

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 : Friday 21st June at 6pm

6pm in the Church Hall on the following Friday nights:

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

The Youth Group gathering was held on Friday night. The children had a great night. We would like to thank the YFC and Parent helpers who organised and helped to make the gathering a great success.

Indoor 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 May 2024

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 18 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio		A Jaszczyszyn Volunteer	M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	
Sun 19 th 7am	A Lomano	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		E Sultana C Wickman	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 19 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	D Catig		S Corben B Simon	C Samuel	S Yappa S Brown	Jepoy & Co	
Sun 19 th 11am	M Sattore	H Greedy	J Missio		W Suri I Spram	L Bird	None	Jenchris & Co	
Sat 25 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family			A Jaszczyszyn S Nieves	M Sultana	S Suri	Paul Sultana	Team Sat
Sun 26 th 7am	Volunteer	E Sultana	R Bigeni		C Wickman M Evans	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 26 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		E Abendan J Boemi	M Camilleri	L Fox S Brown	Rondalla Choir	
Sun 26 th 10:30am	M Satorre	H Greedy			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

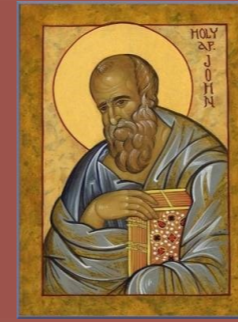
<u>Sundays</u>	<u>Tuesdays</u>
10am - 12pm	10am - 11am

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
Parish Secretary: Melissa Spence
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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 5:00pm - 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

19 May 2024
Pentecost Sunday Year B

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

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

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which
endure; Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolors best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;

Pleasant coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,

Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill: If thou take thy grace away,

Nothing pure in man will stay; All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;

On our dryness pour thy dew; Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore

Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;

Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*As the Father sent me, so I send you:
Receive the Holy Spirit.*

In the evening of 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Masses & Feasts

Mon 20 May The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Fri 24 May Our Lady, Help of Christians

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

Thank you to our lovely catholic community priests who have helped our Parish during the past week. Thank you and God Bless Fr Andrew and Fr Rizzo

Saturday Reconciliation Time Change: Please be aware that the time for Reconciliation has changed to **5:00pm—5:30pm for the remainder of the month of May until 22 June.**

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. **Thank you to our wonderful parishioners who have already kindly donated.**

Mother's Day Raffle - Congratulations to the Winners!

1st Prize	Blue C066	Claimed
2nd Prize	Red D065	Please contact the parish office
3rd Prize	Red D062	Please contact the parish office
4th Prize	Orange E013	Claimed
5th Prize	Green D009	Claimed

Volunteers - if you are new to our church, and would like to volunteer in our Parish, please contact the Parish office to discuss.

St John's Primary School, Riverstone are now taking enrolments for *Kindergarten 2025*. Please contact the school office to secure your child's place Ph 98543200

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 activities on the grounds. Please place your name on the list in the porch.

St John's Parish & School Combined Christmas Carols

Fri 6 Dec 6:30pm. Please put a reminder on your calendar. All parishioners are invited.

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

There will be **No Tea and Coffee** served after Mass on Sunday due to the Pentecost Celebration.

Appeals



Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and our Holy Spirit Seminarians thank you for your generous support in the formation of our future priests. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you. Our Parish will be finalising our parish contribution over the coming week.

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, Kevin O'Boyle, Sundari Pokish, Victor & Margerita Muscat, Anthony Xuereb, Paolo De Fresco & family, Mary, Steve & Rick Polgar, Joe, Charles & Theresa Camilleri, Valerie Hayes, Robert Stanley, Vincent Monteiro, Charlie & Victoria Bugeja, Charlie & Jane Refala, Mary Bigeni., Coronato Sultana., Vincent Monteiro, Jasmin Fernando. Harriot Perera, Pauline Vincenza D'Anastasi, John Sultana, Joseph Tabone and Peter Bonnici.

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, Patrick Gauci, Anna Hoare, Rosie Vella, Shyla Cavallaro, and those in our parish community.

Information - Pentecost Celebration

Pentecost Sunday 2024, 19th May

Time: 11am Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend our Pentecost Sunday Celebration.

We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration.

Please note that there will be No Access to the playground or Parish Centre on Pentecost Sunday.

There will be No Tea and Coffee served after Mass.

If you have any questions on the day, please ask one of the Pentecost Celebration Team members. Thank you.

We would like to thank all helpers for this celebration.

Funeral Notice

The funeral of Joseph Tabone, formally of Marsden Park, will be held at St John's Catholic Church, Riverstone on Thursday 23rd May at 10:30am.

Sacraments

Baptism Classes

The next Baptism Class:

Tuesday 4 June 7pm in the Church Hall.



Sacrament of Penance-Reconciliation 2024

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

Lesson 1 - Parent & Child

Tuesday 21st May at 7:00pm