



St Mark's Parish

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St Mark's Sacramental Program – The Sacrament of Confirmation 2020 preparation for 2021.

Dear Parents / Guardian of a Confirmation Candidate.

We have experienced an unprecedented situation in our lifetime with the closure of Churches and the cessation of our Sacramental life over the last few months. Thank goodness, we are now able to celebrate Mass with smaller numbers. A maximum of 80 (using upstairs and downstairs) are permitted in our Church using the one person per four square metre ruling. At this stage I invite candidates and their families back to Mass with our revised programme of Masses, as you feel comfortable and it is safe for you to do so. To attend Masses, you have to register and maintain social distancing in our Church, and after each Mass our Church has to be cleaned.

The Sacrament of Confirmation has been rescheduled to 2021 with a date to be confirmed. We invite you to do preparation for Confirmation in 2020, with your child via ZOOM.

Enclosed is an expression of interest registration form. The timeline for 2020 ZOOM preparation dates are below.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – 2020 PREPARATION ONLY.			
PARENT PREPARATION EVENING: (Attendance Essential)	27 October 2020	7.30pm	ZOOM OR PHONE IN (1 hour)
PREPARATION SESSIONS: (Choose 1 set of dates)	Tuesday 3 – 10 – 17 - 24 November at 7.00pm (1 st choice)	Thursday 5 – 12 – 19 - 26 November at 7.00pm (2 nd choice)	ZOOM (1 hour) (at least one parent must be present with the candidate)
MASS, PRACTICE EVENING AND PRAYER	To be scheduled in 2021		ST MARK'S CHURCH
THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (FIRST RECONCILIATION)	To be scheduled in 2021		ST MARK'S CHURCH
CELEBARTION MASSES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2021 (FOR 2020 CANDIDATES)			
To be scheduled in 2021			

This Sacramental information is effective for this 'moment in time' and may change in line with the Archdiocese of Sydney and NSW Government guidelines. As numbers are restricted at Church, all Sacramental programs may have restrictions on number of attendees. We will keep you up to date through the Parish Bulletin and Parish website.

I thank you for your patience and understanding during this time and look forward to these Parish occasions.

Yours sincerely

Very Rev Michael McLean PP EV
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