

Religious Education at St. John XXIII 2024-25

A total of 266 students attended Religious Education classes in the parish this year.

Weekly Catechism classes took place on Sunday mornings for children aged 4-13 from the end of September to the start of May. The two class times were combined into one class at 10am to align with the new Mass times. The transition went well and allowed us to pool resources more effectively during the 10am class.

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

Angela Adjei did a wonderful job covering for Anna's maternity leave (Dec-March). She kept everything running smoothly and her commitment, enthusiasm and joyful presence added so much to the programmes.

Our volunteer Catechists were one again amazing this year. Their endless hours of planning and dedication brought a lot of life and joy to the classes. In total we had 44 Catechetical volunteers including 8 teenage assistants – mostly current or past Confirmation students.

Confirmation

The Year 1 and Year 2 Confirmation students participated in 13 sessions on Thursday evenings at the parish as well as some longer days of formation throughout the year.

A big thank you to all the Confirmation catechists who accompanied the teens so well this year.

27 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.

25 students received their Confirmation on Saturday May 27th in a ceremony celebrated Archbishop Ettore Balestrero, Papal Nuncio to the UN.

First Holy Communion

We had a busy First Communion Retreat day on April 12th where the students from our Level 3 classes and our Sacramental Preparation classes for older children went through the last of their preparation for First Holy Communion.

50 children received their First Holy Communion on May 24th. Thank you to Priscilla DSouza, our First Communion coordinator and all the First Communion team for their hard work this year.

First Reconciliation

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

Another 6 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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