

Youth Group



2024 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:

16 Feb 15 Mar 19 Apr

Further dates for 2024 will be advised soon.

Indoor Soccer

St John's Eagles Round Robin Soccer Gala Day

The next Soccer Gala Day will be on

Wed 17th April 2024 9:30am - 2:30pm.

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.

Church Roster February 2024

Date	Welcomers	Mass Coordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 10 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana Family			A Jaszczyszyn S Nierves	M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	Volunteer
Sun 11 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power Point	
Sun 11 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown			K Amanda N Tsui	S Yapa	L Fox	Nonoy & Tina	
Sun 11 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	J Padernia		J Sultana M Syme	S Nobleza	L Fox	Raymond & Co	
Sat 17 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio		A Jaszczyszyn Volunteer	M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	C Sultana
Sun 18 th 7am	A Lomano	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		E Sultana C Wickman	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 18 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown			S Corben B Simon	C Samuel	S Yapa	Jepoy & Co	
Sun 18 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	J Padernia		W Suri I Spram	L Bird	S Nobleza	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.

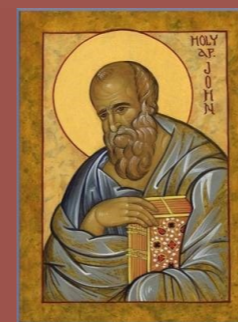
Friday Prayer Group

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
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 -

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

11 February 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v. 7

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin.

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel Mark 1:40-45

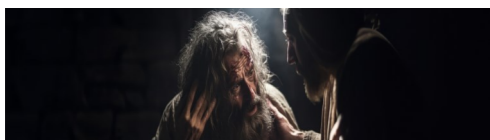
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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All parishioners are welcome to attend.

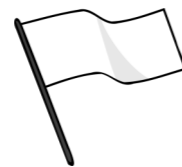
Wednesday after the 8.30am Mass and

Friday evenings at 7pm before Mass at 7:30pm

Please be advised that the 7:30pm Mass will be held every Friday night during Lent.

Lenten Program -

will begin on Monday 19 Feb at 7pm in the church hall. And every Monday for 6 consecutive weeks,. All parishioners are welcome to join this program. This is a free program, booklets will be provided. Please RSVP to Cathy Mob: 0413207951



Pentecost 2024 We are planning to celebrate **Pentecost 2024 on the 19th May** with a display of national flags in front of the altar, together with an international food festival.

Pentecost Meeting: Sunday 3rd March at 11:30am

The meeting will begin after the 10:30am Mass in the Church Hall.. We would like to have many parishioners attend so that we can organise this event. Some of the flags have been obtained for the event, but we will need some more countries represented. If you have a flag of your origin of country at home, please bring the flag to this meeting. We will also be discussing the international food festival at the meeting.

Please attend this meeting so that we can make plans and have a wonderful event.

Masses & Feasts

Wed 14 Feb Ash Wednesday 8:30am & 7:30pm

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 - The Mass is an opportunity for us to join together as a community of believers and pray and celebrate together. Please arrive on time.

SRE' Meeting - Tuesday 13 Feb 9:30am in the Parish Hall. *Could all SRE's please attend this meeting.*

Please be aware that St John's Primary school has now returned for 2024. Please take extra care in the **car park** during the weekdays and please only drive at 10kms in the shared car park. We need to keep the children and their families safe.

Parish Centre—Please pack away toys on the verandah of the Parish Centre after use. Please keep the grounds neat and tidy. Also, please make sure the lights at the Parish Centre are turned off before the last families leave.

WWCC—volunteers, please check your date of expiry for your WWCC clearance. This can be obtained from Services NSW or online at The Office of the Children's Guardian. Please send your paperwork to the Riverstone Parish Office.

Safeguarding - most of our volunteers completed and received a blue certificate from the Diocese of Parramatta which stated - Congratulations for the completion of Safeguarding, in 2022.

A certificate was given for Modules 1 & 2 & 3 . Face-to-face training for Modules 4 & 5 for Safeguarding will be held in our Parish, later in the year. Other Parishes will hold face-to-face training throughout the year. Modules 4 & 5. can also be complete donline.

Our Parish would like to start a **Saturday morning group of Volunteer Cleaners** for the Church. This would be after the 8:30am Mass. This will enable those who cannot spare time during the week to participate in this ministry. Please contact the Parish Office with your name and contact number.

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

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

Diocese of Parramatta

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown. Monday 12 February (10am – 1.30pm) – Modules 4-5: [email Maria Kervin at: safe-guardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:email.Maria.Kervin@parracatholic.org)

Prayers for our Community



Deceased Mass Offerings -

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 & Leanne Sultana & Sultana family, Maria & Nicholas Gatt, Joseph Jack Sultana, Joeseeph Sultana, Malcolm Broun, Carmelo & Paula Farrugia, Mrs Nurses, Michael Agius & Mammanie Sultana, Mr Bayfield, Charlie Cutajar, R.B Bogiedara, Carmena & Eucharist Bajada, Charlie & Jane Refalo and Charlie & Vicky Bugeja.

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 and those in our parish community.



Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday 14th February
8:30am & 7:30pm

All parishioners are invited to attend Mass.

St John's Parish Lenten Liturgy Meeting - Saturday, 17 February at 11am in the church hall. *Could all parishioners involved in Lent & Easter, including choirs, please attend this meeting to organise the masses.*

Project Compassion - Caritas Australia

For All Future Generations - please support Project Compassion for 2024 throughout Lent. Donation boxes will be available from Ash Wednesday. Please support the world's most vulnerable communities.

Volunteers Needed!

Acolytes	Sacramental Program
Baptism Classes	Church Cleaners
Special Ministers	Indoor Soccer Parent Helpers
SRE's	

Musician needed for 1st Sunday 10:30am Mass

Our Parish is in need of more volunteers in various areas within our Parish. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office.

Sacraments



Sacrament of Baptism

The next Baptism Class:

Tuesday 5 March 2024

7pm in the Church Hall.

Sacramental Program 2024

A copy of the Sacrament Program 2024 Parent Letter and Sacramental Dates can be found in the porch.