

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:

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

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 April 2024

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 6 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio	M Sultana	A Jaszczyszyn	M Sultana	M Galati	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 7 th 7am	A Lomano	R Bigeni	R Bigeni	V Bonnici F Bonnici	C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 7 th 9am	Sullivan Family	R Brown	D Catig	J Sullivan P Sullivan	V Sultana L Fernandez	G Fernandez	R Brown S Brown	San Pedro Calungsod	
Sun 7 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy		H Greedy	F Dcruz A Dcruz	C Mascarenhas	S Corben V Sultana	Musician Needed	
Sat 13 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana Family			A Jaszczyszyn S Nierves	M Sultana	J Enroles	Jenchriss & Co	Team Sat
Sun 14 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power Point	
Sun 14 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	D Catig		K Amanda N Tsui	S Yapa	L Fox	Nonoy & Tina Co	
Sun 14 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	J Pader-nia		J Sultana M Syme		L Fox N D'Souza	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.

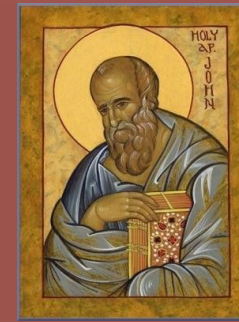
Friday Prayer Group

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
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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

7 April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter Year B

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.*

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.*

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone
who has been begotten by God has already overcome the
world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.
Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water
only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another
witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.
In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week,
the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were,
for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He
said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his
hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when
they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be
with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

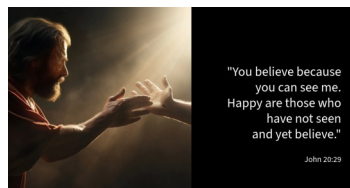
Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was
not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said,
'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the
holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger
into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand
into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disci-
ples were in the house again and Thomas was with them.
The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among
them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thom-
as, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me
your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.'
Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the
disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These
are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the
Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may
have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Masses & Feasts

Mon 8 April 8:30am The Annunciation of the Lord Mass
Thurs 25 April 8:30am Anzac Day 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

**Please Remember - The Importance of Getting to Mass
On Time** - When we actively participate in the Mass we
receive God in two primary ways: we receive him through his
Word and through the Eucharist. These are the two main parts
of the Mass: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the
Eucharist. Please arrive on time to participate in the whole
Mass.

**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.

St John's Parish Easter Raffle - Thank you for
supporting our Parish by buying raffle tickets or giving
donations! Congratulations to the Winners!

Winners	1st Prize	Green B 046
	2nd Prize	Green B 084
	3rd Prize	Fr Andrew
	4th Prize	Red E087
	5th Prize	Blue B017

Easter Offering Envelopes - Thank you for supporting
our Riverstone Parish during Easter.

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. Parishion-
ers, please place your name on the Volunteer List in the porch
if you would like to be involved.

St John's Parish, Riverstone 120 Year Celebration Save
the Date Sunday 17 November after the 10:30am Mass.
This 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.

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

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

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

**Project Compassion— This is the final week to please
return boxes & envelopes.*

**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, George Micallef, Doris
Cloughessy, Jola Bezzina, Brian Smith, Vincenza,
Emanuel Busuttill, James D'souza, Fortunata Baida, Mary
Calleja, 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.

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 and those
in our parish community.

Thank You **Fr Zakaria and the Parish Team would
like to thank all volunteers who have given
their time to help at our Masses during
Holy Week and Easter.**

**Thank you to all of our Parishioners for their generous
donations during Easter. Our Parish appreciates each and
every one of you. God Bless you.**

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday
of Easter, the Octave of Easter, **April 7, 2024.**

Please check with websites or call neighbouring parishes
for dates and times for the Devine Mercy gatherings, Our
Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville, Our Lady of the Angels,
Rouse Hill, Marry Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill.

If any groups are interested in running Divine Sunday in
our Parish in 2025, please contact the Parish Office.

Sacraments



Sacrament of Baptism—Baptism Classes
7pm in the Church Hall.

The next meeting: Tuesday 7 May



Sacrament of Penance-Reconciliation 2024

**Registrations close on 12 April 2024*

Parent Information Meeting Tuesday 14th May 7pm

Enrolment Mass Sunday 19th May 9am