

Religious Education at St. John XXIII 2022-23

This year marked a very welcome return to normality for Religious Education in the parish with a total of 270 students attending class.

Weekly classes resumed on Sunday mornings for children aged 4-13.

Confirmation preparation classes took place every second week on Thursday evenings for students aged 14-16. These classes were made possible by a wonderful team of 45 volunteer catechists.

Confirmation

Confirmation preparation this year consisted of small group meetings using YDisciple on FORMED and Youth nights where students met altogether to hear about and discuss a topic. A big thank you to all our small group leaders who accompanied the teens so well this year.

24 students attended the three day Kairos Retreat in October. A huge thank you to Mary Bernasconi and the Kairos team for providing this beautiful opportunity for the students.

24 students from C23 will receive their Confirmation on Pentecost weekend, May 27th in a ceremony celebrated by Archbishop Fortunatus Nwachukwu.

First Holy Communion

43 children will receive their First Holy Communion over the next few weeks at the parish. We finished the year with a formative and fun First Communion Retreat day on May 13th. Thank you to all the First Communion team for their hard work this year.

First Reconciliation

53 students celebrated their First Reconciliation on two Saturday mornings in May. Thank you to our First Reconciliation coordinator Fedora Leon and all the Catechists who prepared the children so well.

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