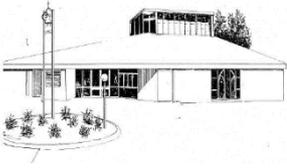


# The Parish of Richmond



St Monica's Church  
Cnr Windsor & Bourke Sts  
Richmond NSW 2753

St Gregory's Church  
5 Old Bells Lind of Road  
Kurrajong NSW 2758

St John of God  
177 Grose Vale Road  
North Richmond NSW 2754

St Monica's Primary School  
32 Francis Street, Richmond  
PH: 4570 3700

Parish Office  
1A Bourke Street  
Richmond NSW 2753  
Ph: 4578 1410  
[www.parishofrichmond.org.au](http://www.parishofrichmond.org.au)  
Mon 10.30am-2.30pm  
Tues, Wed & Fri 9.30am-4pm



Dear Parent,

In Baptism your child commenced a process of initiation into membership of God's faith community, the Catholic Church. At the time of Baptism you proclaimed this faith on behalf of your child. You undertook, with the Church community to assist you, to form them in the faith. Each child has a right to the love and help of their parents as they continue to grow to become more like Christ.

Completion of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) within the Parramatta Diocese occurs via a parish based, family centred, and school supported process.

The dates covering this year's Confirmation Programme are set out below.

**Please note:** Attendance at ALL aspects of the programme is required.

## 2022- TERM 2: SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – YEAR 5+

19 & 20 February 2022: Enrolment Forms available all week-end Masses until Enrolment Ceremonies

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022: Enrolments Ceremonies All weekend Masses

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022: Parent Night, 7.00pm at St Monica's church, Richmond.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022: Sacramental Groups begin.  
(Once a week on your chosen day for a 4-week duration).

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May: Reconciliation will be available during final Group Session Week 4

Saturday 6.00pm 21<sup>st</sup> May Confirmation Ceremonies  
Sunday 9.30am 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Saturday 6.00pm 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Sunday 9.30am 29<sup>th</sup> May

**Confirmation Enrolment Form (pink) – to be returned to the church at Enrolment Weekend Mass**

**Confirmation "Extras" (blue) + Donation (can be done online Parish website)**

To be returned in an envelope via parish office or electronically to  
**[sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au) by 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**March**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me  
We look forward to seeing you all soon.  
Regards

*Maria Boyd*



# The Parish of Richmond

## CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT FORM

Please print carefully



Child's Name: ..... Date of Birth: .....

Address: .....

Phone: Home: ..... Business: ..... Mobile: .....

E-mail: .....

School: ..... Class: ..... Year: .....

Sacraments already received:    **Baptism in Catholic Church**     **Reconciliation**     **Eucharist**

**CHILD'S BAPTISM DETAILS:**

To be completed **ONLY** if Reconciliation or Eucharist **NOT** received in Richmond Parish, i.e., **NEW ENROLMENTS**

Date of Baptism: ..... Catholic Parish: ..... Town: .....

**PLEASE NOTE:** If Baptism or Eucharist was outside the Parish of Richmond, please include a **COPY** of the Certificate/s  
[Certificate copies can be obtained from the parish where the sacrament was received]

Mother's <b>MAIDEN</b> Name	Father
Name as on child's Baptism Certificate:	Name as on child's Baptism Certificate:
Religion:	Religion:

Does your child have any special needs the Facilitator ought to address during the program?    YES/NO  
If 'yes', please provide details on back of this form.

Do you give permission for your phone/address details to be given to your Facilitators?    YES / NO

Parent/Guardian's Signature: .....

**PLEASE NOTE:** A donation of \$30 is kindly requested to cover resources and materials. Please make this donation at time of enrolment. Donations can be made online via parish website: [parishofrichmond.org.au](http://parishofrichmond.org.au), click the red "Donate Now" button, select "Sacramental Programs" from the drop-down menu at biller code and complete details. Please email a copy of the remittance to [sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au). Debit or Credit card may be used and there are no fees incurred.

**GROUP TIMES: Please number preferences 1, 2 and 3**

St Gregory's, Kurrajong	St Monica's, Richmond
after Sunday Mass <input type="checkbox"/>	After 9.30 Sunday Mass <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 3.30pm <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 3.30pm <input type="checkbox"/>
	Monday 3.30pm <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 7.00pm <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 7.00pm <input type="checkbox"/>
	Wednesday 3.30pm <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 4.30pm <input type="checkbox"/>
	Wednesday 5.30pm <input type="checkbox"/>

PLEASE SIGN; - In completing this form I hereby declare that the information I have provided is true and correct and agree to

- the recording of my personal information for Parish records only. This information is not to be used by or distributed to any other organisation.
- the publishing of our names in the Bulletin.
- the appearance of images of my family in the Bulletin or church foyer as may be recorded at Parish functions and gatherings.

(Should you not agree to these items please delete as applicable and sign below.)

# Sacrament of Confirmation

## “Extras” Information

### Programme Dates:

Please note that the **dates for the programme**, i.e. Enrolment Ceremony, Parent Night etc., **require your attendance**. Groups are once a week for 4 weeks. The programme consists of all the parts set out on the first sheet of programme information.

### Confirmation Ceremonies:

Confirmation will take place over **4 Masses**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 6.00pm**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9.30am**

at St Monica's, Richmond

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 6.00pm**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am**

at St Monica's, Richmond

Take care with selection of Ceremonies. **Please select “any” if you are flexible.** This will enable us to even out the numbers for Confirmation Ceremonies. Thank you.

### Sponsors:

The candidate's sponsor **must** be a fully initiated Catholic (Baptised, Confirmed and have received Eucharist). Two sponsors are allowed if they are the candidate's godparents.

Sponsors **must** be at **least 16 years of age at the time of the ceremony.**

The candidate's parents can **NOT** be sponsors.

### Choice of Saint's Name:

The name chosen for Confirmation must be a Saint recognised by the Catholic Church. It can be the saint the child was named at Baptism, their middle name or one they choose for themselves. In the time before groups start, the child can research the life of their Saint and then share with their group the reason they chose that Saint.

Be aware that the saint's name, once it is registered, cannot be changed.

### Reconciliation:

In preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation candidates are encouraged to go to Reconciliation. Reconciliation is available in the Parish of Richmond:

**St Monica's: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm**

**St Gregory's: Saturday after 9.00am Mass**

*The children will also have the opportunity during the final week, in Week 4, of the Sacramental Groups to go to Reconciliation.*

## CHOOSING A SAINT'S NAME:

If the candidate's Baptismal name is that of a recognised saint of the Catholic Church, there is no need to select a new name for Confirmation. Using the baptismal name for Confirmation is preferred because it highlights the relationship between the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

However, if you wish to have a new Saints name because you feel that Confirmation is the start of a new and important phase in your life, here are some guidelines:

What kind of role model are you looking for?  
What qualities do they have that you want?  
What kind of person are you hoping to become?  
Are they someone that you can identify with?

E.g.: If you are musically inclined, you may choose St Cecilia (for the girls), the patroness of Musicians and Singers

Here is some information that you may want to research about your chosen Saint:



- When and where was he/she born and where did he/she live?
- What made them stand out and were they well liked or persecuted?
- What are they patron saint of (sports, animals, etc)?
- Why did you pick this saint?
- What do you have in common with this saint?
- In what way, and why, do you aspire to be like this saint?
- An image of your saint will also be needed

They have lived a life worthy of heaven and are now with God forever. We adopt their name – a sign of living a life like they did – and ask them to pray for us during our own faith journey.

You can also use the internet to research the saints. You can Google a saint's name, just be sure you check the source (is it Catholic?). DO NOT USE WIKIPEDIA. Here are a few sites to check out that I have found helpful:

<http://saints.sqpn.com/>

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/>

<http://www.catholic-saints.info/>

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/byname.aspx>

# Confirmation “Extras”

**Candidate’s Name:** .....

**Confirmation Ceremony:**

**Please Make selections**

Please number your preferences **1 – 4** – or tick **any** if you are **flexible**

Saturday 6.00pm May 21<sup>st</sup>     Sunday 9.30am May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Saturday 6.00pm 28<sup>th</sup> May     Sunday 9.30am May 29<sup>th</sup>

ANY

**Sponsor/s:** .....

(Please note: Sponsors must be at **least 16 years of age** at the time of the ceremony and **cannot** be the candidate’s parents.)

**Chosen Saint’s Name:** .....

(Please note: Must be a Saint recognised by the Catholic Church)

**N° Attending:** .....

**Please note only candidate, immediate family & sponsor**

*A maximum limit will apply of 10 per group including candidate and sponsor.*

*If there are no restrictions, there will be other seating available for extended family & friends.*