

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.

NEXT GATHERING: 6pm Friday 17th May

6pm in the Church Hall on these Friday nights:

21 June	20 September
19 July	18 October
16 August	15 November (Christmas Party)

Indoor Soccer

St John's Eagles Round Robin Soccer Gala Day was held last Wednesday.

Thank you to the Filipovic Family and all helpers .

The children had a fun day and enjoyed playing soccer.

The next Indoor Soccer Gala Day—Date to be advised.

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 April 2024

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 20 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio		A Jaszczyn Volunteer	M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	C Sultana
Sun 21 st 7am	A Lomano	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		E Sultana C Wickman	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 21 st 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		S Corben B Simon	C Samuel	L Fox	Jepoy & Co	
Sun 21 st 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	J Padernia		W Suri I Spram	L Bird	S Nobleza L Fox	Jenchriss & Co	
Sat 27 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Padernia		A Jaszczyn S Nieves	M Sultana	S Suri	Paul Sultana	
Sun 28 th 7am	Volunteer	E Sultana	R Bigeni		C Wickman M Evans	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 28 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma D Catig		E Abendan J Boemi	M Camilleri	J Bugeja S Yapa	Rondalla Choir	
Sun 28 th 10:30am	M Satorre	H Greedy	J Padernia		N D'Souza R D'Souza	D Gorkic	A Delara V Sultana	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

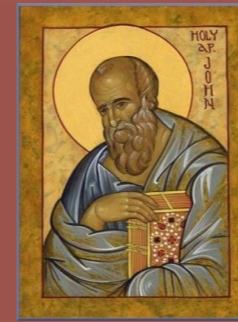
<u>Sundays</u>	<u>Tuesdays</u>
10am - 12pm	10am - 11am

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- 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
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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

21 April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.
Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd;

I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given
by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Congratulations

**All parishioners are invited to celebrate
Fr Zakaria's 36 Years of Ordination Mass
on Monday 29th April at 8:30am**

St John's Parish, Riverstone 120 Year Celebration
Save the Date Sunday 17 November after the 10:30am Mass. There will be a lunch at the Parish Centre and possibly, activities on the grounds. We would like to form a committee for this event. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible so that we can start planning this event.
Please place your name on the list in the porch.

Masses & Feasts

Thurs 25 April 8:30am Anzac Day Mass
Fri 26 April St Mark
Mon 29 April 8:30am Mass Fr Zakaria Celebration
36 Years of Ordination

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 the number-one way God feeds us each and every week. In the Mass, we are invited to encounter the True Presence of God in the most profound way. Please arrive on time to encounter the full Presence of God.

The St John's Eagles Indoor Soccer Gala Day was held last Wednesday. The children had a great day.
Thank you to the Filipovic family and all the helpers on the day.

Thank you to the Eroles family and the YFC and parent helpers who helped at the **Youth Group** gathering on Friday night. The children had a great time. Please bring your children and their friends to the next Youth Group on 17th May at 6pm in the church hall.

11 May 2024—Riverstone Festival. All parishioners are invited to march at 11am in the street parade with the Combined Churches.

Mother's Day Raffle - our Parish is selling Raffle tickets for Mother's Day. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. There will be 5 fabulous prizes to be won!
Please support our Parish.
All profits will go directly to the Riverstone Parish.

St John's Parish & School Combined Christmas Carols
Fri 6 Dec 6:30pm. Please put a reminder on your calendar. All parishioners are invited.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP Come and join a new Divine Mercy group which is being established in our parish. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Shelly Ph: 0421610826

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 9am and 10:30am Masses on Sunday mornings, at the Parish Centre side of the verandah.

Appeals

This Weekend - 20th & 21st April
Catholic Foundation -
The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal



Will you support our seminarians to "go out into the deep" and serve?
Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our future priests cast their nets wide to nurture faith and meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.
Envelopes are available. Please place in 3rd collection.

Please give generously, as our Parish will have to meet a quota of approx. \$3,500. Thank you.

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, George Micallef, James D'souza, Fortunata Baida, Guieseppe Gnagnarella Family, Silvana Maiolo, Nunziato Orlando & Family, Domenico & Maria Procopia & Family, Natale & Assunta Orlando & Family, Antonino & Agata Magaza, Dorothy Hart, Tomas Ferino Sr, Romeo, Masangkay & Guillermo Ramirez, Sundari Pokish'and Kevin O'Boyle, Valerie Hayes, Victor & Margerita Muscat and Anthony Xuereb, Paolo De Fresco & family, Mary, Steve & Rick Polgar, Joe, Charles & Theresa Camilleri and Eucharist & Carmela Bajada.

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, Enrique Torroba, Patrick Gauci and those in our parish community.

Please Support our Parish.

As we are starting the Parish renovations, we would appreciate your financial support. Please place your donation in an envelope "Parish Donation" and give the envelope to the priest or place in any of the collection plates. We really appreciate your generosity.

Pentecost 2024 We are planning to celebrate *Pentecost 2024 on the 19th May* with a display of national flags in the altar, during the 10:30am Mass. **This is the final call for volunteers for this event. We really need more volunteers for this event to go ahead. Parishioners, please place your name on the Volunteer List in the porch if you would like to be involved.**

Sacraments



Baptism Classes

The next Baptism Class:
Tuesday 7th May 7pm in the Church Hall.



Sacrament of Penance-Reconciliation 2024

Parent Information Meeting
Tuesday 14th May 7pm

Enrolment Mass: Saturday 18 May 6pm Vigil Mass and Sunday 19 May 9am Mass