

## 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 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 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
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> 6pm			J Misso		I Spram			Rondalla Choir	
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> 7am			R Bigeni		C Wickman	P Perera		Jenchris & Peter & Co	Team Wed
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> 9am			J Teuma		A Kujundzija	A Kujandeja		Noy & Tina Co	
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> 10:30am	D Kujndejaa	H Greedy	D Catig		D Gorkic S Suri			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

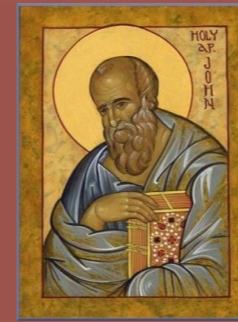
Sundays                      Tuesdays  
10am - 12pm                      10am - 11am

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  
**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 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

**23 June 2024**  
*12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*  
*First Reading Job 38:1. 8-11*  
A reading from the book of Job  
*Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.*  
From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors  
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,  
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist  
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;  
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross  
and made it fast with a bolted gate?  
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:  
here your proud waves shall break.

*The word of the Lord.*  
*Thanks be to God.*

*Responsorial Psalm Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1*

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

Some sailed to the sea in ships  
to trade on the mighty waters.  
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,  
the wonders he does in the deep.

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

For he spoke; he summoned the gale,  
tossing the waves of the sea  
up to heaven and back into the deep;  
their soul melted away in their distress.

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

Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed.

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

They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men.

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

**Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-17**

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

*All things are made new.*

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!

*The Lord be with you.*

*And with your Spirit.*

**Gospel Mark 4:35-41**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.*

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*



**Please Remember - The Importance of Getting to Mass On Time** - The Mass is an opportunity for us to join together as a community of believers and pray and celebrate together. Please arrive on time so that you are present for 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.

**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**

- Mon 24 June The Nativity of St John the Baptist
- Fri 28 June St Irenaeus
- Sat 29 June Sts Peter and Paul

**Masses**

- Fri 5 July First Friday Mass 7:30pm
- Sat 6 July Anointing Mass 8:30am

**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**

**Youth Group was held on Friday night.** *Thank you to the YFC and the St John's Coordinators and parents who helped to make the night a success. The next Youth Group is on Friday 19th July at 6pm.*

**Saturday Reconciliation Time :**  
Reconciliation time will return back to 4:30pm—5:30pm from Sat 29th 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. We are truly blessed to have kind parishioners in our Parish.*

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be on Wednesday 3rd July at 7:30pm in the church hall. All parishioners are invited. We welcome new faces to attend the meeting to just listen to what is happening in our Parish or to contribute to the discussions during the meeting.

**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.

**Reminder: St John's Parish & School Combined Christmas Carols** Fri 6 Dec 6:30pm. Please put a reminder in your diary. We encourage all parishioners to attend.

**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. This will now be in the hall each Sunday whist work is being done in the Parish Centre. All parishioners are invited. Morning Tea is only available after Mass, not before or during the Mass. Parents & Carers, please supervise your children.

**Appeals**

*Thank you to the generous parishioners who donated during the last two weekends to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal.* For more information about this appeal, please visit [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal).

**Peters Pence Collection** 28th & 29th June

**St Vinnies Appeal** 13th & 14th July

**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, Zane Belista, Joseph Sultana, Linda Quiamgao, Peter & Sylvia & Anthony Bartolo, Victoria Zammit, Frank Aguis, Aurea Reyes, Harriot Perera, Mary Calleja, Xerri Family and Azzopardi Family.

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

**Fr Zakaria** send his blessing to all of our St John's parishioners and the St John's community. Fr Zak will return to the Parish on Tuesday 25th June for the 8:30am Mass.

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

**Next Weekend: Peters Pence Collection 28th & 29th June**

Our Parish will have a 3rd collection during each Mass. This collection helps provide the Holy Father with funds for emergency assistance to those in need. The proceeds enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Thank you for your generosity.

*Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Rm 12,12*

We urgently need help with **Children's Liturgy presenters.** Sundays 10:30am 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month and Saturdays 6pm 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month. Please contact Lucia Fox Ph 0400347653. For the safety of the children, you must have WWCC number and complete a short Diocese of Parramatta Safeguarding Training.

**Sacraments**

**The Sacrament of First Eucharist -**

Please register by 5th July 2024  
Attend Mass to receive an enrolment form. The form will need to be completed and returned with your donation to be able to participate in this sacrament.

**Baptism Classes**

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

