

Youth Group



St John's Parish, Riverstone Youth Group

New flyers with the 2023 dates will be available in early 2023 .

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: (Name of parishioner)

OR

Weekly Envelopes OR

Tap & Go OR

Credit Card Donations OR

Collection Plates at Mass

Please note - collection plates:

1st Collection - Diocese of Parramatta

2nd Collection - Riverstone Parish

Piety Store

For Sale - God's Word Book \$20 each.

Columban Calendars \$10 each

Piety Store - Opening Hours

Sundays

10am - 12pm

Tuesdays

10am - 11am

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

Appeals

Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care's Assistance with Care and Housing Service -

This weekend, 26/27 November 2022

No one should be homeless or without support. Your Christmas gift today will enable Catholic Care to give homeless people practical and emotional support, and a safe place to call home. Please stretch out your hand to the poor and give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal envelopes, at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal thank you for your prayers, heart-felt compassion, and help to end homelessness.

1st Sunday of Advent



Advertising

If you would like to promote your services , contact the parish office to discuss this opportunity.

Church Roster

December 2022

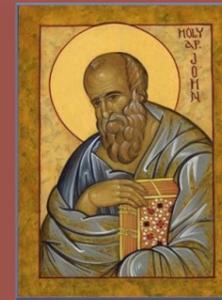
Counters — A Hoare/J Shipley

Cleaners — M Camilleri

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ord.	Acolytes	Ministers	Readers	Prayers of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point
Saturday 3rd 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	C Catapang	M Sultana	A Jaszczyszyn	M Sultana	M Galati	Katie Cameron & Paul Sultana
Sunday 4th 7am	A Lomano	R Bigeni	R Bigeni	V Bonnici F Bonnici	C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power point
Sunday 4th 9am	Sullivan family	R Brown	J Padernia	J Sullivan R Brown	V Sultana L Fernandez	G Fernandez	J Sullivan	San Pedro Calungsod
Sunday 4th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	J Padernia		F DCruz A DCruz	C Mascarenhas	S Corben	Jenchriss & Co

Thank you to all volunteers. We still need some volunteers for Week 2, Week 4 & Week 5 to clean the church. This may be done during the week or on Saturdays in between Masses.

If you can help, please contact the parish office.



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

Parish Secretary: Melissa Spence

Parish Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-2pm

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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 From November 2022 -

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Baptism Information Night

First Tuesday of each month at 7pm

Marriage & Baptism

By arrangement during office hours

27 November 2022

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading Is 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!'

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and

swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.



Liturgical Feasts this Week

Wed 30 Nov St Andrew

Sat 03 Dec St Francis Xavier

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, for ever and ever. Amen.



Parish Notices

Christmas Liturgy Meeting - Saturday 3 Dec at 11am in hall. This meeting is to organise the Christmas Masse for 2022,

Parish Christmas Party - Wednesday 7th December 6pm
All parishioners are invited to attend.

Please bring a plate of food or drinks to place on the table for all to share. Melissa will keep a list of the food/drink items in the parish office. If you would like to place your name & item on this list, please visit or phone the parish office.

Garden Lamb— Good News! Our little lost sheep has been found! Thank you everyone.

Volunteers Needed— Church cleaners needed for the 2nd, 4th & 5th weeks of the month. This can be done during weekdays or on Saturdays. Please contact the parish office if you can help

Children's Liturgy is now running during mass (excluding Sunday 7am). Thank you to all of our volunteers, we really appreciate your commitment.

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

Tea & Coffee After Mass - Everyone is welcome, after Mass on Sunday mornings, in the church hall.

For Sale - The Craft Ladies are selling plants. These plants are displayed under the pergola. Prices are displayed on a sign in the area. If you would like to purchase a plant, please see Fr Zak or Jenny, from the piety store.

Queens Jubilee Planting Ceremony Wednesday 30th November

10.30am Parishioners of St John's are warmly invited to join with the school community for a commemoration ceremony and picnic morning tea on the school grounds. St John's is having a commemoration ceremony for the grant the school was awarded to purchase all the beautiful new trees that have been planted along the back fence. **This project received funding from the Australian Government's Planting Trees for The Queen's Jubilee Program.** The ceremony will be at 10.30am followed by a picnic on the playground. Refreshments will be served to visitors. Everyone is welcome to attend, we look forward to seeing you there.

Sacraments



The candidates celebrated **Confirmation** last Tuesday with Bishop Vincent Long and Fr Zakaria. Congratulations! Thank you to the Sacrament Team and the parents for preparing the children to make their Confirmation.



BAPTISM: Our Parish would like to welcome **Harriet Balongcas, Logan Cupitt, Anayah Luna & Daniella Moddero** into our community and congratulate their family and friends on this special day.

Prayers for our 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.

The List will be updated weekly.

Envelopes are available in the porch.

For those who are sick:

Especially Adrian Bugeja & Sylvia Saliba and those in our parish community.

Collection Plates

The First Church Collections plus donations from Marriages, Baptisms and Funerals and 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

Diocese of Parramatta

Catholic Outlook Magazine is now available in the porch.

The Diocese of Parramatta is participating in a program called **FirstCPR**. The program will provide you with CPR accredited training to parish staff and volunteers and is free of charge. Sessions will be organised across the Diocese and require a minimum of 10 people per session. For more information, and to express your interest, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/cpr-training-eoi/>

Riverstone Community

Riverstone Carols— Saturday 10th December 6pm
Combined Churches of Riverstone – all invited!
6pm - 7:30pm Food Trucks, Rides & Pre-Entertainment
7:30pm - 9pm Christmas Carols
Cnr Park & Pitt Streets, Riverstone.