



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Kedron Parish invites parish families to join our 2020 Sacramental Program of Confirmation. If you attend another parish, you are advised to contact your local Parish to arrange for inclusion in your local program. (Enrolments open on **17th of August** and will close on **8th of September**. No late enrolments will be accepted.)

In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, you will be required to attend:

1. A parent only information session on **7th of September (4:00pm)** or **8th of September (7:00pm)** at the church of St Therese and St Anthony, 80 Turner Street, Kedron. At this session there will be an overview of the Sacrament of Confirmation, distribution of resources, and housekeeping details regarding the program.
2. Enrolment Mass- **12th of September (5:00pm)**, **13th of September (9:30am, 4:00pm, 5:30pm)** (time preference to be completed on enrolment form)
3. Preparation workshop **Sunday 11th of October** (1:00-3:00pm) (One parent or Sponsor must attend with the candidate, and please no siblings)
4. Confirmation- **October 12th, 13th, or 14th** (5pm or 7pm- time preference to be completed on enrolment form)

In keeping with the Sacramental policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, The Sacramental Program is parish based, family centred, and school supported. The preparation requires commitment from you and your family to attend all activities that we offer and upon your enrolment we have clear expectations that you will participate fully in the program. If you feel you are unable to commit your time this year, please consider taking this preparation journey at another time.

Because of COVID limitations, at the moment, each candidate will have **five** seats at the Confirmation ceremony: the candidate, two parents/guardians, one sponsor, +1 other (for a max. of five people). Additionally, **two** seats will be booked in at your chosen enrolment mass (candidate+1 adult). Father Mario will livestream the ceremonies as we know this is a special event that is meant to be shared with loved ones. We appreciate your understanding with these very limited numbers; many parishes have chosen to cancel the sacraments for 2020 and we feel lucky to still be able to share this important faith milestone with our families and their children.

Process of Enrolment:

- ✓ Enrol your child into ONE confirmation ceremony and ONE enrolment mass via this link (enrolments open 17/8/20):
 - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/confirmation-enrolment-tickets-115002429362>
- ✓ After enrolling, pay the \$100 fee in 1 of 2 ways:
 - Call the parish office and pay over the phone: 3357 6640
 - Pay via debt/credit card at our parent information session(s)
- ✓ Bring the following to the parent information session:
 - a. Copy of your son/daughter's baptism certificate
 - b. Signed permission form with BOTH parent's signatures

Your Eventbrite enrolment will be confirmed after your fee has been paid. The fee is put towards administrative/church costs, gifts for the candidates, photography, and resources including: activity session materials, resources and books. If you are unable to meet this cost, please contact the Parish Office and we will happily assist.

If you require any further information please contact Maria Hopes, Sacramental Coordinator at:
sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

We are excited for you and your child and look forward to being part of this process of preparation for the celebration of this sacrament.

BEFORE completing your enrolment form online, please answer the following questions, which cover the criteria for Confirmation:

1. My child has been baptised. Yes/No
2. At least one parent is Catholic. Yes/No
3. I identify my child as Catholic. Yes/No
4. My child is in 3rd grade, or older. Yes/No

If you answered No to any of these questions, please either call the parish office at 3357 6640, or email Maria at the above email address prior to completing and submitting your forms.

To be printed, signed by BOTH parents, and brought to parent information session for collection, along with a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate.

Signature(s) required for enrolment purposes.

SIGNATURE of Parent or Legal Guardian

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PRINT NAME of Parent or Legal Guardian

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RELATIONSHIP to candidate

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DATE SIGNED

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CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

WHAT IS A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR?

The sponsor assists in preparing the candidate to celebrate Confirmation. They present the candidate to the Bishop on the day of Confirmation and continue to support the confirmed afterwards. The sponsor serves as an example for the candidate of actively and joyfully living their Catholic faith in daily life.

WHO CAN BE A SPONSOR?

Because Confirmation is a reaffirmation of the promises made at Baptism, the child's godparent is the most appropriate person to be the sponsor. However, if the child's godparent is not available, together with your child, consider a Catholic who already encourages and assists the child in their faith. Sponsors should be: at least 16 years old; not the child's parent; a Catholic who has been confirmed, received communion, and who lives a life of faith.

What if your sponsor lives interstate?

If your sponsor lives interstate, you can have someone stand in for them at the ceremony as a proxy. This can be mum/dad/family member or friend.

WHAT ARE THE SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES?

1. Be a good example of living your faith.
2. Pray for the child as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.
3. Share time with the child. Build a relationship with them that fosters communication and sharing about the faith. Going out to eat, call to chat about the preparation sessions, and ask questions to help foster a faith-based relationship.
4. Go to Mass together.
5. You as the sponsor, present the child to the Archbishop/Bishop at Confirmation.
6. Support the newly confirmed after Confirmation. After the Confirmation ceremony, the sponsor's duties have just begun. Continue to be a support person for the young Catholic, maintaining the relationship of trust and helping them grow in the faith. Remember birthdays and confirmation day anniversary – send a card or make a phone call.
7. From time to time work together on a project that uses the 'Gifts of the Spirit'.

Choosing a Saint Name for Confirmation:

Choosing a Confirmation name is an opportunity to choose a name that has special meaning to you, a name that will help you in your journey of faith. By choosing a saint's name, you're asking him or her to pray for you in a special way. Having a special connection to someone in Heaven is a big deal!

Need some help getting started? [Click Here](#) for some saint inspiration

Additional information on the Sacrament of Confirmation can be found by clicking here: [Flame of Faith](#)

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If you were baptised overseas, we are required by Church law to advise that overseas parish of other sacraments you have received. By giving us your personal information you consent to us disclosing that information to the overseas parish. By consenting to the disclosure of your personal information, Australian Privacy Principle 8.1 does not apply and you agree that we do not have to take reasonable steps to ensure that information is treated in accordance with the Privacy Act.

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