

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:
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.

Jubilee 2025

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>

Church Roster Sept/Oct 2024

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 28 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana Family	J Missio		I Spram		L Canlas	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 29 th 7am	Volunteer	E Sultana	R Bigeni		C Wickman	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 29 th 9am	Volunteer		J Teuma		S Corben B Simon	K Amanda	L Fox S Brown	Noy & Tina Co	
Sun 29 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig		D Gorkic S Suri		S Corben J Bugeja	Raymond & Co	
Sat 5 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio	M Sultana	A Jaszczyszyn	M Sultana	J Eroles	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 6 th 7am	Volunteer			V Bonnici F Bonnici	C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 6 th 9am	Sullivan Family	R Brown	J Teuma		V Sultana L Fernandez	G Fernandez	J Sullivan S Brown	San Pedro Calungsod	
Sun 6 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy		H Greedy	I Spram J Savio	S Suri	S Corben J Bugeja	Power point	

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.

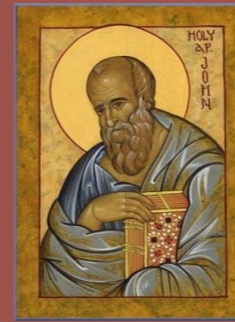
Friday Prayer Group

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
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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

29 September 2024

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading Numbers 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me.

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin.

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Second Reading James 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James
Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck.'

And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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

Reminder - there is a limited number of plaques available and the closing date for the orders is the 15th October. Please do not miss out!

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 and deliver to the parish office.

The order of plaques positioned on the cross will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

GUESSING COMPETITION For the celebration our Parish is running a fundraiser to Guess the number of lollies in the Jar. The winner will receive \$100 as well as the jar of lollies. \$2 per guess. The competition will run before and after Mass on the weekend. Please have some fun and try to guess the number of lollies in the jar and support our Parish.

Masses & Feasts

Mon	30 Sept	St Jerome
Tues	01 Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus
Wed	02 Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels
Fri	04 Oct	First Friday Mass St Francis of Assisi
Sat	05 Oct	Anointing Mass

Daylight Savings - *Sunday, 6 October 2024*, 2:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to Sunday, 6 October 2024, 3:00 am AEDT instead.

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 - One purpose of attending Mass is to send forth the faithful to bring forth the Good News of Jesus, and to be His presence in the world. Please be present for the entire Mass.
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.

Volunteer Help Needed:

* Children's Liturgy presenters. * Acolytes

* 1-2 Representatives for Western Deanery Meetings

*RCIA helper * Gardeners for the Parish Centre

*Choir 1st Sun 10:30am and Saturdays 6pm Vigil Mass

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 look forward to the January School holidays for the next Indoor soccer gala day.

The next **Youth Group** will be on Friday 18th October at 6pm. All school-aged children are invited to a fun night.

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

The Parish would like to give our Parish Centre a name. One befitting our Parish History and also a tribute to the nuns who taught and resided here for many years. A couple of suggestions are CLARE HOUSE, ST CLARES HOUSE. Any other suggestions you may have would be greatly appreciated.

ALSO

The Parish proposes to install a new gate leading from the car park to the Parish Centre. All parishioners are invited to submit their suggestions, with a diagram, of what would be a fitting welcoming to the Centre. Responses to both these invites may be left in the **Suggestion Box** in the foyer of the church or left in the Parish Office.

We would love to hear your thoughts with respect to both of these proposals.

Appeals

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal -

Thank you for your kind donations. Our Parish raised a total of \$3033.40 for this Appeal.

*Next Appeal - Bishop's Christmas Appeal
30 November and 1 December 2024
Envelopes will be provided*

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, John (Jim) Galea, Harriot Perera, Snowy Sullivan, Mabel Donohoe, John Ripa, Thelma Pore, Evelina Acebedo, Joseph Raniyeoliekal, Darlene Rodrigues Raymond & Emmanuel Baker, Anton Grgic, Ana Milicevic, Maria, Theresa, Pasquale Macolino, Zane Belista.

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.

November Mass Offerings - All masses during the month of November will be offered for those listed on the November envelopes. The List can be found during the month of November on the lectern at the front of the Church.

Envelopes are now available in the porch. Please, CLEARLY write the names on the envelope, enclose your donation and then place the envelope in either of the collection plates during any Mass.

Safeguarding Face to Face Training Face to face training will take place in the Parish Hall on the following dates: Renewal Module 4 Wednesday 16th October 9:30am – 11am Renewal Module 5 Wednesday 23rd October 9:30am – 11am If you were one of the parishioners who attended training for 3 modules in 2022, then you are required to attend these training sessions. This will keep your Safeguarding up to date. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by 11th Oct.

Are you able to help? Our Parish would like to be able to keep the Parish Office open during the weeks when our secretary is away. This would be a temporary position and a paid role, on various dates throughout the year. It would cover the Parish Secretary during annual leave and a few other days, throughout the year when required. This person would need excellent communication, computer and administrative skills. If you are able to offer assistance, please contact Melissa, who will be happy to give you an overview of the work involved.

Sacraments

The Sacrament of Confirmation -

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

Baptism Classes

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