



Lumen Christi Parish Sacramental Program Confirmation 2024

An invitation to all parents and children

1 November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In collaboration with St Brigid's and Good Samaritan Parish Schools, we invite all parents and children in our Parish to be part of the Lumen Christi Parish Sacramental program for 2024.

If your child has been baptised in the Catholic Faith, you have already begun preparations for their reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. From the moment of their birth, you have shared your Faith with your children in your love, words, actions and prayers. This is an essential component in their faith formation.

Receiving the Sacraments is a very blessed time in our journey of faith, and it is the means by which baptised children can complete their journey into full membership of the Catholic Church. They are community events, which remind us of the role of the parish community in the development of our life of faith, hope, and love. Our Catholic Schools and Parish are here to help you as parents in your vocation to make known the light and love of God to your children.

Enrolments have now opened for Confirmation 2024 and will close on Friday 1st March 2024.

Please read the following pages for further information about how to enrol your child into the Sacrament of Confirmation program for 2024.

We look forward to seeing you all during the Lumen Christi Sacramental Program in 2024 and celebrating this joyful and blessed time for your child, your family and our parish community.

Very Rev Bernard L Gordon VG
PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs Toni Sillis
GOOD SAMARITAN PRINCIPAL

Ms Kathy Uroda
ST BRIGID'S PRINCIPAL

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HOW DOES THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM WORK?

- Students seeking the **Sacrament of Confirmation** are invited to enrol in the Sacramental program through the Lumen Christi Parish Online Portal. Visit: lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental (*Enrolments close on Friday 1 March 2024*).
- A compulsory information session for all parents is conducted with the Parish Priest, the School Principal and the Religious Education Coordinator of the Catholic Parish Primary Schools or the Parish Catechists at the commencement of the program.
- Candidates from the **two Parish Schools** (St Brigid's Gwynneville and Good Samaritan Fairy Meadow) will complete their Sacramental program over a 5-week period during class Religious Education time.
- Candidates in **other schools within our Lumen Christi Parish** will complete their Sacramental program by attending 3 sessions at St Francis Xavier Cathedral from 3:45- 5:00 pm.
- Parents participate in the Sacramental preparation of their child through attendance at the parent information night, at the Commitment Mass, at weekday parish Masses, by attending the Sacrament of Reconciliation, through targeted homework tasks, and opportunities to come into the learning space.
- The program concludes with a retreat day in which **all Candidates** will meet with the Parish Priest; engage with their peers, and prepare for active engagement in the liturgy.
- During the 5-week Sacramental program, the candidates from our two parish schools are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is held each Saturday at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong from 11:00am to 12:00pm. Candidates in other schools within our Lumen Christi Parish will be given the opportunity after the Parish Program sessions at St Francis Xavier Cathedral.
- The Sacrament will be celebrated in the Parish Church attached to where your child attends school, unless negotiated otherwise at the time of enrolment. Candidates from other schools in our Parish will receive the Sacrament at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, unless negotiated otherwise at the time of enrolment.
- Further details:
 - Students attending St Brigid's Gwynneville contact the school on:
(02) 4229 1969
 - Students attending Good Samaritan Fairy Meadow contact the school on:
(02) 4226 6577
 - Students from Students in other schools within our Lumen Christi Parish contact the Parish Office on:
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IMPORTANT SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR CONFIRMATION 2024

TERM 1 & 2	ST BRIGID'S FAMILIES	GOOD SAMARITAN FAMILIES
Parent information Evening	Tuesday 19 March at 6:30pm	Wednesday 20 March at 6:30pm
Candidate's Commitment Mass	Saturday 23 March at 5:30pm (Palm Sunday)	Sunday 24 March at 8:30am (Palm Sunday)
School Program St Brigid's and Good Samaritan	5 weeks with 2 weeks of pupil vacation Monday 25 March to Friday 12 April Monday 29 April to Friday 17 May	
Parish Mass Attendance	Thursday 28 March - no Mass Thursday 4 April at 9:30am Thursday 11 April at 9:30am Thursday 2 May at 9:30am Thursday 9 May at 9:30am Thursday 16 May at 9:30am	Tuesday 26 March - no Mass Tuesday 2 April at 9:30am Tuesday 9 April at 9:30am Tuesday 30 April at 9:30am Tuesday 7 May at 9:30am Tuesday 14 May at 9:30am
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday from 11:00am - 12:00 noon on 1 of the following days: 6 April or 13 April or 20 April Or 27 April or 4 May or 11 May	
Retreat Day	Thursday 16 May from 8:50 am - 3:00 pm	Friday 17 May from 8:50 am - 3:00 pm
Celebration of Confirmation with Bishop Brian Mascord	St Brigid's Church 18 May at 2:00pm	St John Vianney Church 18 May at 4:30pm

TERM 1 & 2	OTHER FAMILIES WITHIN THE LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH
Parent information Evening	Monday 18 March at 6:30pm
Candidate's Commitment Mass	Sunday 24 March at 10:30am
St Francis Xavier	(Palm Sunday)
Confirmation Program held at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong	Session 1: Thursday 2nd May at 3.45pm Session 2: Thursday 9th May at 3.45pm Session 3: Thursday 16th May at 3.45pm
Celebration of Confirmation with Bishop Brian Mascord	St Francis Xavier Cathedral 17 May at 7:00pm

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