



St Mark's Parish

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8th June 2018.

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 1st September and 9am Sunday Mass 2nd September 2018. 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, i.e. **Enrolment Form and Confirmation Card. No enrolments will be accepted after Friday 29th June.**

Please find attached all the necessary information. The compulsory Confirmation Retreat will be held on **Sunday 26th August, 2018** 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. The parish community of St. Mark's invites families to come along with their children regularly to Mass. Children's liturgy is available in term times at the 9 am Sunday Mass.

The cost of the program per family is \$30, which includes a children's activity workbook, medal. *If this is a difficulty for any family please speak to Fr. Michael or Sr. Antonia.* This can be paid to St Mark's Parish by electronic transfer via our website (www.stmarksdrummoyne.org.au – click on the red 'Make a Donation or Payment' button at the bottom of the screen and click on Sacramental Programs).

For all enquires please contact Sr. Antonia - email pa@stmarksdrummoyne.org.au or Parish Office phone: 9181 1795.

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

Yours sincerely

Fr Michael L McLean EV PP
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Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney





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THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2018 ST MARK'S PARISH DRUMMOYNE TIMETABLE

Please note, you need to **DETACH** and **KEEP** these dates in a prominent place.

Parents are to attend all relevant meetings.

Thank you.

	DATES
Enrolment letters are available from	Friday 8 June 2018
Enrolment Closes	Friday 29 June 2018
Confirmation Leaders' Meeting	Tuesday 24 July at 7.30 pm in the parish centre upstairs
Parents' Only Meeting (Attendance Essential)	Thursday 26 July from 7.30 pm St Mark's Hall
Enrolment Masses (Attendance Essential) at St Mark's Church	Saturday 28 July at 6 pm Mass or Sunday 29 July at 9 am or 6 pm Masses
Four Group Meetings – (Attendance essential)	4 pm to 5 pm or 7 pm to 8 pm
Mondays	30 July, 6, 13 and 20 August
Tuesdays	31 July, 7, 14 and 21 August
Wednesdays	1, 8, 15 and 22 August
Thursday	2, 9, 16 and 23 August
Weekends (Saturdays) 5 pm to 6 pm	4, 11, 18 and 25 August
Weekends (Sundays) 10am to 11 am, 5 pm to 6 pm	29 July, 5, 12 and 19 August
Essential Retreat for Candidates (with parents who are group leaders present)	Sunday 26 August from 3.45 pm to 7.00 pm includes 6.00pm Mass
Parents' and Candidates' Retreat Mass at St Mark's Church	Sunday 26 August at 6.00 pm
Reconciliation 1 st Rite at St Mark's Church (several priests will be available)	Thursday 23 and 30 August from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Reconciliation 1 st Rite at St Mark's Church	Saturday 1 September from 11.00 am to 11.50 am
Confirmation Masses	Saturday 1 September at 6pm Vigil Mass & Sunday 2 September at 9 am
<i>ALL ENQUIRES: Please contact Parish office- 9181 1975.</i>	

ENROLMENT FORM – CONFIRMATION 2018

Please Print Clearly

Candidate’s Full Name _____

Parent’s Names _____

Address _____

Parents’ Phone Contacts _____ Mobile _____

Parent’s Email _____

Baptism (Parish & Year) _____

IMPORTANT – Please Attach the Baptism Certificate

(photocopy is acceptable) unless Baptism took place at St Mark’s Drummoyne

School Attended by Candidate _____

Confirmation Mass

Preference (please circle) Saturday 1 September at 6 pm Sunday 2 September at 9 am

Below are six possible meeting times for the four home group sessions. Select **two possible times below**.

Please number 1st or 2nd.

Please note that one choice only is not acceptable

Mondays	4 pm to 5 pm		7 pm to 8 pm	
Tuesdays	4 pm to 5 pm		7 pm to 8 pm	
Wednesdays	4 pm to 5 pm		7 pm to 8 pm	
Thursday	4 pm to 5 pm		7 pm to 8 pm	
Saturday	5 pm to 6 pm			
Sunday	10am to 11am		5 pm to 6 pm	

I am willing to offer my home: (circle) YES IF NEEDED NO

I am willing to lead/facilitate a group: (circle) YES IF NEEDED NO

Please be generous in offering to be a leader/facilitator. The program cannot be offered unless sufficient leaders volunteer. Thank you to those willing to offer their homes as meeting venues. **Resources and support** will be provided at Leaders’ Meeting on **Tuesday 24 July at 7.30 pm** parish centre upstairs. All volunteers leader & home host are to have a **WWCC (Free for Volunteer – Working with Children Check) and to have signed Code of Conduct for Working with Children.**

NB: St Mark’s Parish Centre (upstairs) is available on **before Saturday 6 pm Mass, after 9 am Sunday Mass, before 6 pm Sunday Mass, Weekday afternoon or early evening** for families who would like to hold their groups. Only small groups can be accommodated - enquiries: parish office 9181 1795.

Parents: **Please return to St Mark’s Parish Office** (not the School) this form and the Confirmation Card, together with Baptism Certificate (**three sheets in total**).

Forms must be fully completed and submitted not later than 29 June 2018. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION CARD

SAINT'S NAME _____

Please choose a recognisable Catholic saint or your Baptism Saint's name.

Child's Full Name _____

Child's Age _____

Address _____

Father's Full Name _____

Mother's Full Name and
Maiden Name _____

Baptism (Date) _____

At: (Name of Church) _____

(Suburb of Church) _____

(Country of Church) _____

Confirmation Sponsor's Name _____

One sponsor only – the **Catholic Baptism godparent** is most suitable. Other suitable sponsors are a Baptised and Confirmed Catholic 16 years and above. **Sponsors are not to be the parent of another candidate who is being Confirmed at the same Mass time.**

Confirmation Date:	Saturday 1 September at 6 pm	Sunday 2 September at 9 am
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Please circle your date

This form is required for entry into Church records. Please print clearly.

Thank you.