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**St Rita’s Church First Penance 2024 schedule**

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| First Penance Program Dates | Time &Venue:  | Details |  Information  Please bring |
| Wednesday 16th October | St Rita’s Church5.30-6.30 | **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 slip for children to do.
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| Enrol by 25th October | Please email or drop in your child’s enrolment form to St Rita’s Parish Office (behind the Presbytery) on or before the 25th October.Purchase of: Penance My Sacramental journey Booklet is necessary $3.00 each & battery operated long candle $3.00 each | **Enrolment administration** Parish office hours 9am to 2pmOffice is unattended on Thursday’s Enrolments close 25/10/24 |  * Completed enrolment forms – please ensure both birth Parents have signed it, this is needed.
* **Please purchase** with cash your child’s booklet and candle at the Parish Office or via the direct deposit to the Parish Piety account BSB: 064786 ACC: 100024171. $6 for both. Book received at the enrolment Mass and the candle received and used at the 1st Family session.
* 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.
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| Saturday2nd Novemberor Sunday3rd November | St Rita’s Church5pm Vigil Massor9am Mass | **Join us for Mass** | * **Please bring** your child’s ‘Please pray for me’ page, with your child’s 1st name only (not Surname) on it. A parishioner will 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.
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| Wednesday13th November | 5:30 – 6.45pmSt 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 6.45pm. 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. Christian Life 2. Break & drink 3. Choices |
| Wednesday 27th November | 5.30 – 6.45pmSt 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 6.45pm. 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. Choices Part 2

2. Break & drink3. Forgiveness and the Sacrament |
| Wednesday4th December | 5.30 – 6.30pmSt 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 Jose In divided Reconciliation room. 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

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 (excluding Thursday as the secretary works from home then.

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