Name (**if** it is a Saint's name) since it expresses the relationship that exists between these two sacraments, especially after you reflect on its meaning and discover some of the people who shared your name in Christian history. It is important for your child to learn as much as they can about their patron saint since they are asking this saint to be their friend and advocate for the rest of their life. The children will discuss their names during the sessions.

5. Child's Sponsor

You will also need to have chosen your child's Sponsor **before you enrol**.

The role of the sponsor is to represent the faith community; to guide the one confirmed to act as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfill the duties of this sacrament.

Godparents are a great sponsor if they are available but any other Catholic, baptised person who is 16 years or older and has received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion may be a sponsor.

A parent cannot be a sponsor. A parent or another can stand in for a sponsor who is unable to make the celebration (however you enrol with the sponsor's name).

You can find out more about the role of the Confirmation sponsor by downloading the document on the parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) which can be found under 'Sacraments' and then selecting 'Children's Sacraments' (at the bottom of the page).

THE PROCESS FOR ONLINE ENROLMENT FOR OUR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:

Enrolment will be open at <http://www.trybooking.com/EPRW> from **12 to 28 August ONLY**.

To enrol you will need:

1. A credit card for payment;

Enrolments and payments are done online through **Trybooking**. The charge per family is \$73 + \$0.50 Trybooking fee. This charge is of course not for the sacrament, but provides the funds for employing our Sacramental team and providing the resources needed for the programme.

2. The Parish name and address where your child was baptised;
3. Name of your Group Facilitator;

If you do not have a group please leave the 'Facilitator' field blank and we'll allocate you to a group.

4. Your child's Confirmation Name and Sponsor's Name;
5. The time you choose for the celebration – **1.30pm at Killara** OR **3.30pm at Lindfield** on 19 October.

If you have any questions please contact Sue-Anne on sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au
Please email Baptism Certificates to Maia on maia@lindfieldkillara.org.au

The Sacramental team is so looking forward to supporting you and your children during this special time. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, Sue-Anne. Please contact Fr Colin if you have pastoral needs regarding the cost of the programme payment - colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au.

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THE PREPARATION PROGRAMME FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The celebrations of the sacraments are important events in the life of your family and also of the wider parish community into which the children are being welcomed.

After enrolment, there is a **Parent Meeting** which must be attended by at least one parent for enrolment to be confirmed. Then follows the preparation **Sessions** that each child and a parent need to attend together. Parents work through the sessions helping their children to prepare for the sacrament with members of our sacramental team present to assist and support you. Out of respect for this sacrament for God's grace, attendance at all sessions is required.

The format of the Sacramental Programme is aimed at making our preparation sessions educational, engaging, parish building and spiritually fruitful for both parents and children.

Below, you will see that in addition to the meetings there are also a number of special celebrations at **Sunday Masses** in the weeks prior to the celebration of each sacrament – **attendance** at these celebrations is an essential part of your participation in the programme. These include the Rites of Enrolment and Presentation of the Apostle's Creed.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2019

Enrolment period	12-28 August 2019	http://www.trybooking.com/EPRW
Sat 7 Sept	Parent Meeting + Session 1 + Rite of Enrolment – all meet in Holy Family church at Lindfield. 4 - 5pm 5 - 5.15pm 5.15 - 5.50pm 5.50-6pm 6 - 7pm	For Parents: <u>Parent Meeting</u> For Children: <u>Session 1</u> - led by Catechists Refreshments Social Gathering and Games for Parents & Children Meet and chat to other families who are preparing for Confirmation Rite of Enrolment during 6pm Mass at Lindfield
Sat 14 Sept	Session 2 + Presentation of the Apostle's Creed 4 - 4.40pm 4.50pm - 5.50pm 5.50 - 6pm 6 - 7 pm	Group talk for Parents & singing for the Children For Parents & Children: <u>Session 2</u> - led by the Parent facilitators Meet and greet Rite of <u>Presentation of the Apostle's Creed</u> during 6pm Mass at Lindfield
Sat 21 Sept	Sessions 3 & 4 3.45 - 4.45pm 4.45 - 5pm 5 - 6pm	For Parents & Children: <u>Session 3</u> - led by the Parent facilitators Break time for tea and biscuits For Parents & Children: <u>Session 4</u> - led by the Parent facilitators
Tues 15 Oct	Practice in Church 3.45pm 5.30pm	at Lindfield at Killara
Sat 19 Oct (note this date has changed)	Celebration of Confirmation 1.30pm 3.30pm	at Killara OR at Lindfield
Sun 3 Nov	Receiving Certificates during 5.30pm Youth Mass 5.30pm 6.30pm	At the evening Youth Mass at Lindfield Parish Pot-Luck Dinner in St Brigid's hall – relax, you don't have to cook!

A large part of this programme is community based as you are asking for your children to prepare to be initiated fully into 'The Body of Christ', the church community. We are very much looking forward to getting to know you and for you to get to know one another and others within the parish community. Let us fascinate the world by living out our Christian faith in all that we do.

Regards from the Sacramental Team

Sue-Anne Sherwood – Coordinator
 Maia Schulze – Assistant Coordinator
 Mazi Briggs – Assistant