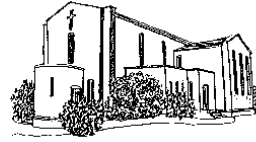


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**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION  
INFORMATION PACK**

Dear Parents,

Confirmation is the next sacrament of initiation after children's baptism. In the diocese of Broken Bay, this sacrament is generally celebrated when the child is in year 2 at school. The celebration for Naremburn-Northbridge parish communities is normally held in June in St Leonard's Church, Naremburn.

This information pack, including the attached enrolment form and parishioner information form, is prepared in March each year. It is distributed to all Year 2 students at St Philip Neri and those attending catechist classes at Northbridge Primary. Information packs are also available from March onward at the parish office, at the rear of the churches and by download from the website.

There are two forms – the enrolment form for the sacrament of confirmation, and the parishioner information form. Both are available and can be submitted online at the parish website [www.naremburn-northbridge.com](http://www.naremburn-northbridge.com)

The first form is used to obtain information needed for the confirmation register and the preparation sessions. Please indicate if you are prepared to lead a group. This is not a difficult task and you will be well supported. We usually need 8-10 group leaders.

The second form is used to obtain up-to-date contact information and family details, as well as an invitation to participate in one or more aspects of parish community life. If you have provided this information previously, and the information hasn't changed, you do not need to provide it again. The contact information you provide – including phone, e-mail, and school / class information – will be used to facilitate communication during your child's sacramental preparation over the next two years.

Could you please complete both forms and return them to the parish office by 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2009? Can you include payment with the forms or make payment at the parent meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 (Cheques to be made out to *St Leonard's Church*)?

Additional information about the sacramental preparation process, the selection of a sponsor, and the selection of a confirmation name is provided overleaf. I look forward to assisting you in your child's preparation for the sacrament of confirmation.

Kind regards,

Paul Mason  
Pastoral Associate

## KEY DATES FOR 2009

Wednesday, 6/5 7:45pm @ St Philip Neri Church, Northbridge: Parents' Meeting  
Wednesday, 13/5 7:45pm @ St Philip Neri Hall, Northbridge: Leaders' Meeting  
Sunday, 17/5 9:00am @ St Philip Neri Church, Northbridge: Presentation Mass  
Sunday, 24/5 9:00am @ St Philip Neri Church, Northbridge: Mass - focus on "Oil of Chrism"  
Sunday, 31/5 9:00am @ St Philip Neri Church, Northbridge: Mass - focus on "Fire and Light"  
Sunday, 7/6 9:00am @ St Philip Neri Church, Northbridge: Community Blessing Mass  
Wednesday, 10/6 3:30pm @ St Philip Neri Church, Northbridge: Confirmation Rehearsal  
Saturday, 13/6 3:00pm @ St Leonard's Church, Naremburn: Confirmation Celebration

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

All children in Year 2 or older, who have not made their Confirmation, are eligible to be confirmed in Broken Bay Diocese.

For those of you new to the Sacramental Preparation Process, here is a brief introduction. The Diocese of Broken Bay provides resources for four weeks of preparation prior to receiving each of the sacraments: Confirmation (held in June), Reconciliation (held March the following year) and First Communion (held September the following year). Each week there are rituals for home, worksheets for home, small group sessions and rituals at the Sunday Mass. Details of the process, including a booklet for parents, are given at the Parents' Meeting. After the four week period there is a rehearsal and final address to the children by the parish priest.

With regards to the group sessions, one or more parents within each group will take the role of leader of the group. Leaders receive additional support in the form of a leaders' handbook. There is also a leaders' meeting prior to the sessions to provide materials for the group sessions and to show how to prepare the sessions.

**Baptismal Certificate:** A copy of your child's baptismal certificate needs to be forwarded or, if baptised at Naremburn or Northbridge, the date of baptism noted on the enrolment form.

**Lesson Sheets & Books:** Session worksheets and booklets will be provided at the sessions. The leaders' books will be distributed to leaders at the leaders' meeting.

**Confirmation name:** A child can choose an additional name for confirmation, or be confirmed using their Christian name given at baptism. It often takes children some time to select a new confirmation name. If necessary, send the enrolment form without this information and advise your group leader of the name once the child has selected one. Some useful websites on saints' names are:

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/>

<http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/indexsnt.htm>

**Sponsor:** A sponsor is generally a person other than the child's parents, who is sixteen years or older and who has been baptised and received their Confirmation, Reconciliation and first Holy Communion. It is desirable that the sponsor be one of the godparents attending the child's Baptism.