

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	20 Oct
22 Sept	17 Nov Christmas Party

***One Day - Youth Camp on Saturday 26th August 2023 from 8:30am to 4:30pm in the Riverstone Parish grounds for school-aged children. ***

Appeals

- 12 & 13 August Catholic Mission Appeal
- 02 & 03 September Bishop’s Fathers Day Appeal

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

Church Roster August 2023

Date	Welcomers	Mass Coordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children’s Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 12 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana Family			A Jaszczyszyn S Nierves	M Sultana	J Eroles	Paul Sultana	Volunteer
Sun 13 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power Point	
Sun 13 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Padernia		J Boemi R Xuereb	S Yapa	R Brown	Nonoy & Tina	
Sun 13 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	J Padernia		J Sultana M Syme	D Gorkic	L Fox	Raymond & Co	
Sat 19 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family			A Jaszczyszyn Volunteer	M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	M Camilleri S Corben
Sun 20 th 7am	A Lomano	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		E Sultana C Wickman	P Perera	None	Power point	M Virgee Tess
Sun 20 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Asimus		S Corben B Simon	L Fox	S Yapa	Nonoy & Tina	JB
Sun 20 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	J Padernia		S Suri W Suri	C Mascarenhas	L Fox	Jenchris & 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

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

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

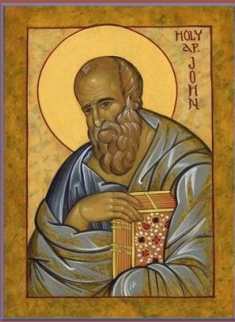
Friday Prayer Group

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: A Hoare & J Shipley



St John The Evangelist Catholic Church Riverstone

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



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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

13 August 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.’ Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people. What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Psalm 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Command me to come to you over the water. Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. ‘It is a ghost’ they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, ‘Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.’ It was Peter who answered. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.’ ‘Come’ said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. ‘Lord! Save me!’ he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. ‘Man of little faith,’ he said ‘why did you doubt?’ And as they got into the boat the wind dropped.

The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, ‘Truly, you are the Son of God.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

Save the Date: Christmas Carols Fri 1st Dec 2023

The next Christmas Carol Meeting is Wed 11 October at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

PARISH CENTRE BBQ FINAL MEETING

All parishioners are welcome to attend this meeting to discuss final details and catering for BBQ: Tuesday 15th August at 9:45am in the Parish Hall.

 **PARISH CENTRE OPENING**
St John’s Parish invites all parishioners to our **Parish Centre Opening BBQ Sunday the 20th August after the 9am and 10:30am Masses.**


We welcome everyone to join us and have fun for the children of the Parish, including a jumping castle and sausage sizzle.

Please RSVP your attendance on the clipboard in the porch.

Face Painting— we request a face painter to volunteer for our Parish Centre Opening from 10am Sun 20th Aug.

If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

 Our Parish will hold a **One Day - Youth Camp** on **Saturday 26th August 2023** from **8:30am to 4:30pm** at **our Riverstone Parish** for school-aged children. We welcome all children and their friends. The Youth For Christ who will run the activities for the day. Could we please ask for some parent helpers for the camp. Please RSVP your children’s names and name of parent helper to the Parish Office.

Masses & Feasts

Tues 15 August Mass 8:30am & 7:30pm

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Mon 14 Aug St Maximillian Mary Kolbe

Tues 15 Aug The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

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

Youth Group—the **next Youth Group meeting: Fri 18 August at 6pm** in the church hall. All school-aged children are welcome to attend. You are welcome to bring a friend.

Youth Camp—Sat 26th Aug 8:30am—4:30pm

St John’s Community Christmas Carols - Please save the date- Friday 1st December 2023. We have formed a committee to organise the Carols. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Volunteer Needed—We need somebody who can help us with the preparation of the Power point worksheet for Sunday Masses. If you can help, please notify the parish office.

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

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 Jenny from the piety store.

Tea & Coffee After Mass - Everyone is welcome, after 9am and 10:30am Mass on Sunday mornings, in the Parish Centre.

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

Thank you to our wonderful parishioners who attended the two Working Bees last week. We are making great progress on preparing the grounds for our Parish Centre Opening Day.

Our Parish is pleased to announce that **Tony Brooker** has been appointed as our volunteer **Parish Manager**. We welcome Tonys’ knowledge and commitment to St John’s Riverstone Parish.

Diocese of Parramatta

Synod 2023 - August Date: To be advised

Let’s pray our Synod Prayer together!

O God, who always walks with us on the journey of life,

we call upon you to lead us forth united.

Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod.

Keep us anchored in your love.

Open our hearts as we listen and discern.

Reveal to us the way we are called to go out into the deep.

Give us the courage to pursue the mission with bold humility.

May we experience renewal in our local Church today,

and for generations to come.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ,


who in the power of the Holy Spirit continues to guide your Church,

to the fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever. Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

Prayers for our Community

 **For those who have died:**

All Souls, All 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, Chris, John, Maryann Sultana & Sultana family, John, Michael, Angelo & Clementina Sultana and Sultana family, Maria & Nicholas Gatt, Joseph Jack Sultana, Harriot Perera, Louis Attard, Louis & Carmen Sultana, Michael Sultana & Peppa Attard, Mary Calleja, Xerri family and Azzopardi family, Fr Carl Ashton, Sam, Maria & Tanti families, Frank & Fortunata Baiada, Crensencia Fernando, Dominic Rodrigo and Michael Jenaras, Andrew Tee Swe Tay, Joseph Magro & Ronda Attich, Charlie & Jane Refalo, Charlie & Victoria Bugeja.

For those who are sick:

Especially Adrian Bugeja, Carlos T Quinteros, Francis Saliba, John Padernia, Joe Sultana, Elisabeth Juliawati Santoso, Maria Pisto, Tony & Freda Attard, Margaret Galea and those in our parish community.

Our Parish Centre is in need of a **refrigerator**.

If you have one, which is in good working order and would like to donate it to our new Parish Centre, please contact the Parish Office.

Save the Date - St John’s Eagles Indoor Soccer Gala Day

Wednesday 27th September 9:30am—2:30pm

Sacraments



The next Sacrament take place in our Parish will be the Sacrament of Eucharist— First Holy Communion.

<u>Sacrament of Eucharist- First Holy Communion</u> <i>Year 4 or older and have been Baptised and received Reconciliation.</i>	Dates and Times <i>Lessons will run for 1 hour - Galilee Room</i> Compulsory Mass attendance - weekly
Lesson 2	Tuesday 15 Aug 7pm
Lesson 3 & Church Practise - Parent & Child	Tuesday 22 Aug 7pm

Baptism - The next Baptism Class: Tuesday 5 September 7pm in the Church Hall.