

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Parish Avondale Heights

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Religious Education at St Martin de Porres

God's love and presence are made real and celebrated in the Sacraments. Important times and experiences in our lives are celebrated and enlivened by God's presence. Each Sacrament signifies in a particular way, the transforming love of God and the new life which Jesus Christ brings.

Following the practice of the archdiocese, St Martin de Porres Parish usually initiates children into the Catholic Church in the three stages of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Your parish is ready to assist you in the joyous responsibility of preparing your children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation (*the Sacraments that complete our Christian Initiation which began in Baptism*) and, to this end you and your children are invited to become fully involved in the ongoing life of your parish family together with the parish based sacramental preparation programs offered for your children. Our usual program of sacramental preparation and celebration is:



First Reconciliation & Penance

The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship. Reconciliation with God is thus the purpose and effect of this sacrament. The sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true spiritual resurrection, restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God.

Eucharist

The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus. Indeed, the Lord said: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." What material food produces in our bodily life, Holy Communion wonderfully achieves in our spiritual life. As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life.

Confirmation

The effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace, it unites us more firmly to Christ and it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us.

Enrolment for 2026

TBA. in St Martin's Pastoral Centre.

Please park in the school grounds and walk to the red brick building.

Classes Commence

TBA. Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Pre-Confirmation classes will be in the hall.
Confirmation class in Pastoral Centre.

Fees for 2026

\$150 a year	For parishioners	1 child
\$250 “	“	2 or more children
\$200 “	For non- parishioners	1 child
\$300 “	“	2 or more children

The fee covers:

- Printing and postage of reminders that will be sent home
- Medal, certificate, sash and Mass Book
- Retreat Days: Hiring of venue and bus if necessary
- Photocopying of worksheets and laminating expenses
- Workbook
- Contribution towards a stipend that the parish is paying for Religious Education

Items to bring to enrolment

A completed enrolment form per child

The appropriate fee (correct money would be appreciated)

Our Religious Education policy, approved by the Parish Education Advisory Board, is that to be eligible to receive the Sacraments, every child shall attend lessons for 4 years of classes from Reconciliation to Confirmation.

We hope that this information may help you and your child to prepare carefully for the sacraments and that the day itself may remain always in your mind as a Grace-filled occasion.

Yours sincerely,



Fr. Paul Tru
Parish Priest
St Martin de Porres Parish



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**Religious Education
Enrolment Form for 2025**
(Please print clearly using BLOCK LETTERS)



Child's Details	Christian Name	Second Name(s)	Surname
Address	Street		
	Suburb		Postcode
Date of Birth		School Attending	
Age		School Level (Year)	
Tick Sacraments already received		Church & Parish where Sacrament received	Date Sacrament received
☐ Baptism			
☐ Reconciliation			
☐ Eucharist			
What Sacrament Grade will your child attend this year? (please tick)			
Reconciliation ☐ Communion ☐ Pre-Confirmation ☐ Confirmation ☐			
Father's Name			
Mother's Name			
Guardian's Name			
Phone Nos	Home	Mobile	
	Emergency		
Email Address			
Fee for	Parishioners	\$150 for 1 child	\$250 for 2 or more children
	Non-Parishioners	\$200 for 1 child	\$300 for 2 or more children
Amount Paid		Receipt No.	Cash / Cheque No./Credit Card
Parent's Signature			