



*Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.*

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION NORTH WODEN

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17 July 2020

Dear Parents

RE: Confirmation 2020

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the Parish of the Transfiguration, North Woden, on Tuesday 15 September 2020 at 7pm and Wednesday 16 September 2020 at 7pm.

Who is eligible?

Children who have already celebrated their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist and are in Year 6 or above may be enrolled.

Enrolment Form

To enrol your child, please access or download the Qkr! App and complete the enrolment details or return the enclosed form to the Parish Office, 3 Strangways Street, Curtin, 9am – 3.30pm Mon, Wed or Fri by Friday 24 July 2020 (if office is unattended please post through the mailbox slot); or email to wodennorth@cg.org.au.

The Enrolment Form asks for your child's confirmation name and sponsor. If your child has not yet decided on a confirmation name or sponsor, you should still return the form by Friday 24 July and provide this information when it becomes available. (A confirmation name is the name of a saint who inspires the candidate to follow Jesus). The sponsor assists the candidate to grow in their Catholic faith. The sponsor must be a confirmed Catholic normally not less than 16 years of age, living a life of faith consistent with that role, having a good relationship with the candidate and being neither parent nor sibling of the candidate as they are sponsoring on behalf of the wider family of faith.

The requested offering per family is \$40. This helps to defray the cost of a workbook, commemorative certificate, medal and administrative costs. If you have difficulty meeting the offering, please contact me for a confidential discussion.

Why a Family-Based Program?

The Parish Family-Based program affirms the direct participation of parents in their child's faith journey with the prayerful support of the Parish community. The program compliments but does not replace the religious instruction given at Catholic schools or through a School of Religion. Parents have found the program to be a graced time with their child and that in turn

has made the celebration of the sacrament all the more meaningful. Home-based family groups will be discussed and allocated at the Parent Information Night (PIN).

Hosting a Family Group

The program is dependent on the generosity of some parents to host or to co-host a family group. I am enclosing a 'Host Nomination' form for your consideration. The role of a host is not difficult, with session notes and guidance provided. N.B. Hosts will be required to attend an Information Session at 5.30pm on Tuesday 28 July at Holy Trinity Church.

All hosts must have, or have applied for, a Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card. There is no cost involved in applying for a WWVP card for volunteers. Further information on the same is found on the 'Host Nomination' form.

What does the program involve?

The program includes:

- **An Information Session for hosts of a family group in Holy Trinity Church, 3 Strangways Street, Curtin at 5.30pm, Tuesday 28 July.**
- **An Introductory Night for all parents to receive an overview of the family sessions and meet with the other members of their group, in the Holy Trinity School Hall, 18-20 Theodore Street, Curtin at 6 pm, Tuesday 28 July.**
- **Four family group meetings for parents and children.**
- **Presentation Mass. Each family to attend one of the following: Saturday 22 August 2020 6pm or Sunday 23 August 2020 9.30am.**
- **Parent and Child Stole Night, date to be advised**
- **A children's retreat day and practice, date to be advised.**

Why two Confirmation Masses?

The numbers necessitate having two Masses. Confirmation Masses will be Tuesday 15 September at Holy Trinity Church in Curtin (for families resident in Curtin, Lyons and Phillip) and Wednesday 16 September at Sts Peter and Paul Church in Garran (for families resident in Garran, Hughes and O'Malley).

What next?

If you would like your child to celebrate Confirmation this year, you must complete enrolment and payment to the Parish Office by Friday 24 July 2020. Enquiries can be made to the Parish Office (9am – 3.30pm Mon, Wed and Fri, on 6281 3999).

Yours sincerely,

Fr John Woods
Parish Priest