

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)

The Youth Group gathering as 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

Indoor Soccer Gala Day - 10 July 2024

The Cost of \$15 per person includes a sausage sizzle and a ticket for LUCKY DOOR PRIZES. Please take home a flyer from the Porch. All school-aged children can attend!

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 /June 2024

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
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	
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		S Corben V Sultana	Musician Needed	

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

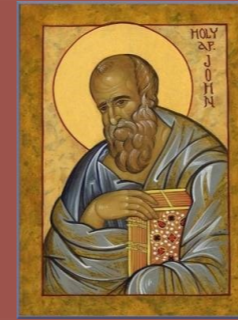
<u>Sundays</u>	<u>Tuesdays</u>
10am - 12pm	10am - 11am

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
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

26 May 2024

The Most Holy Trinity (Trinity Sunday) Year B

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fear-some terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22. R. v.12

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

With his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke; and they came to be.
He commanded; they sprang into being.

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.



IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

NO RIGHT HAND TURN FROM THE GARFIELD ROAD GATE

At all times, there is No Right hand turn when you exit through the gate onto Garfield Road. This is due to the change of Traffic conditions and for the safety of all. Thank you for your cooperation to keep our Parish Community safe.

SAVE THE DATE Wednesday 10 July 2024

ST JOHN'S EAGLES INDOOR SOCCER ROUND ROBIN INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, Corner Hamilton St and Garfield Rd, Riverstone NSW

9.30am -2.30pm 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

Masses & Feasts

31 May Fri The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
01 June Sat St Justin
8:30am Anointing Mass
07 June Fri 7:30pm Frist Friday 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

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.**

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.

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 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 Sunay 9am and 10:30am Masses. All parishioners are invited.

St Anthony's Festival—Come and enjoy an Italian Food Festival! CSI Marconi.81 South St, Schofields.
Ph 96274435
10:30am Mass
11:30am Procession
Free Entertainment for all ages from 12pm.

Safeguarding

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are offering initial and renewal face-to-face training throughout June:

- Monday 3 June from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown for **Modules 1-3 for those who are new to ministry**
 - Monday 11 June from 10.30am to 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre for **Modules 4-5 for those who have completed Modules 1-3 in the last two years.**
- Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

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, Paolo De Fresco & family, Robert Stanley, Vincent Monteiro, Charlie & Victoria Bugeja, Charlie & Jane Refala, 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.

Pentecost Celebration On the Solemnity of Pentecost last Sunday, the parish community of St John the Evangelist, Riverstone, were united in hearing the same Gospel in all our culturally diverse languages.

We would like to thank Fr Andrew and the St John's Riverstone Pentecost Celebration Committee for all of their planning and help towards this memorable celebration. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped during the procession of the flags and the volunteers during the Mass in liturgy, music readers acolytes and for the organization and preparation by committee, coordinators and cleaners. The community gathered at the multicultural community food table to share in God's gifts of food. Thank you to the generous parishioners who provided the food. Thank you to Cathwest Innovation College, Mt Druitt and St Clare's Catholic High School, Hassell Grove who kindly provided many flags. *In a message to parishioners, Fr Zakaria said he was proud of the community for making the Pentecost celebration a success and that he hopes the parishioners serve as good examples to the community.*



Pentecost Sunday Celebrations can be found on the digital Catholic Outlook website: <https://catholicoutlook.org>

Sacraments

Baptism Classes

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



Sacrament of Penance-Reconciliation 2024

Lesson 2 - Parent & Child	Tuesday 28th May at 7:00pm
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