

Sacrament of Confirmation 2022

The parish of St Joseph's Riverwood will be running a Sacrament of Confirmation preparation program in Term 2 for eligible children in Year 6 and above. The preparation classes will run over 2 consecutive weekends in a Retreat Style format.

Sacrament of Confirmation Mass

We are excited to announce that this year, the Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on **7 August 2022 at 12.30pm**, together with candidates from other parishes. Further information will be provided at the Parent information session.

Parent and Information Session

A parent-only information session will be held in the Church on Thursday 2 June 2022 from 7:15pm. Registrations from 7:15pm and the meeting will commence at 7:30 sharp. Parents are encouraged to attend this session as important information about the Mass to be held at the Cathedral will be shared.

Preparation Groups –Candidates only (Maximum 20 per group)

Preparation classes will be held at St Joseph's Riverwood Parish Centre. Parents do not attend the retreats. We will be offering an intensive retreat style program this year. Confirmandi will be required to attend both retreat days, over two consecutive weekends. The retreat will include lessons, activities, regular breaks, and participation at Mass (total commitment is 4 hours per week). Confirmandi are required to attend both the Mass and the retreat to be eligible for Confirmation.

RETREAT GROUP	PROGRAM INCLUDES	DATES*
Group 1: Sundays 9.30AM –1.30PM	Mass 9.30-10.30 am Retreat from 10.30am – 1.30pm	19 & 26 June
If numbers exceed 20 registrations, a second retreat option will be offered as per details below:		
Group 2: Saturdays 3.00PM-7.00PM	Retreat from 3.00pm – 6.00pm Mass 6.00pm-7.00pm	18 & 25 June

* Compulsory attendance for all sessions - Ineligibility to receive sacrament will result for non-attendance.

Special Confession prior to receiving Confirmation

A special confession will be organised for all Confirmandi closer to their sacrament date and at the conclusion of the program – further information to be provided.

Choosing a Saint:

Each candidate will need to choose their Saint. Please make sure your child lets their group leader know by Week 1 of the retreat. The saint that they choose should be someone whose characteristics and virtues they admire and seek to have within themselves. Candidates should take time in considering and researching their saint. The following sites may be helpful in choosing a saint:

www.catholic.org/saints; www.catholic-forum.com/saints/indexsnt.htm

Choosing a Sponsor:

Each candidate will need to select **one** sponsor only. Please make sure your child lets their group leader know by Week 1 of the retreat. The sponsor cannot be a parent, must be older than 16 and a confirmed Catholic. Your child may choose an older sibling, a godparent, an extended family member, or other suitable person. The sponsor should be someone you trust to guide and advise your child according to the Catholic traditions and your family values and beliefs.

The Enrolment Application form is attached on the last page and is due back by no later than 2 June 2022.

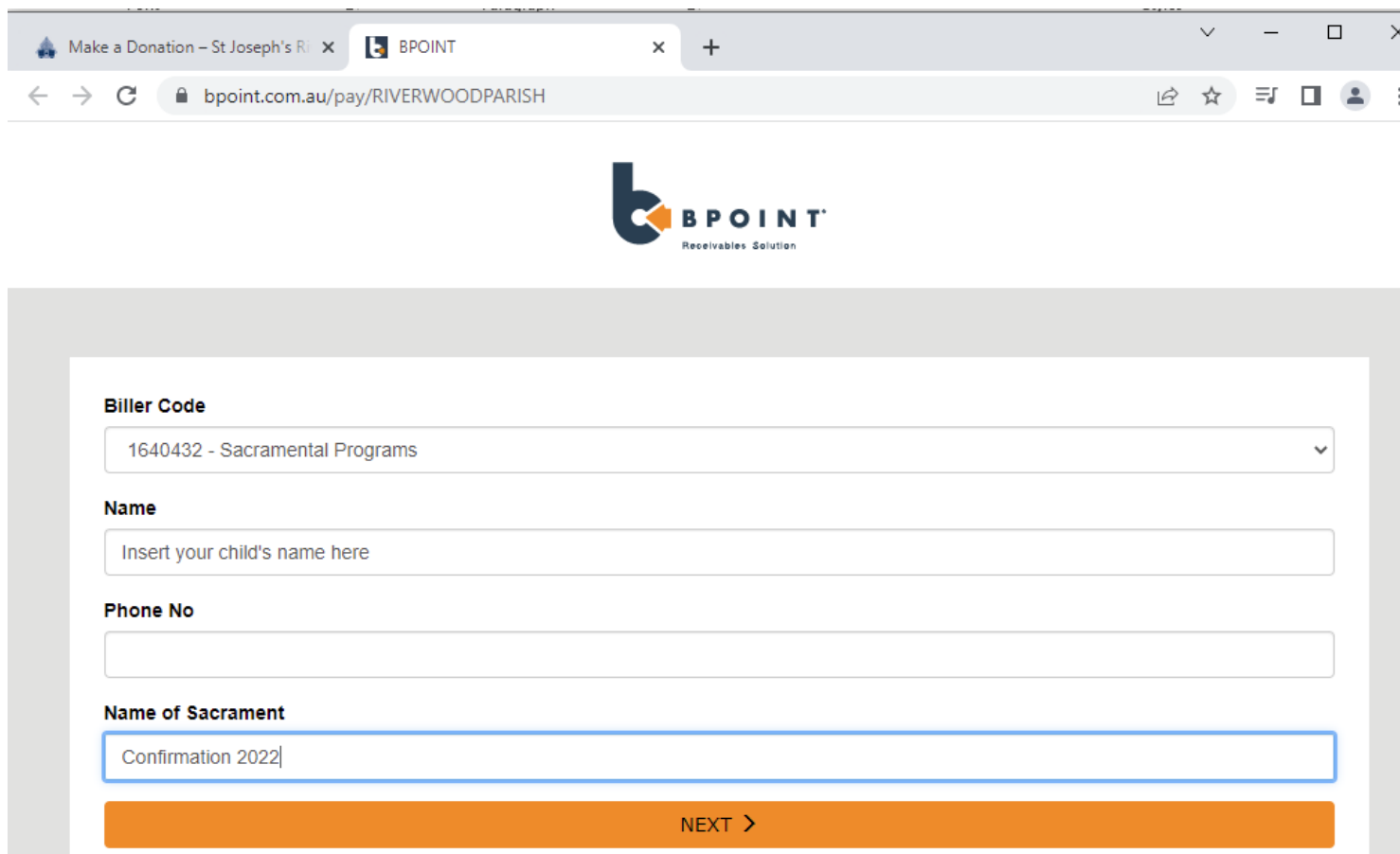
PAYMENT OF APPLICATION FEE

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022

To pay your \$25 application fee, you have two options:

- 1) Use the BPoint facility on the Parish website under the "Support Us" tab on the homepage
- 2) If you do not wish to make an internet or online payment, you may make the payment in person on the parent information evening or by contacting the office by phone 0490 754 963 or by email at stjosephriverwood@outlook.com

Please follow the links and select the Biller Code



The screenshot shows a web browser window with two tabs: "Make a Donation - St Joseph's R..." and "BPOINT". The address bar shows the URL bpoint.com.au/pay/RIVERWOODPARISH. The BPOINT logo is centered on the page, with the tagline "Receivables Solution". Below the logo is a form with the following fields:

- Biller Code**: A dropdown menu with the selected value "1640432 - Sacramental Programs".
- Name**: A text input field with the placeholder text "Insert your child's name here".
- Phone No**: An empty text input field.
- Name of Sacrament**: A text input field with the value "Confirmation 2022".

At the bottom of the form is a large orange button labeled "NEXT >".

St Joseph's Catholic Church Riverwood

Application Form: Sacrament of Confirmation 2022

(please print all details)

Applications Close: Thursday 2 June 2022. Please return this form to the Parish or bring it along to the Parent Information Night.

The email address(es) below should be for the primary parent/carer (this is how you will be contacted during the program). If both parents wish to be informed, please provide email addresses and phone numbers for each.

Name of Candidate: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School/ Class: _____

Address: _____

Primary Contact's Email address(es): _____

Primary Contact's phone number(s): _____

Parish regularly attended (please tick or add parish:

<input type="checkbox"/>	St Joseph's Riverwood	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Parish Name):	<input type="checkbox"/>	My child does not attend Mass regularly
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Child's Date of Baptism:	
Parish where Baptism received:	
Year of First Confession Program:	
Parish of First Confession Program:	
Child's Date of First Holy Communion:	
Parish where First Communion received:	

Chosen Confirmation Name (Saint's Name): _____

Name of Sponsor: _____ Relationship to candidate: _____

Father's Name/ Religion: _____

Mother's Name/ Religion: _____

PLEASE TURN OVER TO COMPLETE ENROLMENT

Checklist:

- I confirm my child is eligible to receive their sacrament of Confirmation, having previously completed the Sacraments of Baptism, First Confession and First Holy Communion.
- I have provided evidence of completion of these sacraments as part of previous programs completed with St Joseph's Riverwood, OR
- My child is new to the St Joseph's Riverwood program and a copy of their Baptism and First Holy Communion certificates and document regarding First Confession program, are attached.
- I have made payment of \$25 for registration into the program (non-refundable once program has commenced) and a copy of the receipt has been emailed to the parish.
- I agree that my child will attend all sessions for the entire duration and understand that no make-up classes can be offered. Should my child miss a retreat, I accept that they will be ineligible to receive their sacrament this year and will have to wait until next year to complete the program again.
- I agree to observe all COVID protocols and understand that should my child fall ill during the program (that is, present with flu like symptoms) they will not attend lessons.

parent/carer's Signature: _____ ← Date: _____

- Please attach a small school photo of your child to the enrolment form (please print their name clearly on the back). Their photo will be placed on the Cross to ask Parishioners to pray for our candidates: Please sign below to give your permission for the photo to be displayed.

_____ (parent/carer's signature) ←

- I give my permission for
to attend the Sacramental Classes at St Joseph's Catholic Church Riverwood under the supervision of St Joseph's Catholic Church Riverwood volunteers. I understand that any volunteer supervising my child has fulfilled all the Safeguarding requirements of volunteers in terms of the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian.

_____ (parent/carer's signature) ←

_____ (parent/guardian's name)

_____ (date)