

Youth Group



2024 St John's Parish Riverstone Youth Group

The Youth Group took place on Friday night. The children had a fun night. Thank you to the St Johns' coordinators, the YFC and all of the parent helpers on the night.

6pm in the Church Hall on the following Friday nights:

20 September

18 October

15 November (Christmas Party)

Collection Plates

The **First Church Collections** plus donations from Marriages, Baptisms and Funerals goes directly towards supporting the various ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta, including the priest salary funds.

The **Second Church Collection** goes directly into our Parish Account. This account is used for administrative expenses, repairs & maintenance, insurance, church supplies, wages, sacrament supplies, SRE resources, telephone and electricity.

Thank you for supporting our parish & the Catholic Church

Foreign Coins - Please respect the request of no foreign coins to be placed on the collection plates. Our Parish cannot bank these coins. Please check your coins before placing them in the collection plates. Thank you.

Church Roster September 2024

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 14 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio		A Jaszczyszyn Volunteer	M Sultana	J Eroles	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 15 th 7am	Volunteer				E Sultana C Wickman	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 15 th 9am	Volunteer				S Corben B Simon	C Samuel	L Fox	Jenchriss & Co	
Sun 15 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy			W Suri I Spram	L Bird	S Corben J Bugeja	Nonoy & Tna Co	
Sat 21 st 6pm	M Satorre	Sultana family	J Missio		A Jaszczyszyn S Nieves	M Sultana	M Galati R Edwards	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 22 nd 7am	Volunteer	E Sultana			C Wickman M Evans	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 22 nd 9am	Volunteer		J Teuma		E Abendan J Boemi	M Camilleri	L Fox	Rondalla Choir	
Sun 22 nd 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig		N D'Souza R D'Souza	D Gorkic	S Corben J Bugeja	Raymond & Co	

Parish Funds

Your support, as always, is much appreciated. For those wanting to make payments directly to our bank account, these are the details:

Account Name: St John's Catholic Church Riverstone

BSB: 067950

Account No: 00000172

Message: (First & Surname of Parishioner)

Please write your full name & the word donation in the message section when using internet banking)

OR

Weekly Envelopes OR Tap & Go OR

Credit Card Donations OR Collection Plates at Mass

QR Code for payments directly to the Riverstone Parish - please enter your name & payment description.



Piety Store

Piety Store - Opening Hours

Sundays

10am - 12pm

Tuesdays

10am - 11am

Unfortunately, piety items are not available for purchase from the parish office.

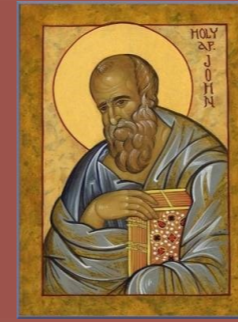
Friday Prayer Group

Christ Catholic Community (CCC) Prayer Group

Prayer meeting held every Friday 10am in the classroom building. For further information, please contact:

Mary Camilleri Ph 0403116987.

Counters- J Shipley, A Hoare



St John The Evangelist Catholic Church Riverstone

A spiritual home for the community offering hope and help for all in need



Parish Priest: Fr Zakaria Gayed
Deacon: Rev. Dr. Michael Tan
Parish Secretary: Melissa Spence
Parish Manager: Tony Brooker
Parish Office Hours: Mon - Fri
 Fri 9am-2pm

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Website: www.stjohnsriverstone.org.au

Address: 164 Garfield Rd East,
 Riverstone NSW 2765

St Johns Primary School: 9854-3200

Principal: Mrs Jane Misek

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday Morning 7am, 9am & 10:30am

Weekday & Morning Mass Times

Tuesday-Saturday 8:30am

First Friday 8:30am & 7:30pm

Anointing Mass

First Saturday of each month at 8:30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Vocations

Tuesday after 8:30am Mass

Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help

Wednesday after 8:30am Mass

Mass, Benediction & Rosary

Friday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Prayer Group

Friday 10am

Marriage

Please give 6 months notice

Baptism -

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 12pm

Baptism Information Night

First Tuesday of each month at 7pm

Marriage & Baptism

By arrangement during office hours

15 September 2024

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I gave my body to those who struck me.
 The Lord has opened my ear.*

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him.

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.*

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me!

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.*

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me.

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.*

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.*

Second Reading James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

John's Parish, Riverstone 120 Year Celebration -
Sunday 17 November after the 10:30am Mass.

To celebrate this milestone a large Cross will be ordered, covered with gold coloured plaques engraved with your name or family name. The cross will remain on the altar during the year and used on Good Friday. We ask for a donation of between \$300 and \$500 per plaque. Please fill out a form that can be found in the porch and place it in an envelope with your donation. The order of plaques positioned on the cross will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Please give your envelope to Fr Zak or the Parish office.

Closing date for orders is Tuesday 15 October 2024.

Jubilee 2025—Pope Francis

Please view the following website for more information:

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

Masses & Feasts

Fri	16 Sept	Sts Cornelius and Cyprian
Sat	14 Sept	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Prayer to St John the Evangelist

Oh God, who through the blessed Apostle John have unlocked for us the secrets of your Word, grant, we pray, that we may grasp with proper understanding what he has so marvellously brought to our ears. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



Parish Notices

Please Remember - The Importance of Getting to Mass On Time - live the whole *Mass* to reap the fruits of the greatest gift on earth: God's memorial of His Sacrifice. Please arrive on time.

Volunteer Help Needed:

* **Children's Liturgy presenters.**

* **Acolytes**

* **1-2 Representatives for Western Deanery Meetings**

• **RCIA helper**

• **Choir 1st Sun 10:30am and Sat 6pm Vigil Mass**
(please contact the office for exact dates)

St John's Parish & School Combined Christmas Carols
Fri 6 Dec 6:30pm. Please place a reminder on your calendar. All parishioners are invited.

St John's Eagles Indoor Soccer Gala Day Unfortunately, there will be no indoor soccer gala day for the upcoming school holidays for Term 3. We were unable to book the indoor centre due to a camp and tournament being held during the full 2 weeks of the school holidays. We look forward to the January School holidays for the next Indoor soccer gala day. Date will be advertised closer to the time.

Gluten free hosts are available for those who wish to receive Holy Communion. To arrange, please contact the parish office the week before.

There will be **Tea and Coffee** after the 9am & 10:30am Sunday Masses in the Parish Centre.

Parish Centre

[Your continued support of our Parish Centre is appreciated.](#) Parish renovations continue and we thank our wonderful parishioners who have already kindly donated.

We have received over \$28400. We are blessed to have such generous parishioners in our Parish.

We would also like to thank the late John Cannata for his generous contribution towards our parish centre/renovations.

For Your Safety - Please do not enter the Parish Centre due to works. Thank you.

Appeals

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal -

Thank you for your kind donations.

Our Parish will need to meet a quota of approx. \$3000. The amount donated for this appeal by our parishioners will be announced next week.

Next Appeal - Bishop's Christmas Appeal
30 November and 1 December 2024

Prayers for our Community

✠ **Deceased Mass Offerings -**

All Souls, All Souls in Purgatory, Forgotten Souls in Purgatory, John & Rosy Attard, Philip Azzopardi, Br Joe Byrne, Anthony Buttigieg, Sam Bugeja, Alex Calleja, John Cannata, John Grima, Alan Hoare, Maureen Muccillo, Peter Shipley, Joseph Sultana, Chris, John, Maryann Sultana & Sultana family, John, Michael, Angelo Clementina & Leanne Sultana & Sultana family, Maria & Nicholas Gatt, Joseph Jack Sultana, Nunziato Orlando & Domenico Procopio, Stefano Musico, Armie Osual, Patrick Vella, Tony Vella, Joseph & Maria Mercieca, Emmanuel & Doris Sultana, Victor Gatt, Angelo Attard, Victor & Theresa Sultana, Sam & Grace Mercieca, Jane Refalo, Giovanni & Angela Panuccio.

For those who are sick:

Especially Adrian Bugeja, Carlos T Quinteros, Francis Saliba, John Padernia, Maria Pisto, Tony & Freda Attard, Margaret Galea, Belinda Grgic, Jeff Meilak, Lily Said, Candice Basopoulous, Anna Hoare, Myrna Manalili, Chadia, Lucia Musico, Joe Sant and those in our parish community.

Please respect the Blessed Eucharist. Please receive the Eucharist on the tongue. If you still wish to take it in your hand, stay and consume it in front of the priest or Eucharistic Minister. If you are a non-Catholic or a young child, you may receive a blessing instead. Please place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing.

Jubilee 2025—Pope Francis The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of *Jubilee*, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "*Pilgrims of Hope*". Please view the following website for more information:

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

Safeguarding Face to Face Training

Training will be held at our Parish in October. This training will take place during the day. Dates and times will be advertised soon. More information will be shared over the next few weeks.

If you are unable to attend training during the day, you can complete online, in your own time, from your computer.

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Sacraments

The Sacrament of Confirmation -

Please register by 27th September 2024. Enrolment form completed and returned with donation by this date

The Parent Information Meeting:
Tuesday 22nd October at 7pm

Baptism Classes

The next Baptism Class:
Tuesday 1st October 7pm in the Church Hall.