



ST. CARTHAGE'S UNIVERSITY PARISH
PARKVILLE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

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Dear families,

Thank you for your interest in St Carthage's 2024 Sacramental Program

We are now able to provide you with dates and the following general information.

Confirmation and First Communion classes will run at the same time and reconciliation will be offered as part of the first communion program.

Please read the below schedule carefully and return a completed enrolment form (attached) which will confirm your participation for this year.

As requested in the past, it is a firm requirement that families provide (along with baptism and any previous sacramental certificates) a consent letter from your local Parish Priest for your child(ren) to partake in our Sacramental program.

N.B. Your 'Local Parish' at the very least, lies within your residential zone or closest to your home.

Each class will commence with Sunday 10am Mass, followed by an hour session, generally held at the presbytery, to which the students will be guided by their teachers.

As parents, you are the first educators of the Faith, therefore your support in the masses prior to class make up the requirement of the program.

(Parents are not required to attend the classes afterwards so for those who travel some distance it is advised you plan for personal arrangements during the time your child is in class).

The Program is scheduled for Term 3 on the following dates:

Week 1- 21 July, Week 2 - 28 July, Week 3 – 4 August, Week 4 – 11 August

- The **Confirmation ceremony** (along with certificates) will be performed on 18 August at 11.30am

- **First Communion** families will have the option of any Sunday 10am mass between 25th August and 15th September. (Please note: your preferred date for First Communion will need to be confirmed sometime by Mid Program).

Please remember the program is delivered by the generosity of volunteers, so these dates are non-negotiable. Absences for contagious illnesses will require a doctor certificate.

Any enquiries to be sent via email please, and I will endeavour to answer them at my nearest convenience.

Further correspondence to enrolled families will be made during the second week of Term two holidays.

God Bless

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