

## Youth Group



### St John's Parish, Riverstone Youth Group

All school-aged children and their parents are invited to attend a get-together for the Youth Group. Fun activities for both children and their parents.

You are most welcome to bring a friend.

**6pm in the Church Hall on these Friday nights:**

	18 Aug
21 Apr	22 Sept
19 May	20 Oct
23 Jun	17 Nov Christmas Party

## Appeals

**Project Compassion** - Please return your Money boxes.

**The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal**—The Catholic Foundation - Supporting our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community. The total will be advised soon. Thank you to those who donated.

**Good Friday Appeal** - Thank you to those who made generous donations.

## 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*

## Church Roster

April 2023 Counters - A Hoare/J Shipley Cleaners - C Sultana & C Messa  
Thank you to all of our volunteers. J Padernia is not available until further notice.

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ord.	Acolytes	Readers	Prayers of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point
Sat 15th Apr 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana Family		A Jaszczyn Volunteer	M Sultana	L Canlas	Katie Cameron & Paul Sultana
Sun 16th Apr 7am	A Lomano	R Bigeni	R Bigeni	E Sultana C Wickman	P Perara	None	Power point
Sun 16th Apr 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Asimus	S Corben B Simon	Cyril M	S Yapa	Nonoy & Tina
Sun 16th Apr 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	J Padernia	S Suri W Suri	C Mascarenhas	H Greedy	Jenchriss & 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

Please visit the Piety store to purchase any of these items.

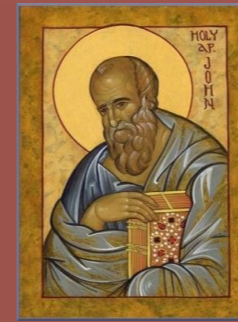
**Piety Store** - Opening Hours

<u>Sundays</u>	<u>Tuesdays</u>
10am - 12pm	10am - 11am

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

## Advertising

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



## 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  
**Phone:** 9627-1176  
**Email:** stjohs10@bigpond.com  
**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** - As From March 2023

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

## 9 April 2023

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

*First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

*Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. R. v.24*

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*



Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
*This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.*

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

*This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.*

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

*This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.*

### Second Reading Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*  
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ,  
you must look for the things that are in heaven, where  
Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be  
on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth,  
because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden  
with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is  
your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with  
him.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence**  
(The sequence is said or sung on this day)

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into  
Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

*Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

*The Lord be with you.*

*And with your Spirit.*

*Gospel Jn 20:1-9*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the  
dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still  
dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw  
that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and  
came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the  
one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the  
tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put  
him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb.  
They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster  
than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw  
the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in.  
Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right  
into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and  
also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not  
with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first  
also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment  
they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture,  
that he must rise from the dead.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ*



*Fr Zakaria would like to wish all parishioners  
a joyous Easter. God Bless!*

*Fr Zakaria and the Parish Team would like to  
thank all volunteers who have given their time to  
help at our Masses during Holy Week and Easter.*

## Masses

Mon 10/4	Communion Service	8:30am
Tues 11/4	Communion Service	8:30am
Wed 12/4	Mass	8:30am
Thur 13/4	Mass	8:30am
Fri 14/4	Mass	8:30am

## 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 un-  
derstanding 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

**The Catholic Foundation Appeal — 25/26 March**  
**The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal**. Supporting our  
seminarians to humbly serve our faith community  
Thank you to those parishioners who have donated. The  
donations for this appeal count towards our parish quota  
for the Catholic Foundation. Our Parish Quota for this  
appeal is \$4,500.

**St John's Parish Easter Raffle** -  
Congratulations to our winners:  
1st Prize V Sultana  
2nd Prize L Fox

**Project Compassion** - Project Compassion 2023 reminds  
us that the good that we do today will extend and impact  
the lives of generations to come.  
Please return your money boxes.

**The new Catholic Outlook Magazine is now available in the  
porch.**

**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.

**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.

**Foreign Coins** - Please respect the request of no  
foreign coins to be placed on the collection plates.

## Thank you

Thank you to Tony Zahra and Joe for making the grounds of  
St John's beautiful for our Easter celebrations.

Thank you St John's Primary Riverstone for your kind donations of  
Project Compassion money boxes and chocolates for Vinnies and the  
community. It is very much appreciated.

Thank you, all volunteers during our Easter celebrations.  
Thank you volunteers, altar servers, acolytes, liturgy helpers,  
musicians, singers, all who have helped in preparations for  
Holy Week. We are grateful for your generosity.  
- Fr Zak and the Parish Team.

CCD is hosting Dr Laurie Woods presenting A Study of  
St Matthew's Gospel - April 28; May 5, 12, 19 & 26.  
10 am to 2pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown.  
To book please email Maree Collis  
[ccd.training@parrcatholic.org](mailto:ccd.training@parrcatholic.org)

Want to learn more about different ways to pray? Sign up for  
the **FaithLIFE 3-night short course** on "Prayer" with Br Barry  
Donaghue, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team  
(MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesdays: 2 + 9 + 16 May.  
Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion  
Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

## Prayers for our Community

**For those who have died:**

All Souls, John & Rosy Attard, Philip Azzopardi,  
Br Joe Byrne, Anthony Buttigieg, Sam Bugeja,  
Alex Calleja, John Cannata, John Grima, Alan  
Hoare, Maureen Muccillo, Peter Shipley, Chris,  
John, Maryann Sultana & Sultana family, John,  
Michael, Angelo & Clementina Sultana and  
Sultana family, Maria & Nicholas Gatt, George  
Micallef, Carmelo, Carmen & Michael Vella,  
Michael Agius, Harriot Perera, Joseph Sammit,  
Carmello, Victoria & Alfred Bugeja, Dorothy Hart,  
Xerri family & Azzopardi family.

**For those who are sick:**

Especially Adrian Bugeja, Carlos T Quinteros,  
Charlie Spiteri, Francis Saliba, John Padernia,  
Marianne Sultana and those in our parish community.

## Indoor Soccer Gala Day

**1ST Wed in SCHOOL HOLIDAYS -**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023** 9.30am – 2.30pm

**ST JOHN'S EAGLES Round Robin Indoor Soccer**  
INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, Cnr Hamilton St &  
Garfield Rd, Riverstone.

*\$15 per player. Opened to boys and girls aged 5-16.*  
Any child under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a  
parent/carer.  
Lucky door prizes and sausage sizzle lunch is included.  
Just turn up on the day and please bring your friends!  
Flyers are available in the porch.

**If you are looking for more events to attend with your  
children, please read the following:**

**Don't forget to join us at our Youth Group. Youth Group  
get-togethers are once a month at 6pm.**  
**Please see our flyers in the porch for more information.**  
**You may just turn up on the night and bring your friends  
with you for a fun night!**

**Youth Group**—Reminder the next Youth Group gathering is  
on Friday 21st April at 6pm.

## Sacraments

Baptism Class: Tues 2nd May at 7pm in the Church Hall.

**Sacraments 2023** - The parent information and dates  
letter is now available in the porch. The letter will explain  
the process to enrol your child in our sacramental program.  
**The Sacrament of Penance** - The enrolment form  
completed and returned with donation, is required by 24th  
April. The Parent Information Meeting is on Tuesday 16th  
May at 7pm in the Galilee Room.