



St Mel's Parish, Campsie

7 Evaline Street, Campsie, NSW 2194

Phone: 02 9787 1582

20th June, A.D. 2022

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

This year in our Parish the **Sacrament of Confirmation** is scheduled to be celebrated at **Saint Mel's church at 11:00am on Saturday 10th September 2022**. The preparation will consist of four consecutive weekly lessons at St Mel's parish hall, to be conducted by myself, the parish priest.

Children in Year 6 and above who are baptised in the Roman Catholic Rite and have received their First Confession and First Holy Communion are now able to receive Confirmation. According to our information, your child may be eligible for this Sacrament. If any of your older children have not yet received Confirmation, then they too can be enrolled in our lessons.

If you would like your child or children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please **fill in the attached Enrolment Form and add a copy of their baptism certificate and return by Friday 1 July** to:

Father Joseph at the church before or after any Mass;

or email them to: frpjoseph8@gmail.com

or bring them to the parish office/ presbytery mail-box, 7 Evaline St, Campsie

or give to your child's catechist at the Public School.

Confirmation will be celebrated on **Saturday 10th September 2022 at 11:00am Mass**.

The four preparation lessons will be held in St Mel's parish hall from 6:00 – 7:00pm on:

Thursday evenings – August 18, August 25, September 1, September 8

One parent/carer will be required to attend the lessons with their child. Every child must attend *all* four Thursday night lessons, to be able to receive this Sacrament.

Confirmation is a sacred time for your child. It is therefore very important to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) beforehand as part of their preparation. Confessions for the candidates will take place in St Mel's church on Saturday 3rd September starting at 1:00pm going up to 4:30pm (each one will be allocated a time).

As you know, Confirmation is an event of great importance in the life of every Catholic and requires serious preparation. Please give this matter careful consideration and if you have any questions please call me on the phone number at the top of this page, any day from 10:30am to 9:00pm.

Wishing every blessing upon you and your families.

Yours sincerely in Our Lord,

Father Peter Joseph

Fr. Peter Joseph
Parish Priest

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022**

- A Confirmation booklet will be given to your child during the lessons and we invite you to use this book with your child to reflect on the lessons and help them to complete the homework assigned.
- A rehearsal will be held in the church at the end of the last lesson on 8 September.
- What to wear:
Boys: long-sleeved shirt with tie and long pants. Girls: a dress with shoulders covered.
- Avoid talking inside the church.
- Turn off mobile phones inside the church.
- To prevent distractions and to maintain reverence, *no photos or videos may be taken in the church*. Please tell this to any family members or relatives coming. There will be opportunity for parents and family to take a group photo at the end outside the church, and then your individual photos.
- After Mass, a Confirmation certificate will be presented to each child outside the church.

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For your records, please note which Mass you chose to attend with your child and to introduce yourselves to Father Peter Joseph after Mass:

- Saturday 13 August 5pm or
- Sunday 14 August 8:30am or
- Sunday 14 August 10:00am



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CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT FORM 2022

Child's full name in CAPITALS (UPPERCASE):

School: _____

Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Date of Baptism: _____ Place of Baptism: _____

(Please attach a copy of Baptismal Certificate)

Parents'/Carer's full name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Mobile): _____

Parents'/Carer's email: _____

- I will attend Mass with my child and introduce ourselves to Father Joseph after Mass on:
 Saturday 13 August 5pm or Sunday 14 August 8:30am or Sunday 14 August 10:00am
- My child and I will attend the compulsory 4 lessons.
- I allow my child to be in the group photo after Mass outside the church. Yes / No
- I will not take photos or videos in church.

Parent's/Carer's signature: _____

*If you don't know the following information now, you can provide it later,
to Fr Joseph, before Thursday 31st August.*

Your child will need to choose a Confirmation Saint name.

Child's Confirmation Saint's name: _____

Your child will need a Sponsor who is a Catholic (not a parent), at least 16 years old, who has also received Confirmation.

Name of Sponsor: _____

Name of Church where Sponsor was baptised & date: