



# St Thomas Aquinas Parish

## 2023 CONFIRMATION Sacramental Program - Term 2, 2023

We invite you and your child to be part of our 2023 Confirmation Sacramental Program.

**Age:** Children in Year 6 or older in 2023, who have not yet received Confirmation but have received Reconciliation and Holy Communion are invited to participate.

**Meetings:** Please come along to both Parent Meetings on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 6.30pm and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm (same week) at St Thomas Aquinas Church.

**What do I bring along to the first meeting?** Please bring with you a completed copy of the enrolment form (download via [www.stachurchspringwood.org.au](http://www.stachurchspringwood.org.au), hard copies are available at the back of the church or at the parish office) and a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

**Why do I need to come to the meetings?** The first meeting is to introduce you to the sacramental program and the second meeting is to introduce you to your groups and to hand required materials out for sacrament.

**How do the programs run each week?** To ensure our sacramental programs continue, we rely on **facilitators** to oversee a small group of children, meeting either at a central location (facilitators home) or at the parish centre each week. The children in your group have a great deal of input at each lesson, with homework tasks and tasks to be completed within the group setting. Help is provided along the way with a leader's manual to guide you.

**Commitment:** If you feel that either you or your child are not ready to make this step, please feel free to delay it to a later date or if you are unable to commit to the times available to our parish this year, we will do our best to put you in touch with another parish in our Diocese to complete this Sacrament at another time. *Contact the parish office if you would like further information.*

**The cost:** \$20.00 per family. This covers an activity book required to complete the sacrament, certificate, and a medal. Payable via eftpos or cash on the first parent evening.

**Diary Dates:** Please keep any of the Masses on the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 available (5.00pm Saturday, 8.00am and 9.30am Sunday) as the children will be welcomed with a blessing from the attending Priest.

**Confirmation will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00pm  
by Rev Monsignor Ron McFarlane Chancellor at St Thomas  
Aquinas Church.**

If our numbers are large this year, we will have this Sacrament over two nights (Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June).

**CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 6.30pm**

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