

Religious Education at St. John XXIII 2023-24

This year was a great year for Religious Education in the parish with a total of 266 students attending class.

Weekly Catechism classes took place on Sunday mornings for children aged 4-13 from the end of September to the start of May.

Confirmation preparation classes took place every second week on Thursday evenings for students aged 14-16.

We had lots of new and enthusiastic volunteer Catechists this year who did a wonderful job and brought a lot of life and joy to the classes. In total we had 45 Catechetical volunteers including 10 teenage assistants – mostly current or past Confirmation students.

Confirmation

The Confirmation students met every second week for an hour and a half for a mixture of small group and large group sessions. We had some great speakers and testimonies from young adults in our parish.

A big thank you to all our small group leaders who accompanied the teens so well this year.

26 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 received their Confirmation on Saturday May 25th in a ceremony celebrated by Bishop Charles Morerod.

First Holy Communion

We had a formative and fun First Communion Retreat day on April 20th.

45 children received their First Holy Communion on May 5th. 5 older students received First Holy Communion at regular Masses throughout the year.

Thank you to Priscilla, our First Communion coordinator and all the First Communion team for their hard work this year.

First Reconciliation

32 students celebrated their First Reconciliation on two Saturday mornings in May.

Another 11 celebrated their First Reconciliation during the First Communion retreat day.

Thank you to our First Reconciliation coordinator Fedora Leon and all the Catechists who prepared the children so well.

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