



St Mark's Parish

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Dear Parents

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We are shortly to begin preparation for the children of St Mark's Parish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The parish community invites children in Year 6 or above to enrol for the reception of the Sacrament. Confirmation, along with Eucharist, completes the full initiation of your child into the Catholic faith begun by you with your children Baptism.

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at 6pm Vigil Mass Saturday 26th August and 9am Sunday Mass 27th August 2017. Please note that applications should be forwarded **fully completed including a copy of Baptism certificate.** The sponsor for your children ideally is a godparent. The saint's name taken in Confirmation may well be the child's Baptism saint's name, or another recognisable Catholic saint. There are two forms to be completed and returned together, ie **Enrolment Form and Confirmation Card. No enrolments will be accepted after Friday 23rd June.**

Please find attached all the necessary information. The compulsory Confirmation Retreat will be held on **Saturday 19th August, 2017** in St. Mark's Hall. This Retreat and practise is an essential requirement, in addition to the four home program meetings over four weeks. St. Mark's parish centre (upstairs) is also available **before Saturday 6pm Mass, after 9am Sunday Mass and before 6pm Sunday Mass, Weekday afternoon or early evening** for small program meetings for Confirmation preparation. Reception of the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) is included in the preparation program.

Any further queries to Fr. Michael or Sr. Antonia (pa@stmarksdrummoyne.org.au), Parish Office 9181 1795.

With every blessing as you, accompany your child on this journey of faith.

Yours sincerely

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