



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

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION NORTH WODEN

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April 2023

Dear Parents

RE: Confirmation 2023

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the Parish of the Transfiguration, North Woden, at 6pm, Monday 19 June and 6pm, Tuesday 20 June 2023. The numbers involved necessitate the two Masses.

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, you must (1) Download the Qkr! App (2) Complete the enrolment details by Monday 1 May 2023.

Enquiries to the parish office: email wodennorth@cg.org.au Ph.: 6281 3999

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 complete registration by Monday 1 May 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 parents can nominate for a particular family group 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 a Zoom Information Session at 5.30pm on Tuesday 2 May.**

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** at 5.30pm, Tuesday 2 May, via Zoom.
- **An Information Night for all parents** to receive an overview of the family sessions at 6 pm, Tuesday 2 May, via Zoom.
- **Four Family Group Meetings** for parents and children.
- **Presentation Mass.** Each family must attend either of the Saturday 3 June 6pm OR Sunday 4 June 9.30am, at Holy Trinity Church, Curtin.
- **Parent and Child Stole Night** on Thursday 8 June at 5.30pm, in the Holy Trinity School Hall, 18-20 Theodore Street, Curtin.
- A children's **Retreat Day and practice**, Friday 16 June, 9am-2.30pm, in the Holy Trinity School Hall.

What next?

If you would like your child to celebrate Confirmation this year, you must complete enrolment via the Qkr app by Monday 1 May 2023. Enquiries can be made to the Parish Office (9am – 3.30pm Mon, Wed and Fri, wodennorth@cg.org.au or Ph.: 6281 3999).

Yours sincerely,

Fr John Woods
Parish Priest