

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH RIVERWOOD

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## Notice to Parents Regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

Bishop Richard Umbers will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Joseph's on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7pm. I invite parents to attend an information evening regarding this sacrament.

<b>When:</b>	Wednesday, 8 May 2024
<b>Where:</b>	St Joseph's Catholic Church (not the Parish Centre)
<b>Time:</b>	Starts at 7.30pm sharp
<b>Attendees:</b>	Parents/Carers only
<b>Enrolment Forms/Fee</b>	Enrolment forms/fee <b>MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE PARISH OFFICE</b> no later than <b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> .

Candidates are baptised Catholics who have made their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and are currently in Year 6 or older. We welcome those who have already been confirmed - such as Eastern Catholics or the Orthodox - to join their classmates in the program to learn more about this wonderful Sacrament and to receive a special blessing from the Bishop at the Confirmation ceremony.

If you wish your child to be accepted as a candidate for Confirmation, please complete the attached enrolment form/checklist and **return it to the parish office in the Presbytery no later than the due date – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**. Please attach a current school photo of your child to the application with your child's name printed on the back.

Evidence of the other sacraments that precede Confirmation (Baptism and First Communion) need only be provided if your child received these sacraments at a parish other than St Joseph's, Riverwood.

Each candidate will need to select **one** sponsor. The sponsor cannot be a parent, must be older than 16 and a confirmed Catholic. Your child may choose an older sibling, a godparent, an extended family member, or other suitable person. The sponsor should be someone you trust to guide and advise your child according to the Catholic traditions and your family values and beliefs.

The Candidate will also need to choose a saint's name. The saint should be someone whose characteristics and virtues they admire and seek to live by.

The program will include formal preparation and a pre-Confirmation Retreat which includes practice and Confession. The program dates are outlined on the following page. Please note that attendance at all lessons (and Mass on those days) and the Retreat is essential.

Should you have any questions regarding this Program please do not hesitate to contact the parish office via email or phone. I look forward to meeting you on 8 May.

## Sacrament of Confirmation 2024 Program Dates

Please make a note of the following program dates in your diary

<b>Information Night</b>	Wednesday	May 8	7.15pm
<b>Preparation Classes</b>	Sunday	May 26	8.20am
	Sunday	June 2	8.20am
	<b>Long Weekend Jun 8 - 10</b>	<b><i>NO LESSONS</i></b>	
	Sunday	June 16	8.20am
	Sunday	June 23	8.20am
<b>Pre-Confirmation Retreat including Rehearsal + Confessions</b>	Saturday	June 29	1.30 – 3pm
<b>Confirmation Mass</b>	Tuesday	July 2	7pm