

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Living & Sharing the Christian Life as a growing Parish Family

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Dear Parents

Re: CONFIRMATION 2011

Confirmation at Holy Family Parish, Menai will take place in **June 2011**. To ensure the program can commence without delay in February we ask that you complete the attached enrolment form and return it to the parish office no later than Thursday 10 February 2011.

A meeting will take place on **Wednesday 16 February at 7.30pm, in the church**, for parents wishing to present their children, in year six or above in 2011, for Confirmation. The purpose of this meeting will be to reflect on what is involved and introduce you to the program.

Please note that **Retreat day** will be **Thursday 2 June (Term 2 Week 6)**.

There are six stages in the preparation of your child for Confirmation:

- STAGE 1: Complete the enrolment form and return with payment to the Parish Office **before the closing date Thursday 10 February 2011**. *(Receipt issued on Monday and Thursday only)*
- STAGE 2: Organise the group your family will attend for Confirmation preparation. There will be an opportunity to join a group in the church at the conclusion of the parent meeting (on Wednesday 16 February), as available session days/times will be displayed on the pin boards. However it may be more convenient to organise yourself with some parents into a group of no more than six, before this date. Notes will be sent home asking some parents to consider leading a group. If you do not receive a note, but feel you are able to lead a group, please contact Veronica Leva at the parish office to nominate yourself as a leader. Leaders will be required to attend a leaders meeting which will take place on **Thursday 3 and Monday 7 March**.
- STAGE 3: Attend the **Parent Meeting on Wednesday 16 February 2011**.
- STAGE 4: Participation in the '**Commitment Promise**' by the candidate and their parents at a Mass with the Parish community on the weekend of **26/27 February 2011**. Copies of the commitment promise will be available at the parent meeting (16 Feb 2011) and in the church foyer before each Mass on the 26/27 February 2011.
- STAGE 5: Completion of the program. Lessons will commence in your small groups the week beginning Sunday 13 March and concluding the week ending Saturday 28 May.
- STAGE 6: Attend Mass throughout the program preparation to submit required hand-in sheets. These will be explained to leaders at the leaders meeting and given to each family with the program workbooks.

Regular attendance at Mass will enhance your child's preparation for the program whilst also strengthening their sense of belonging to the Parish community.

THREE IMPORTANT POINTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

CONFIRMATION NAME:

Baptism calls us to membership in the family of God; that we are named in Baptism stresses this personal relationship. Confirmation continues our initiation into Christ and His family of faith. Candidates should choose the name of a Saint to whom he/she feels drawn because of a special quality to be admired in that Saint. This may also be the same as their baptismal name.

THE SPONSOR IN CONFIRMATION

Because parents already have enormous obligations towards the faith development of their children it is appropriate that another person should share and help with this role. It is also appropriate that the child's Baptismal Godparent should act as Sponsor at Confirmation, but the freedom to choose a new Sponsor is in no way excluded. The Sponsor chosen must be spiritually qualified (i.e. A person who is at least 16 years of age who has been Baptised, Confirmed and receives Eucharist in the Catholic Church). Be mature enough to undertake this responsibility.

CHILD'S BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE

If you do not have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate required only if baptised at a Parish other than Holy Family, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Parish Priest of the Parish in which the child was baptised, as soon as possible. Indicate the month and year of birth and baptism (where possible) to ensure there will be no delay. Remember, no person may be confirmed without positive proof of his/her Baptism

Please note that you will need to return your completed enrolment form to the parish office before Thursday 10 February 2011. If possible, please bring a copy of your Child's Baptismal Certificate attached to the enrolment form OR bring the original for sighting. It would also be appreciated if you could include the cost of the program (\$25). If you are having difficulty in making the payment then please make an appointment to discuss the matter with me. These matters will need to be attended to before your child's name can be placed on a Confirmation Mass list.

NO ENROLMENT FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 2.00PM ON THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY.

Thank you,

REV P.G. ZADRO



CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT FORM

For children aged 11 years+ (usually Year 6) and who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and First Communion

Enquiries please phone Parish Sacrament Co-ordinator: Veronica Leva
Monday or Thursday on 95432677 or email: menaihfp@bigpond.net.au

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL DETAILS IN THIS FORM FRONT & BACK AND RETURN TO THE PARISH OFFICE - 1d Anzac Rd Menai NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY 10 February 2011

Child's Full Name:..... (MALE / FEMALE)

Address:.....

Home Phone:.....Parent Mobile:.....

Email:.....

Child's Date of Birth:.....Date of Catholic Baptism:.....

Place of Catholic Baptism: *Full name of Catholic Parish and address:*.....

A copy of your child's Catholic baptism certificate MUST BE ATTACHED if he /she was not Baptised at Holy Family Parish Menai

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Date received:

Parish where Sacrament received:

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Date received:.....

Parish where Sacrament received:

School Child Attends.....Grade/Class

FAMILY DETAILS (This information enables us to keep our Parish records up to date, Thank you)

Father's full name Religion.....

Mother's full nameReligion.....

Mother's Maiden name

- Married
- Single Parent
- Widowed
- Divorced/Separated

Other Children:

NAME.....DATE OF BIRTH RELIGION.....

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Enrolment Fee: \$30.00 (Cheques payable to *Holy Family Parish*) **Cash/Cheque** (Please circle)
Fee covers, but is not limited to, costs of resources, medal, Certificate, administrative costs, etc.

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

COMMENTS: (eg: Does your family speak a language other than English; has your family a member with special needs, is there a special situation for your family which the Parish might be of assistance with... etc).

SPECIAL NEEDS *We would appreciate speaking with one of the sacramental team about our child's/families special needs. Please circle YES/NO SPECIAL NEEDS*
Details optional:

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

FAMILY: _____

CATHOLIC BAPTISM CERTIFICATE PROVIDED:..... **YES** **NO**

MONEY RECEIVED:..... **YES** **NO**

ATTENDANCE PARENT REFLECTION & INFORMATION EVENING:..... **YES** **NO**

GROUP NAME:.....

FAMILY INTERVIEW WITH PARISH PRIEST REQUIRED..... **YES** **NO**

OTHER:

Hand-in items received

1 **YES** **NO** 2 **YES** **NO** 3 **YES** **NO** 4 **YES** **NO**

5 **YES** **NO**