

## 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 15 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio		A Jaszczyszyn Volunteer	M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> 7am	A Lomano	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		E Sultana C Wickman	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> 9am	Volunteer	R Brown			S Corben B Simon	C Samuel	L Fox S Brown	Jepoy & Co	
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy			W Suri I Spram	L Bird	S Corben V Sultana	Jenchris & Co	
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio		A Jaszczyszyn S Nieves	M Sultana	A Delara	Paul Sultana	
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> 7am	Volunteer	E Sultana	R Bigeni		C Wickman M Evans	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		E Abendan J Boemi	M Camilleri	L Fox S Brown	Rondalla Choir	
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> 10:30am	M Satorre	H Greedy	D Catig		N D'Souza R D'Souza	D Gorkic	A Delara	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**

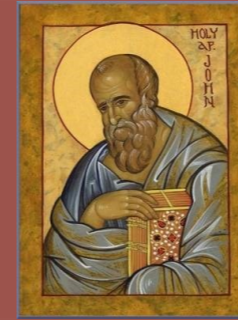
<u>Sundays</u>	<u>Tuesdays</u>
10am - 12pm	10am - 11am

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  
**Parish Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9am-2pm  
**Phone:** 9627-1176  
**Email:** stjohs10@bigpond.com  
**Website:** www.stjohnsriverstone.org.au  
**Address:** 164 Garfield Rd East, Riverstone NSW 2765

**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

**16 June 2024**  
*11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*  
*First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24*  
 A reading from the prophet Ezekiel  
*I have made the small tree great.*  
 The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

*The word of the Lord.*  
*Thanks be to God.*  
**Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2**  
*Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.  
*Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*



The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

*Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

*Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

*Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10*

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

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

*Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

*The Lord be with you.*

*And with your Spirit.*

*Gospel Mark 4:26-34*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

**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.



### 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.



### SAINT ANTHONY

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June** Mass 10:30am Procession 11:30am  
**Location: 81 South Street, Schofields.** Free fun for Kids. From 12pm Live entertainment, Food Stalls, Freshley Roasted Chestnuts, Italian Gingerbread & Italian BBQ

## 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.

## Masses & Feasts

Fri	21 June	St Aloysius
Sat	22 June	Sts John Fisher & Thomas More

## 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

**Fr Zakaria** prays for all of our St John's parishioners and the St John's community.

Fr Zak is having a lovely holiday with family and friends.

**Thank you** Thank you and God Bless Fr Andrew for celebrating Mass with our Parish community, during the past week.

### Saturday Reconciliation Time Change:

Please be aware that the time for Reconciliation has changed to **5:00pm—5:30pm until the 22nd 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Morning Tea is only available after Mass, not before or during the Mass. Parents & Carers, please supervise your children.

## Appeals

**Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth was held last weekend. If you were unable to donate last weekend, please place your donation in the envelopes provided and place on any of the collection plates during the Mass.**

Please remember that our Parish will need to meet a quota for this appeal.

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](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) . 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, Pauline Vincenza D'Anastasi, John Sultana, Peter Bonnici, Zane Belista, Vanda, Angelo Salotti & Family, Antonio Mattioli & Family, Joseph Sultana, Helen Bonnici, Linda Quiamgao, Peter & Sylvia and Anthony Bartolo, Victoria Zammit, Frank Aguis, Aurea Reyes, Harriot Perera.

### 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.



*Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteer parishioners who have been helping our Parish whilst Fr Zakaria is on annual leave.*

*We appreciate your extra time at the Parish, so that all of the Masses and other parish activities are running smoothly.*

Thank you to the Zara family who continue to keep the parish grounds lovely.

Thank you to the Church cleaning teams on Wednesdays and Saturdays

## Sacraments

### Sacrament of Penance-Reconciliation 2024

The Sacrament Of Penance Celebration took place on Saturday 15 June 11am.

*We would like to congratulate the children and their families.*

Our Parish would like to **thank** the priests, Fr Ever, Fr Jessie and Fr Matthew.

We would also like to thank Deacon Michael.

Our Parish Community would like to **thank** the St John's Sacramental Team, who have spent many hours organising and delivering the lessons.

### Baptism Classes

The next Baptism Class: Tuesday 2 July 7pm in the Church Hall.

