**Proposed St Rita’s Parish First Holy Communion 2024 schedule**

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| Dates | Place and time | Details |  |
| Wednesday 6 March | **St Rita’s Church**  6.30pm – 7.30pm | **Parent Information/Formation** | Fr Jose  Sacramental team |
| Monday 18 March | **Ruby room** beside St Rita’s Parish office. The Building behind the Presbytery, follow path around.  8am–9 am or 5.30pm-6.30pm | **Enrolment Session**  Important to please ensure you have all items on your check list | Sacramental team  Finance Secretary |
| (Bookings essential)  Saturday 23 March or  Sunday 24 March | **St Rita’s Church Masses**  5pm Mass  9am Mass | **Rite of Enrolment Masses**  Children receive workbooks to start on at home | Fr Jose  Sacramental team  Congregation |
| Thursday 18 April | **St Rita’s Church**  4pm | **Learn the Rosary**  Sacramental Candidates attending receive Rosary beads and prayer booklet | Sacramental Team  Rosary ladies |
| Wednesday 24 April | **St Rita’s Church**  6.30pm – 7.30pm | **Family Session 1**  Please bring your child’s activity book | Sacramental team |
| Thursday 9 May | **St Rita’s Church**  4pm | **Learn the Rosary** Children please remember to bring your Rosary beads and prayer booklet | Sacramental Team  Rosary ladies |
| Wednesday 15 May | **St Rita’s Church**  6.30pm – 7.30pm | **Family Session 2**  Children to hand in activity books for good work stamping | Sacramental team |
| Wednesday 22 May  All children | **St Rita’s Church**  5.30pm to 6.30pm | **Celebration of God’s mercy**  Children collect activity books afterwards | Fr Jose  Sacramental team |
| Wednesday 29 May  Group 1 for Sat 1st Holy Communions or  Group 2 for Sun 1st Holy Communions | **St Rita’s Church**  6pm – 6.30 pm  6.45pm – 7.15pm | **First Holy Communion practise**  Children practise and taste unconsecrated Communion wafer/bread | Sacramental team |
| *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Feast Day*  Saturday 1 June  or  Sunday 2 June | **St Rita’s Church**  (Bookings essential due to Certificates)  5pm Mass  9am Mass | **First Holy Communion Masses** | Fr Jose  Sacramental team  Congregation |

**Important notes:** If this schedule needs to be changed, Parents of enrolled children will be notified via the Sacramental Coordinator.

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.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sc.victoriapoint@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-except Thursday as Parish office is closed that day. Recorded messages can be left if phoning after hours. I am only in the office one day a week.

**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 what happens at Mass: when to sit, stand, prayer responses, what happens prior, during and after Holy Communion. Weekend Mass times at St Rita’s Church are Saturday 5pm, Sunday 7am or 9am.

Family sessions are for the Parents and child, please let me know via email, during the program, (in advance) which scheduled dates and times suit you of the two are offered.

Thank you and God bless from Jennifer