

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024:

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on **Sunday 23rd June, 2pm** at St Mary Immaculate Church, with Bishop Richard Laurenson.

This liturgy will be followed by an afternoon tea for all of the families and friends.



For Confirmation your child will be asked to choose a Saint's name as their Confirmation Name. This is an ideal opportunity for YOU and YOUR child to research about a Saint and discuss why that Saint's name is appropriate for them to have as their Confirmation Name. This is a privileged opportunity and we would ask that you, as parents and the first teachers of the Catholic faith, would give this considerable thought, and help your child in their choice.

If you require any information or assistance with this task there is an internet site available, The website is **Catholic online, Saints A to Z**, [click here](#).

It can, of course, be the Maori or Pasifika form of the saint's name.

**SPONSOR:** Your child will also be asked to nominate a sponsor for their Confirmation. The church requires this person to be a practising Catholic, having received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation themselves and is over the age of 16. A sponsor is not able to be the child's mother or father, but the church encourages it to be the child's Godparent (from Baptism) if possible, providing they fulfil the above criteria. Only one sponsor is permitted. (Canon Law: can. 872-874)

**There will be an online form available on the Parish website for you to complete and submit your child's CONFIRMATION NAME and the name of their SPONSOR. I will let you know when this form will be available on our website and advise of the appropriate link in due course.**

### **LOOKING AT THE CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE:**

<i>Parent Talk on Confirmation</i>	<i>29<sup>th</sup> May (Wednesday)</i>	<i>St Mary Immaculate</i>	<i>7pm</i>
<b>Confirmation Lessons 1, 2, 3</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> June (Tuesday)	St Mary Immaculate	4pm-5:30pm
	10 <sup>th</sup> June (Monday)		
	17 <sup>th</sup> June (Monday)		
	21 <sup>st</sup> June (Friday) <b>Practise St Mary Immaculate</b>		4pm - 5pm
<b>Sacrament of Confirmation</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June (Sunday)</b>	<b>St Mary Immaculate</b>	<b>2pm</b>

### Dress code for Confirmation:

**Neat and tidy dress please, no jandals.**

Looking to First Holy Communion, the office does have, on loan, a selection of First Holy Communion dresses, black trousers and white shirts. Touch base if you would like to arrange to borrow any of these items.



## Lesson Outline - The Sacrament of CONFIRMATION:

- Pentecost and the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit, the Trinity and Jesus' two natures
- The practical aspects of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

If you would like to know more about the Sacrament of Confirmation, remember you can join the **Formed website**, this is free (the Parish has paid the subscription). Simply go to: [formed.org](http://formed.org) and sign up as a Parishioner of our Parish. Look for.....

### [Sent by the Spirit – The Sacrament of Confirmation \(Click here\)](#)

This is a three-part series *for adults* and a great resource and a perfect opportunity to learn more about this powerful and important Sacrament. Please check it out.

The Formed website also has a wonderful *section for kids*. Movies about Saints, mini series about our Faith. [Check it out, click here.](#)

