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**St Rita’s Church First Penance 2023 schedule**

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| First Penance Program Dates | Time &  Venue: | Details | Information  Please bring |
| Wednesday  18th October | St Rita’s Church  5.30-6.30 | **Parent information/**  **Formation** | * Children who have been Baptised, Confirmed and have made their First Holy Communion are eligible to make this Sacrament. * Information for Parents about Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation in the First Rite. * Parents receive an enrolment form, schedule and Please pray for me sign for children to do. |
| 25th  October | Please drop your child’s enrolment form to St Rita’s Parish Office  (situated behind the Presbytery) on or before the 25th October.  Purchase of a Penance My Sacramental journey Booklet is necessary  $2.50 each | **Enrolment administration**  Parish office hours 9am to 2pm  Office is unattended on Thursday’s  Enrolments close 25/10/23 | * Completed enrolment forms – please ensure both birth Parents have signed it, this is needed. * Please purchase with cash your child’s booklet at the Parish Office or via the direct deposit to the Parish Piety account BSB: 064786 ACC: 100024171. * There is a locked drop box attached to the wall beside the Parish office door. If you are unable to drop your form off during office hours please place it in an envelope in the box prior to the 25th October. |
| Saturday  28th October  or Sunday  29th October | St Rita’s Church  5pm Vigil Mass  or  9am Mass | **Join us for Mass** | * **Please bring** your child’s ‘Please pray for me’ page, with your child’s 1st name (not Surname) on it. Parishioners will take this home and pray for the child named on them. Children will receive their activity book today. * Join in praying for the children preparing for First Penance and others. |
| Thursday  9th November | 5:00 – 6.30pm  St Rita’s Church | **Youth Session 1** | * **Please bring** your child’s My Sacramental journey Penance booklet * Children can be dropped off and picked up by a parent at 6.30pm. Parents must sign children in and out and fill in emergency contact details. * Session will be broken down in to 3 sections as below:   1. 5:00 – 5.40pm - Christian Life  2. 5.40 – 5.50pm – Break & drink  3. 5.50 – 6:30pm – Choices |
| Thursday 23rd November | 5.00 – 6.30pm  St Rita’s Church | **Youth session 2** | * Please bring your child’s My Sacramental journey Penance booklet * Children can be dropped off and picked up by their parent at 6.30pm. Parents must sign children in and out and fill in emergency contact details. * Session will be broken down in to 3 sections as below:  1. 5:00 – 5:40pm – Choices Part 2   2. 5.40 - 5.50pm – Break & drink 3. 5.50 – 6:30pm Forgiveness and the Sacrament |
| Wednesday  29th November | 5.30 – 6.30pm  St Rita’s Church | **Sacrament of Reconciliation -**  **1st Penance** | Please bring your child’s My Sacramental journey Penance booklet; so that they can refer to the prayers on the last page.  Parents please remain in the Church with phones muted or turned off. Quiet reflection time during.  First Rite of Reconciliation children make individual Confessions with Fr. Rony or Fr Ravi In divided Reconciliation room.  Children to please stay until all children have made their Reconciliation. |
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Important notes:

The Sacramental Coordinator, Jennifer Fielding can be contacted via email: [sc.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sc.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au)

or by leaving a message via the Parish office: 32079177. She has limited hours in the office so please be patient in waiting for a reply.

Parish office hours are 9am to 2pm Monday to Friday. Phone messages can be left after hours

Please arrive at least 5 to 10 minutes early to check in your child, so we can begin on the start times listed.

It’s Important to please arrive on time to pick your child up. We appreciate your consideration in this.

Once enrolled please bring your child on each of the dates above.

Thank you and God bless