

# St Thomas Aquinas Parish



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## The Sacrament of Confirmation 2022

I invite you and your child to be part of the Confirmation Program in our parish this year.

Children in **Year 6 or older**, who have not yet received Confirmation, and have received Reconciliation and First Communion, are invited to participate.

Confirmation enhances our appreciation of God's involvement in our lives by making us more aware of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The preparation for this sacrament is centered at home where parents, guided by a booklet and notes, help their child to come to know the Lord. At the same time there will be weekly meetings (approx. 30-45 minutes in duration) where parents and children come together in small groups to share their experiences. These meetings are **via zoom** and are led by a facilitator. The program runs for a period of 4 weeks.

**If you wish to participate in the program, please come along to both the Parent Meetings on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 7.00pm at St Thomas Aquinas Church.** The first meeting is to introduce you to the program, and hand out the enrolment forms, the second meeting is to introduce you to your groups, hand out the booklets required and any other relevant information.

**Commitment of the Candidates will take place at any of the Parish Masses on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022 where each candidate must attend one of the Masses.** You will need to complete the enrolment form and bring the form, and a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate, to hand in at any of these Masses. (9.30am Sat, 5.00pm Sat, 8.00am and 9.30am Sun). *Enrolment forms are given out at Parent Meetings.*

**Confirmation** - Wednesday, 31st August 7pm, St Thomas Aquinas Church

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Debbie Breytenbach, Sacramental Coordinator at the parish office.

Yours in Christ

Fr Paul Slyney PP  
PARISH PRIEST OF SPRINGWOOD and LAWSON

### Diary Dates:

**Tues 19/26 July** - Parent Meetings  
**Sat 23/Sun 24 July** - Commitment of Candidates at weekend Masses  
**Week of 31 July** - Program begins  
**Thurs 25 Aug 3.30pm** - Tentative practice date 1 (to confirm)  
**Fri 26 Aug 3.30pm** - Tentative practice date 2 (to confirm)