

Our Lady of Victories confirmation program, 2022

- The confirmation preparation sessions will start from Monday 17th January, 2022 taking place each week from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm unless otherwise stated.
- The sessions will be in the church hall, unless otherwise stated.
- The 14th of Feb, the 28th of Mar to the 18th of Apr inclusive, and the 2nd of May will be holidays
- Please keep free Saturday the 19th of May for an outing to visit Allen Hall seminary.
- The session on the 7th of February will be extended till 8 pm where we will arrange for some time after for the candidates to mix with each other. Please do bring some along some refreshments to share.

Time table:

17th Jan - *parents and candidates*: **Getting to know each other**: what the confirmation sessions are about. Principal catechist: David

24th Jan – *candidates only*: **Choices**: what are you committing to in Confirmation? Principal catechist Brynn

31st Jan – *candidates only*: **Christ and the Church**: what are the sacraments, the commandments, the creed, the four marks of the Church? Principal catechist: Fr Marco

7th Feb – *candidates only, extended session*: **Holy Spirit**: Who is the Holy Spirit? What are its Gifts and its Fruits? How do we know them? Principal catechist: Sr Margaret

21st Feb – *candidates only*: **Prayer**: Mary, Mass, and the Liturgical year; How to pray, when to pray, learn to pray. Principal catechist: Sr Margaret

28th Feb – *candidates only*: **The Bible**: What is it? Why read it? How to read it? Lectio Divina exercise. Principal catechist: Fr Marco

7th Mar – *candidates only*: **Relationships and Catholic teaching**: Our relationship with God and what that means for our relations with each other and with society; the Mass. Principal catechist: Francis

14th Mar – *candidates only*: **The Church and Mission**: Vocation and social justice, care of the common good. Principal catechist: Francis

19th Mar – *candidates only*: **Visit to Allen Hall seminary**: timing to be finalised; meet and pick up at seminary. Principal catechist: Fr Marco and Francis

21st Mar – *parents and candidates*: **Reflections & the saints**: How do we support each other? Choosing confirmation name and sponsor. Tasks for parents to do with candidates during the long Easter break. Principal catechist: David

25th Apr – *candidates only*: **Talk by Stephen Currid from the Cardinal Hume Centre** about their work supporting families and young people facing poverty and homelessness by helping them to thrive. Opportunities for volunteering. Principal catechist: David

9th May – *candidates only*: **Get involved: introducing what is happening at the parish**: What you can do to contribute. Principal catechist: Brynn

16th May – *candidates only*: **Get involved: Care of the Common Good and climate change**: What you can do. Principal catechist: David

23rd May – *candidates and parents*: rehearsal in church

27th May – confirmation event 6:30 to 8:30 pm with Episcopal Vicar Fr Pascal Ryan