

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:

19 April

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.

We need Parent Helpers on the day. We also need one person to cook the bbq on the day. This can be done at your home and brought to the centre in time for lunch. PLEASE consider giving up a little of your time to help.

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 March 2024

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 23 rd 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Padernia		A Jaszczyszyn S Nieves	M Sultana	S Suri	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 24 th 7am	Volunteer	E Sultana	R Bigeni		C Wickman M Evans	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 24 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma D Catig		E Abendan J Boemi	M Camilleri	J Bugeja S Yapa	Rondalla Choir	
Sun 24 th 11am	M Satorre	H Greedy	J Padernia		N D'Souza R D'Souza J Spiteri	D Gorkic	A Delara V Sultana	Raymond & Co	
Sat 30 th 7pm			J Misso		I Sprem			Rondalla Choir	
Sun 31 st 7am			R Bigeni		C Wickman	P Perera		Jenchris & Peter & Co	
Sun 31 st 9am			J Teuma D Catig		A Kujundzija	A Kujandeja		Noy & Tina Co	
Sun 31 st 10:30am	D Kujndeja	H Greedy			Youth Group Youth Group	Childrens Group		Raymond & 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.

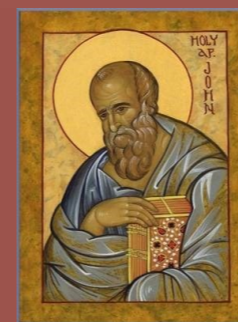
Friday Prayer Group

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 & V Sultana



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

24 March 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year B

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,

so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;

let him release him if this is his friend.'

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel Mark 14:1 – 15:47

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Please see Gospel on separate A3 sheet

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

*Daylight Saving - please turn your clocks backward
1 hour on Sunday 7 April 2024 at 2am AEST.*



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

**Wednesday 27/3 after the 8.30am Mass and
Good Friday at 10am.**

Lenten Program - REPENT AND BELIEVE

*The last session will be held on Monday 25th March at 7pm
in the church hall. Booklets will be provided.
Please RSVP to Cathy Mob: 0413207951.*

Masses & Feasts

24 March ONLY ON Palm Sunday

Mass 7am 9am 11am

(due to traffic congestion & extra parishioners
the 10:30am mass will be moved to 11am)

HOLY WEEK 2024

Wednesday 27 March

Mass of the Holy Chrism (St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta)
7:30pm

Holy Thursday 28 March

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Good Friday 29 March

The Stations of the Cross 10am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm

Holy Saturday 30 March

Celebration of the Paschal Vigil 7pm

Easter Sunday 31 March

Easter Sunday Celebration 7am 9am 10:30am

**NO morning mass at 8:30am on THUR 28/3, FRI 29/3 and
SAT 30/3 NO Mass Easter Monday**

St John's Church First Rite (Individual Confession)

Tues 26 March 9:30am – 10:30am and 6pm – 7pm

Wed 27 March 9:30am – 10:30am

Thurs 28 March 9:30am – 10:30am

Mon 8 April 8:30am The Annunciation of the Lord Mass

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

MASS TIME CHANGE Sunday 24th March

ONLY ON Palm Sunday Mass 7am 9am and 11am

(due to traffic congestion & extra parishioners the
10:30am mass will be moved to 11am)

St John's Parish Easter Raffle - tickets are on sale from
this weekend, before and after Mass. \$2 each or 3 for \$5.
FABULOUS prizes! Please support our Parish by buying
some tickets!

Easter Offering Envelopes - are now available in the
porch. These are the pink and blue envelopes and these
donations go directly to the Riverstone Parish. Please
place them in any of the collection plates.
Thank you for supporting our Riverstone Parish!

The **Easter Volunteer Roster** is available in the porch.
Please consider adding your name to the list to help with
the masses during Easter.

The next **Parish Council Meeting**: Wed 3rd April at
7:30pm in the hall. All parishioners are welcome to
attend.

**Pentecost 2024 The Next meeting: Saturday 6th April
at 10:30am.** 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. All
parishioners who would like to be involved on this day are
invited to this meeting. Parishioners, please place your name
on the Volunteer List in the porch.

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.

**Please Remember - The Importance of Getting to Mass
On Time** - *Please show your respect to the Lord and
arrive at Mass on time.* Although the Catholic Church
has no real dress code for proper attire when attending
Mass, there is an unwritten dress code that demands we
are properly dressed out of Respect, Honor, and
Reverence for the Real Presence of Our Lord. Our Parish
would like to keep the **values and respect** of the Catholic
Church. Please wear smart/casual clothes to Mass,
especially if you are a Reader, Children's Liturgy or part
of the Offertory.

Appeals

***Project Compassion— please return by Easter**

***Holy Land Collection - Good Friday - 29th March
Envelopes will be available.**

***Catholic Foundation - The Bishop's Good Shepherd
Appeal 20th & 21st April. Envelopes will be provided.**

Prayers for our Community



Deceased Mass Offerings -

All Souls, All Souls in Purgatory, Forgotten 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, Michael Agius, Joseph Sultana,
Harriot Perera, Carmela Dúrso, Joesph, Maria & Sam
Mercieca and Sultana Family, Terry Bell, Phillip
Camilleri, Rosario David, Angelo Attard, Victor Gatt,
Edward Mongudal Koromol, Lachlan Joseph Hayes,
George Micallef, Doris Cloughessy, Jola Bezzina, Brian
Smith, Emanuel Busuttill, Cresencia Cardoza, Reginald
Wilfred Santos, James D'souza, Fortunata Baida, Johnny
Faumui Ah Young and Patricia Talavou.

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, Lily Said, Candice Basopoulous, John
Kelly, Joe Borg, Sean Dixon, Guido Gallo, Enrique
Torroba and those in our parish community.

**Weekly Giving Envelopes from April 2024 for our
Riverstone Parish** are now in the porch for collection.
Please find your number/name and take the new
envelopes home. If you would like to have your own set of
Giving Envelopes, please contact the Parish office.

**Easter | Autumn 2024 Catholic Outlook Magazine out
now!** Pick up your free copy from parishes and offices
today or read it online via catholicoutlook.org/magazine

Children's liturgy is seeking empty Rectangle choco-
late containers by Ferrero that can be reused to store saint
cards for the children. Please drop off at the Parish Office.
Thank you and God Bless.

Sixth Sunday of Lent - This year, we shared with you the story
of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame
challenges to complete their education, access water and find
secure employment. With the support of compassionate people
like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their
families and their communities. You can donate through Project
Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish,
by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



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Sacraments



Baptism

The next Baptism Class: Tuesday 2 April 2024
7pm in the Church Hall.

Sacrament of Penance-Reconciliation 2024

Please register by 12th April. Please attend a mass and approach
the priest to received your registration form.