

St. Patrick's Bega
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Dear Parents,

I invite Children in years 5/6 to enrol for Confirmation 2021.

Eligibility

Children will need to be in years 5/6 (or older) and have already received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Usually children will reside within the parish bounds and at least one parent needs to be Latin Rite Catholic (Roman Catholic). If your circumstances are different from these requirements, you will need to contact Fr Luke directly (lukeverrell@cg.org.au 6492 1058) as soon as possible.

Children attending a Non-Catholic School will need to work through a home booklet.

Enrolment

Enrolment is made by completing the online application form and registering at the Parents Information Night (21st April). The Sacrament of Confirmation is a Parish event and enrolment is taken through the parish.

About Confirmation

Confirmation is a sacrament that 'completes baptism'. In the Catholic Latin Rite, Confirmation is 'held off at baptism' we instead wait until children are mature and the bishop can be present. The principal gift of confirmation is the strengthening of the Holy Spirit in the children to become witnesses to the faith. Once confirmed, children are able to stand up to the tests and choices of living a Christian life.

About The Confirmation Program for 2021

We are slowly moving our sacramental programs to be more family based, parish organised and school supported. The goal is that parents should have a sense of 'bringing their Child into the Church'. By making the event of Confirmation a Family event- we invite your family to connect again in prayer, support and sharing.

Before Confirming your Children, Archbishop Christopher will want to be assured that parents have been a part of their Children's preparation – this is done by attending the Family Masses.

The Next Step

Begin to fill in the Online registration form – only required fields need to be completed at this point - <https://forms.gle/cnmEQ3BG98915hWm7>

Attend the parent information night.- 6pm Wednesday 21st April, Bega Church
Pay Administration Fee (\$20)- made on information night via cash or Tap N Go.
Sign permission forms- signed at the information night.

The contacts for Confirmation are:

Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary 6492 1058 bega@cg.org.au
Fr Luke Verrell, PP, 6492 1058 luke.verrell@cg.org.au
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Peace, Fr. Luke Verrell PP- St Patrick's Parish, Bega

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Important Dates:

Parent Information Night:	6pm Wednesday 21 st April, Bega Church
Enrolment Weekend:	Across all Parish Masses over the weekends 1 st & 2 nd May and 8 th & 9 th May
1 st Family Mass & Formation: (Beginning in School Hall)	4:30pm- 6pm Sunday 22 nd May
2 nd Family Mass & Formation (Beginning in School Hall)	4:30pm- 6pm Sunday 6 th June
At Home Activities	On going
Student Retreat Day:	Tuesday 15 th June, Pambula Surf Club
Confirmation Mass:	6pm Thursday 17 th June, Bega Church
Thanksgiving Mass:	9:30am Sunday 19 th June, Bega Church