

# St Rita's Church First Penance 2026 schedule



First Penance Program Dates	Time & Venue:	Details	Information Please bring
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	St Rita's Church 5.30-6.30	<b>Parent information/ Formation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children who have been Baptised, Confirmed and have made their First Holy Communion are eligible to make this Sacrament.</li> <li>Information for Parents about Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation in the First Rite.</li> <li>Parents receive a schedule and a 'Please pray for me' card for their children to complete.</li> </ul>
<b>Enrol by 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<p>Please scan the QR code or visit our website to enrol your child before the 17<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p><u>Purchase of 'Penance My Sacramental journey'</u> Booklet is necessary \$3.00 each &amp; battery operated long candle \$3.00 each</p>	<b>Enrolment administration</b>  <b>Enrolments close 17/02/2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed enrolment forms – please ensure <u>both birth Parents</u> have signed it, this is needed.</li> <li><b>Please purchase</b> 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. Booklets will be distributed at the enrolment Mass and candles will be distributed and used at the 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop session.</li> <li>There is a locked drop box attached to the wall beside the Parish office door. If you are unable to drop your cash payment off during office hours please place it in an envelope with your child's details in the box prior to the 18<sup>th</sup> February.</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February or</b>	St Rita's Church 5pm Vigil Mass or	<b>Join us for Mass</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Please bring</b> your child's - 'Please pray for me' card, with your child's 1<sup>st</sup> name only (<b>not Surname</b>) on it. A parishioner will pray for the child named on them. Children will receive their activity book today.</li> </ul>

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	9am Mass		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join in praying for the children preparing for First Penance and others.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	5:30 – 6.45pm St Rita's Church	<b>Youth Session 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Please bring your child's 'My Sacramental journey Penance' booklet</b></li> <li>Children can be dropped off and then picked up by a parent at 6.45pm. Parents must sign children in and out and fill in emergency contact details.</li> <li>Session will be broken down in to 3 sections as below:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Christian Life</li> <li>2. Break &amp; drink</li> <li>3. Choices</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	5.30 – 6.45pm St Rita's Church	<b>Youth session 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Please bring your child's 'My Sacramental journey Penance' booklet</b></li> <li>Children can be dropped off and then picked up by a parent at 6.45pm. Parents must sign children in and out and fill in emergency contact details.</li> <li>Session will be broken down in to 3 sections as below:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Choices Part 2</li> <li>2. Break &amp; drink</li> <li>3. Forgiveness and the Sacrament</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	5.30 – 6.30pm St Rita's Church	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation - 1<sup>st</sup> Penance</b>	<p>Please bring your child's 'My Sacramental journey Penance' booklet; so that they can refer to the prayers on the last page.</p> <p>Parents please remain in the Church with phones muted or turned off. Quiet reflection time.</p> <p>First Rite of Reconciliation - children make individual Confessions with Fr Joseph in divided Reconciliation room.</p> <p>Please stay until <b>all</b> children have made their Reconciliation.</p>

**Important notes:**

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

**Please type your child's name in the subject line on any emails you send.** *Please note that I work part-time, so response times may vary.*

*Thank you for your understanding.*

To urgently contact me, please contact the Parish office on 32079177 between 9am and 2pm, Monday to Friday.

If calling after hours, please leave a message. Occasionally the office may be unattended due to other Parish commitments.

**Please plan to arrive 5–10 minutes early to check in your child, so we can begin promptly at the scheduled start time.**

It's also important to arrive on time for pick-up. We truly appreciate your cooperation with this.

Once enrolled, please ensure your child attends on all the dates listed above.

Thank you, and God bless.