



**Eucharistic Celebration of the
Sacrament of Confirmation**

St John the Evangelist Parish, Campbelltown

**Tuesday 12 August 2025
Wednesday 13 August 2025**

Bishop Brian Mascord

COME
HOLY
SPIRIT

fill us

Thank you Holy Spirit for the gift of these children.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill their hearts.
Make them strong in purpose, pure in heart,
and always Jesus-centred in orientation.

Fan into a flame the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Fill all your people with joy, love, grace and peace.

amen!

alleluia!

The Introductory Rites

Gathering Hymn

Send Down the Fire of Your Justice (Marty Haugen)

Greeting

Bishop: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Bishop: Peace be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Introduction (Emily Costello)

Rite for Sprinkling with Holy Water

Gloria

Collect (Opening Prayer)



The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians 5:16-17. 22-23

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103)

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

And enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 14:23-26

Sacrament of Confirmation

Presentation of Candidates

Please be seated

Fr John: Bishop Brian, the Parish community of St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown, presents to you the candidates for Confirmation. Along with their parents and teachers, they have been involved in a careful preparation program and are now ready and worthy to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Would the parents of the candidates please stand and say together:

Parents: Bishop Brian, having already presented our children to be born again in Christ through Baptism, we wish to further their initiation into the Catholic faith by presenting them now to share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. As Christian parents we wish to give them every help and encouragement we can, by our words and by our example, to practise the faith within the Church community.

Fr John: Would those who are to sponsor these candidates please stand and say together:

Sponsors: We are willing by our good example and prayers to be a spiritual friend, to guide, support and care for the candidate whom we will sponsor for Confirmation.

Fr John: Candidates, as your name is called, please stand and say, "Present" and remain standing. (Candidates are called by name)

Candidate: Present.

Fr John: Bishop Brian, the parish community of St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown requests that you confirm these candidates.

Bishop Brian: I am happy to accept the candidates you have presented and to gift them with the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. (Candidates now sit)

Homily - Bishop Brian

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

(Candidates stand)

Bishop: Do you renounce Satan, and all his works and empty promises?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who today, through the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to you in a special way, just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Laying on of Hands

Bishop: Dearly beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, for these, his adopted sons and daughters, already born again to eternal life in Baptism, that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

All pray in silence for a short time.

Bishop: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Anointing with Chrism

The Chrism is brought to the bishop. The bishop goes to the individual candidates around the church. The sponsor places their right hand on the candidate's shoulder and gives the candidate's confirmation name to the bishop. The bishop dips his right thumb in the chrism and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed, as he says:

Bishop: **[Confirmation Name]**, be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Candidate: Amen.

The bishop touches the cheek of the newly confirmed as a sign of peace.

Bishop: Peace be with you.

Candidate: And with your Spirit.

*Sung accompaniment: **Veni Sancte Spiritus (Taizé Community)***

The Universal Prayer

Please stand

All respond: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Offerings

If I Could Have Anything (Blake Wiggins | Kerri Grimsley)

Prayer over the Offerings

Please stand

Preface I of the Holy Spirit

Eucharistic Prayer III

Please kneel

Communion Rite

Please stand

Lamb of God

Please kneel

Communion Hymns

Spirit, Come (Gregory Norbet)

Welcome Holy Spirit (Hilde M. Bedsvaag)

Song of Praise

10,000 Reasons - Bless the Lord (Matt Redman)

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

Presentation of Certificates

Solemn Blessing

Dismissal

Recessional Hymn

Lift up your hearts to the Lord (Roc O'Connor SJ)



Congratulations to our candidates

Tuesday

Adira Brown
Alexander Esparagoza
Amelia Ayres
Ava Quilala
Catherine Phan
Chidera Prisca Uba
Dominik Bartulovic
Emily Priestley
Francesca Manalastas
Lilly Newman
Marcus De Leon
Marley Rose
Mia Yburan
Paige Sly
Ruby Fuller
Saiya Khan
Sarah Beatrice Tanhueco
Sophie Puckrin
Victor Pangilinan

Wednesday

Adam Jermaine Macalalad
Aiden Mathews
Alyssa Gregory
Antonia-Belle Gatdula
Ashton Giannetti
Belen Galea
Cameron Perkins
Dominique Bayon
Emily Cronin
Ethan Desveaux
Gabrielle Lousie Cercado Reyes
Georgia Hogan
Henry Acosta
Holly Cawthrow
Jewel Love Ramirez
Jordan Sofa
Justin Bonto
Luis Busuttil
Matias Valenzuela
Ronan Rozario
Sandro Miguelez
Shylah Beaver
Skylah Beaver
William John



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