



St Mel's Parish, Campsie

7 Evaline Street, Campsie, NSW 2194

Phone: 02 9787 1582

A.D. 2024

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

This year in our Parish the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be conferred by Bishop Richard Umbers at **Saint Mel's church, 7:00pm Friday 15th November 2024**. The preparation will consist of four weekly lessons at St Mel's parish hall, 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. 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 Wednesday 16 October** to:

Father Joseph at the church before or after any Mass;

or email them to: stmelscampsie@bigpond.com

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

Confirmation will be celebrated on **Friday 15th November 2024 at 7:00pm**.

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

Thursday evenings – October 24, October 31, November 7, November 14

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. If you cannot accompany your child on some evening, then send your child with another parent or adult.

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 after class. Each student will be allocated an evening.

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

See over for additional information →

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

- 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 14 November.
- What to wear:
 - Boys:* a 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 a group photo & individual photos in the Parish Hall after the ceremony.
- The Bishop will present a Confirmation certificate to each child in the hall.
- It is compulsory for your child to attend every lesson. *If you or another family member cannot bring your child to a class, send your child with someone else who is coming.* If you have problems arranging this, contact Fr. P. Joseph on 0418 136 785.

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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 19 October 5pm or
- Sunday 20 October 8:30am or
- Sunday 20 October 10:00am



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CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT FORM 2024

Child's full name in CAPITALS: *(Write the name as you want it to appear on the certificate)*

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 19 October 5pm or Sunday 20 October 8:30am or Sunday 20 October 10:00am
- My child and I will attend the compulsory 4 lessons.
- I allow my child to be in the group photo afterwards in the hall. 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 1st November.*

Your child will need to choose a Confirmation Saint name (not a name they have already).

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 baptized: _____

Year of Sponsor's baptism: _____

Please return this page with the baptism certificate by Wednesday 18 October

(See front sheet on how & where to return this form)