

Religious Education at St. John XXIII 2020-21

It was a challenging year for Catechesis at St. John XXIII but there remains a lot to celebrate.

Confirmation

Confirmation preparation continued this year mostly via weekly ZOOM classes.

The 24 students from C20 finally received their Confirmation on April 24th in two ceremonies celebrated by Mgr. Pascal Desthieux.

The 38 students in the C21 class received the sacrament of confirmation also in two ceremonies on May 8th from Bishop Charles Morerod.

We have been trialing the YDisciple program from NET ministries found on FORMED with our C22 group online this year. It provides excellent content for small group discussions specifically aimed at this age group on some of the basic teachings of our faith. We look forward to hopefully getting a chance to use it in person next year.

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First Holy Communion

In the Autumn, 45 students from last year's Level 3 classes received their First Holy Communion at regular weekend Masses in the parish.

First Holy Communion preparation took place via Zoom on Sunday mornings from January until the end of May. The catechists, Sharon Heduvan, Luca Titus and Una Walsh used material from the online First Holy Communion preparation course 'Blessed' from Dynamic Catholic.

48 students from this year's Level 3 class are receiving their First Holy Communion at regular parish Masses between the end of May and the start of July.

First Reconciliation

48 students from last year's Level 2 class made their First Reconciliation over two Saturday mornings in March.

First Reconciliation preparation also took place via Zoom on Sunday mornings led by Fedora and Oliver Leon. The students worked with material from the First Reconciliation preparation course 'Blessed' from Dynamic Catholic. 26 more students made their First Reconciliation on June 5th.

'Catechesis at Home'

Non sacramental classes were encouraged to keep up their learning about the faith via the monthly 'Catechesis at Home' newsletter which provided online resources and activities children could do at home.