



The Catholic Parish of Frenchs Forest

St Anthony in the Fields, St Martin de Porres and Our Lady of Good Counsel

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Dear Parents,

You are invited to enrol your child in the Parish Sacramental Programme, commencing with the Sacrament of Confirmation, followed by the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2012. In the sacrament of Confirmation the baptised believer receives the gift of the Holy Spirit which gives power and strength to become more like Jesus Christ, to be a witness of Jesus Christ, and to help build up the faith and love of the Church community of believers.

At this time, your child, following the example of your family, should begin to understand that we want to worship God because we want to respond to the great love that God has shown for us. The best way possible of expressing our love for God and for each other is to gather each Sunday for Mass to celebrate the Eucharist with our families and the Parish community.

The Sacramental Programme set out below is *parish based, family centred* and requires the participation at four weekly meetings of both your child and at least one parent in a small group led by a volunteer parent. Unfortunately we can not provide child minding for siblings. Each session lasts about 45 minutes.

<p>Thursday 11th August 7.30pm</p> <p>This parent meeting is for parents of all eligible candidates from our three communities.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Preference will be given to those attending the meeting for sessions dates and times.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PARENTS' MEETING – COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Fr Michael O'Toole and the Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator in OLGCC Parish Hall, 9 Currie Road, Forestville. Park in the street or the school grounds • To review and discuss our understanding of the sacrament of Confirmation • To complete your child's enrolment for the programme- choosing a session time and date. • Hand in completed enrolment form. (please see attached) • To provide a photocopy of your child's baptism certificate <i>if they were not</i> baptised at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Forestville, St. Martin de Porres, Davidson or St Anthony in the Fields, Terrey Hills. • To provide the name of your child's Sponsor for Confirmation – usually one of your child's Catholic godparents at baptism. (only one Sponsor per child please) • To provide a Confirmation name for your child - this can be either their own Christian name or a saint's name • To pay \$30.00 per family for work sheets, certificates and medals. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please note: Enrolments prior to the evening will not be taken</i></p>
<p>Weekend of Sun 14th August Either: 8.30am or 6.00pm Mass at St. Martin de Porres, Davidson or 6pm Vigil or 10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Forestville or 6pm Vigil or 9am Mass at St Anthony in the Fields, Terrey Hills</p>	<p>PRESENTATION MASS:</p> <p>At the beginning of Mass, your child is presented with you to the Parish Community when you will express your commitment to the programme and the Parish community will promise to pray for you during this time.</p>
<p>Week beginning Mon 15th August</p>	<p>Commencement of weekly small group sessions with your child and at least one parent. Please note there will be 2 sessions then a 2 week break for July school holidays and sessions will recommence the week beginning 19th July.</p>
<p>Friday 9th September</p>	<p>Practice for Confirmation in the Church at Forestville. You and your child must attend this.</p>
<p>Saturday 10th September 10am Our Lady of the Rosary School Hall, Waitara.</p>	<p>Celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop David Walker. Your child must be seated in the School Hall at Waitara with his or her sponsor at least 30 minutes prior to commencement.</p>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Sacramental Coordinator, Bronwyn Ballesty 0431 787 750.

Yours sincerely in Jesus Christ,

Michael O'Toole
Parish Priest.