TE AWAKAIRANGI
A Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of Wellington



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Ss Peter and Paul Church & School

Sacramental Programme 2026/27

Confirmation Day - 15 Nov 2026 – 2pm

Session 1: Info + preparation **Tues 20 Oct, 7:30-8:30pm**

Who needs to be there? **All parents**

At this evening you will meet other parents and …

- Register your child providing an email address to receive programme updates.
- Collect your child's programme.
- Collect a flame outline for your child to colour (named on back).
- Collect your child's Confirmation details form to complete.
- Begin to explore your role in preparing your child to receive the sacrament.

Workbook

Following the meeting, please get your child a scrapbook and glue in the worksheets or put them in a clear file.

Sponsor

The Church asks that your child have a Confirmation sponsor who is someone they will be able to talk to about their faith throughout their lives. This person will be a baptised Catholic over the age of 16.

Confirmation Name - your child has a choice:

- Very often today, the child's baptismal name is used for Confirmation to emphasise the connection between the two sacraments.
- However, a child may choose to take a new Confirmation name if a particular Saint's name appeals due to its faith connection for the child.
- Your child's Confirmation name will be written on a card for their sponsor to hold up to Archbishop Paul when your child is confirmed.

Clothing

You do not need to buy your child new clothing for the day. They should just dress tidily as they would for a special occasion.

Session 2: Mass + preparation **Sun 1 Nov, 9:00-11:00am**

Who needs to be there? **All parents and your child (who will be confirmed)**

Please bring…

1. *your completed Confirmation details form,*
2. *your child's flame (coloured-in),*
3. *your child's scrapbook/clearfile.*

- As a family, join the community for Mass at 9:00am.
- Afterward:
  - Your child will go with the Confirmation group to do some preparation with teen leaders. ***(Don't forget their scrapbook!)*** A photo will be taken of your child's face solely for use in a church foyer display of flames/faces on confirmation day!

- Parents will stay in the church auditorium for further exploration of your role in your child's preparation.

Session 3: Practice Sun 8 Nov, 2:00pm

Who needs to be there? **All parents and your child (who will be confirmed)**

- We will be joined by children of St Bernadette's and St Michael's for a practice to become familiar with the process of Confirmation to happen in a week's time.

Confirmation Day! Sun 15 Nov, 2pm Mass

Who needs to be there? **Everyone!**

- Your child and their sponsor will sit together in front reserved seats.
- We will have your child's Confirmation name written on a card for their sponsor to hold up to Archbishop Paul when your child is confirmed.
- Families can sit anywhere else in the church.

A one-off payment of $25 is requested to cover the costs of photocopying, Confirmation lapel pin, First Communion lapel pin and celebration. (NB – this $25 covers Confirmation, Reconciliation, and Holy Communion.)

The Parish Bank account details are:
Name: ADW Te Awakairangi Parish
Branch: BNZ Lower Hutt
Account: 02-0528-0263335-00

Particulars: Childs First and Last Name
Reference: S27
Code: S27

Dates for the remaining Sacraments of Initiation (Reconciliation & First Communion):

Reconciliation – Sun 14 March 2027

- Parent Meeting - Tues 16 February, 7:30-8:30pm (Church – all parents)
- Mass and preparation – Sun 21 Feb, 9:00-11:00am (Church – all parents and child)
- Mass and practice – Sun 7 March, 9:00-11:00am (Church – all parents and child)
- First Reconciliation – Sun 14 March, 2:00-3:30pm (Church - everyone)

First Communion - Sunday 30 May 2027 at 9am or 5.30pm Mass

- Parent Meeting - Tues 27 April, 7:30-8:30pm (Church – all parents)
- Mass and preparation – Sunday 2 May, 9:00-11:00am (Church – all parents and child)
- Mass and practice – Sunday 16 May, 9:00-11:00am (Church – all parents and child)
- First Communion – Sunday 30 May, 9:00am or 5:30pm Mass (Church – all parents and child)

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