

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:

22 Sept 17 Nov Christmas Party
20 Oct

Appeals

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 26 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Padernia		A Jaszczyszyn S Nieves	M Sultana	P Mansweto	Paul Sultana	Volunteer
Sun 27 th 7am	Volunteer	E Sultana	R Bigeni		C Wickman M Evans	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 27 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		E Abendan J Boemi	M Camilleri	R Xuereb	Rondalla & Co	
Sun 27 th 10:30am	M Satorre	H Greedy			N D'Souza R D'Souza	Volunteer	Angie	Raymond & Co	
Sat 2 nd 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family		M Sultana	A Jaszczyszyn	M Sultana	M Galati	Paul Sultana	M Camilleri S Corben
Sun 3 rd 7am	A Lomano	R Bigeni	R Bigeni	V Bonnici F Bonnici	C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power point	M Virgee Tess
Sun 3 rd 9am	Sullivan Family	R Brown	J Padernia	J Sullivan R Brown	V Sultana L Fernandez	G Fernandez	J Sullivan	San Pedro Calungsod	JB
Sun 3 rd 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	J Padernia	H Greedy	F Dcruz A Dcruz	C Mascarenhas	S Corben	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

Piety Store - Opening Hours

Sundays

10am - 12pm

Tuesdays

10am - 11am

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

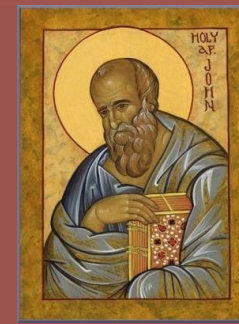
Friday Prayer Group

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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Email: stjohs10@bigpond.com
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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 -

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

27 August 2023

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,

I remove you from your post,

and the same day I call on my servant

Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,

gird him with your sash,

entrust him with your authority;

and he shall be a father

to the inhabitants of Jerusalem

and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David

on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,

should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg

into a firm place;

he will become a throne of glory

for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

Lord, your love is eternal: do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple.

Lord, your love is eternal: do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

Lord, your love is eternal: do not forsake the work of your hands.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Lord, your love is eternal: do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things. How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

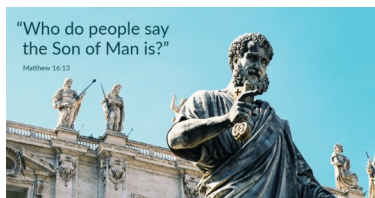
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ



Father's Day BBQ

St John's Father's Day Celebration -

At 9am and this will be the first celebration in the Parish Centre.

All parishioners are invited to attend the Father's Day breakfast on the **3rd September at 9:00am at the Parish Centre.**

There will be a jumping castle for the children and other activities., such as ball games.

Please bring a plate of food on the day to share with others.

PARISH CENTRE OPENING



St John's Parish celebrated the opening of our Parish Centre with a get together BBQ last Sunday.

It was a magnificent day and everyone chatted and got to know other parishioners. The food was amazing! The children had a great time on the jumping castle and face painting.

Thank you to the families who have donated money, food and items for the day. Thank you to those who worked at the Parish Centre before and on the day, to make this event possible. Our Parish raised over a \$1000 for the day which was used to hire the jumping castle, purchase face painting and some of the food. The Stall raised \$362 for our Parish which included sale of items, bakery goods and donations. Thank you ! Money left over from this event will be used towards the costs for our Father's Day BBQ next week.



Our Parish held a **One Day - Youth Camp** on **Saturday.** The day was a great success!! We would like to thank The Youth For Christ who ran the activities for the day.

We would also like to thank our team of parishioners, parent helpers and Andrew Fox for cooking the BBQ.

Masses & Feasts

Mon	28 Aug	St Augustine
Tues	29 Aug	The Passion of St John the Baptist

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

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 13 September at 6pm

in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Please note that the date of meeting had to be changed due to Fr Zakaria having another commitment.

Photographs - if you took some photos from our Parish Opening, could you please share by sending them to the Parish Office by email. We would also love it if you could please print some.

The **next Youth Group meeting: Fri 22 September at 6pm** in the church hall. All school-aged children are welcome to attend. You are welcome to bring a friend.

Lost Property can be found in the Parish Hall.

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.

The first **National Conference for the Catholic Medical Association** will take place at St. Joseph's Conference and Retreat Centre, Baulkham Hills from 10th to 12th November, 2023. Please view the advertisement on the noticeboard for more information or speak to Deacon Michael Tan.

History—In the year 2024, our Parish will celebrate 120 years!

If you have any items from the past, that you are willing to donate to our Parish or share a copy, please bring them to the office. If anyone is interested in organising an event, please contact the parish office.

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

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

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

Diocese of Parramatta

Synod 2023 -

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, Melanie Watumena & Brian Peterson, Florencia Boquiren Carmela & Eucharist Bajada, Brian Peterson, Michael Agius.

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, Belinda Grgic, Helen Grima and those in our parish community.

Save the Date: Christmas Carols Fri 1st Dec 2023

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

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

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

Sacraments



Sacrament of First Eucharist

Congratulations to the children who have received the Lord Jesus in First Eucharist. May they love him with all their hearts & forever live faithfully.

We would like to **thank** the families who have supported their child and brought them to the lessons, during the duration of the program.

Thank you to Fr Zakaria, Deacon Michael and the Sacramental Team for providing a nourishing environment for the children to learn to receive Holy Communion.

The next sacrament in our Parish will be Confirmation.

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