**St Rita’s Parish First Holy Communion 2023 schedule**

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| Dates | Place and time | Details |  |
| Wednesday 8 MarchGroup 1 orGroup 2 | **St Rita’s Church**6.00pm – 7.00pm7.15pm – 8.15pm | **Parent Information/Formation** | Sacramental team |
| Wednesday 15 March | **Ruby room** beside the St Rita’s Parish office. The Building behind the Presbytery. Between:8am–9 am or 5.30pm-6.30pm | **Enrolment Session**Please ensure you have all items on your check list | Sacramental teamFinance Secretary |
| (Bookings essential)Saturday 25 March orSunday 26 March | **St Rita’s Church Masses**5pm Mass9am Mass | **Rite of Enrolment Masses**Children receive workbooks to start on at home | Fr LaduSacramental teamCongregation |
| Thursday 20 April | **St Rita’s Church**4pm | **Learn the Rosary**  Sacramental Candidates attending receive Rosary beads and prayer booklet | Sacramental Team Rosary ladies |
| Wednesday 3 MayGroup 1 orGroup 2 | **St Rita’s Church**6.00pm – 7.00pm7.15pm – 8.15pm | **Family Session 1**Please bring your child’s activity book | Sacramental team |
| Thursday 18 May | **St Rita’s Church**4pm | **Learn the Rosary** Children please remember to bring your Rosary beads and prayer booklet | Sacramental TeamRosary ladies |
| Wednesday 24 MayGroup 1 orGroup 2 |  **St Rita’s Church**6.00pm – 7.00pm7.15pm – 8.15pm  | **Family Session 2**Children to hand in activity books for good work stamping | Sacramental team |
| Wednesday 31 MayAll children | **St Rita’s Church**5.30pm to 6.30pm | **Celebration of God’s mercy**Children collect activity books afterwards | Fr LaduSacramental team |
| Wednesday 7 JuneGroup 1 for Sat 1st Holy Communions orGroup 2 for Sun 1st Holy Communions | **St Rita’s Church**6pm – 6.30 pm6.45pm – 7.15pm | **First Holy Communion practise** children see what to do and taste unconsecrated Communion wafer/bread | Sacramental team |
| *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Feast Day*(Bookings essential)Saturday 10 June orSunday 11 June  | **St Rita’s Church** 5pm Mass9am Mass | **First Holy Communion Masses** | Fr LaduSacramental teamCongregation |

**Important notes:** This schedule may need to be changed if Covid restrictions make it necessary.

The Sacramental Coordinator Jennifer Fielding will be in touch with parents via email throughout the First Holy Communion preparation period. My work email address is: sc.victoriapont@bne.catholic.net.au. Please type your child’s name in the subject line on emails you send me. To urgently contact me, please contact the Parish office on 32079177 between 9am and 2pm, Monday to Friday. Recorded messages can be left if phoning after hours. I am only in the office one day a week. Occasionally the office may be unattended due to staff working from home.

**Mass attendance** is strongly encouraged as part of your child’s preparation for First Holy Communion. They learn by the example of others especially their loved ones. Mass times at St Rita’s Church are Saturday 5pm, Sunday 7am or 9am.

Please when attending Parish buildings maintain social distancing and wear masks if mandated and don’t attend if you have Covid 19 symptoms but do let me know.

Please let me know via email, during the program, (in advance) which dates and times suit you and who will be attending with your child, so that I can organise what is needed for your child on that day. Thank you and God bless from Jennifer