

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: Fri 21st June at 6pm** in the Church Hall on the following Friday nights:
 19 July 20 September
 16 August 18 October
 15 November (Christmas Party)

Indoor Soccer

Wednesday 10 July 2024 9.30am -2.30pm

ST JOHN'S EAGLES

INDOOR SOCCER ROUND ROBIN
 INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, Corner Hamilton St and Garfield Rd, Riverstone.
 Open to boys and girls aged 5-16
Cost of \$15 per person includes a sausage sizzle and a ticket for LUCKY DOOR PRIZES.*
 Please take a flyer from the porch

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 June 2024

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 1st 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio	M Sultana	A Jaszczyszyn	M Sultana	M Galati	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 2 nd 7am	A Lomano	R Bigeni	R Bigeni	V Bonnici F Bonnici	C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 2 nd 9am	Sullivan Family	R Brown	D Catig	J Sullivan P Sullivan	V Sultana L Fernandez	G Fernandez	J Sullivan S Brown	San Pedro Calungsod	
Sun 2 nd 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy		H Greedy	I Spram J Savio		S Corben V Sultana	Musician Needed	
Sat 8 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana Family			A Jaszczyszyn S Nierves	M Sultana	A Delara	Jenchris & Co	
Sun 9 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power Point	
Sun 9 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		K Amanda N Tsui	S Yapa	J Bugeja A Thomas	Nonoy & Tina Co	
Sun 9 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig		J Sultana M Syme		L Fox V Sultana	Raymond & Co	Team Wed

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

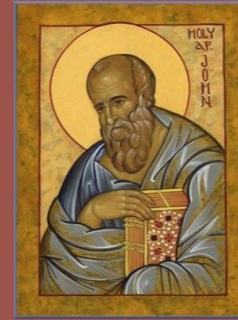
Sundays Tuesdays
 10am - 12pm 10am - 11am

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
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 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

2 June 2024
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year B
First Reading Exodus 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus
This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.
 Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13
I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.
 How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
 The cup of salvation I will raise;
 I will call on the Lord's name.

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.
 O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
 Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
 you have loosened my bonds.
I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people.

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Second Reading Hebrews 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives: how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence *Sing forth, O Zion*

*Behold the bread of angels, sent For pilgrims in their banishment, The bread for God's true children meant, That may not unto dogs be given: Oft in the olden types foreshowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed, And in the ancient paschal food, And in the manna sent from heaven.

*Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;

So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality;

*O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

At all times, there is NO Right hand turn when you exit through the gate onto Garfield Road.

There is also NO Right hand turn from Garfield Road coming into the church grounds.

This is due to the change of Traffic conditions on Garfield Road near our gates. Thank you for your cooperation to keep our Parish Community safe.

Masses & Feasts

Fri 7 June 7:30pm Frist Friday Mass

Mon 3 June Sts Charles Lwanga

Wed 5 June St Boniface

Fri 7 June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sat 8 June The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 We would also like to thank Deacon Michael Tan for helping with Baptisms and a Communion Service. May God Bless them.

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.

Acolyte Needed : Sunday 10:30am masses for the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to volunteer.

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 **Tea and Coffee** after the Sunday 9am and 10:30am Masses. All parishioners are invited.

Appeals

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth - 8th and 9th June

Will you strengthen the dignity of struggling mums? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will provide struggling mums with the practical and emotional support they need to overcome adversity and build a better future for themselves and their families. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal Thank you. Envelopes will be provided. Please remember that our Parish will need to meet a quota for this appeal.

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, Victor & Margerita Muscat, Anthony Xuereb, Robert Stanley, Vincent Monteiro, Charlie & Victoria Bugeja, Jasmin Fernando. Harriot Perera, Pauline Vincenza D'Anastasi, John Sultana 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.

Our Pentecost Celebration is now featured online in the Catholic Outlook. Please visit the website to view our story and photographs of this celebration. Our Parish should be very proud!

<https://catholicoutlook.org/unity-in-diversity-at-riverstone-pentecost-celebration/>

RCIA

An Invitation that never ends.....

I came that all may life, and have it abundantly John 10:9

Jesus offers everyone the opportunity to come into close relationship with God. The community of the Catholic Church is a place for finding, experiencing and deepening the reality of *Life to the full*.

This is the journey of the RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We will start on Sunday Mass 9am on 7th July 2024 and proceed to the Galilee Room.

Sacraments

Baptism Classes

The next Baptism Class:
Tuesday 4 June 7pm in the Church Hall.



Sacrament of Penance-Reconciliation 2024

Lesson 3 - Parent & Child

Tuesday 4 June at 7:00pm