

## 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/July 2024

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> 6pm			J Misso		I Spram		L Canla	Paul Sultana	
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> 7am			R Bigeni		C Wickman	P Perera	None	Power point	Team Wed
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> 9am			J Teuma		A Kujundzija	A Kujandeja	J Bugeja S Brown	Noy & Tina Co	
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	D Kujndejaa	H Greedy	D Catig		D Gorkic S Suri		A Delara	Raymond & Co	
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio	M Sultana	A Jaszczyszyn	M Sultana	M Galati	Jenchriss & Co	
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> 7am	A Lomano	R Bigeni	R Bigeni	V Bonnici F Bonnici	C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> 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 7 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy		H Greedy	I Spram J Savio		S Corben J Bugeja	Power point	

## 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**

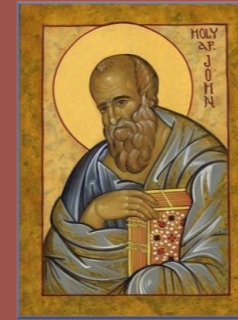
Sundays                                      Tuesdays  
 10am - 12pm                                      10am - 11am

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

**30 June 2024**  
*13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*  
*First Reading Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24*

A reading from the book of Wisdom  
*It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.*  
 Death was not God's doing,  
 he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.  
 To be – for this he created all;  
 the world's created things have health in them,  
 in them no fatal poison can be found,  
 and Hades holds no power on earth;  
 for virtue is undying.  
 Yet God did make man imperishable,  
 he made him in the image of his own nature;  
 it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world,  
 as those who are his partners will discover.

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

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13. R. v.2**  
*I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
 and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
 O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
 restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.  
*I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
 give thanks to his holy name.  
 His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life.  
 At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.  
*I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*



The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

*I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

### Second Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

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

*Your abundance should supply their want.*

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

### Gospel Acclamation 2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.  
Alleluia!

*The Lord be with you.*

*And with your Spirit.*

### Gospel Mark 5:21-24. 35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Young girl, I say to you, arise.*

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him. Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old.

At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

*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.

### 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

Wed 3 July St Thomas

### 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

**Please Remember - The Importance of Getting to Mass On Time** - Arriving on time is not just a question of obligation but of love and respect for Our Lord who has gathered us together to share his gifts, and who has some grace to communicate to us in each part of the Mass.

**Please Support our Parish.** Parish renovations have begun and we thank our wonderful parishioners who have already kindly donated. We are truly blessed to have kind parishioners in our Parish. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in an envelope "Parish Donation" and hand to the priest or place in any of the collection plates. We really appreciate your generosity and support for this project.

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.

Dates to place in your Diary:

*\*120 Year Celebration*

*Sunday 17th November after the 10:30am Mass.*

*\*Parish & School Combined Christmas Carols*

*Friday 6th December at 6:30pm*

There will be Tea and Coffee after the 9am & 10:30am Sunday Masses in the Church Hall

### Parish Centre News

Over recent weeks, the Parish has accepted a number of quotes for the Parish Centre renovations to begin in earnest. During the past week major reticulation works have been carried out to upgrade the plumbing services to the Centre. The coming days will see further quotes being accepted for various other services. Once the plumbing works have been completed, stabilization work on the back of the Centre building will be undertaken. On completion of this, other works will be able to proceed. Site clearing has commenced and will continue for the next week or so. Periodic reports will be provided over the coming weeks and months to keep our Parishioners up to date with our progress. Your continued interest and support is very much appreciated.

For Your Safety - Please do not enter the Parish Centre due to works. Thank you.

### Appeals

**Peters Pence Collection** 29th & 30th June -

The Peter's Pence Collection is traditionally taken up throughout Catholic parishes around the time of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. 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.

**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, Peter & Sylvia & Anthony Bartolo, Victoria Zammit, Frank Aguis, Aurea Reyes, 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.

✠ **Welcome back Fr Zakaria.** Fr Zakaria would like to thank and bless all volunteers who helped the parish, in many different areas. We are truly blessed to have wonderful parishioners in our Parish community. **Thank you and God Bless** Fr Andrew, for celebrating Mass with our Parish community.

#### Volunteer Help - 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. 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.

**Acolyte Needed** : Sunday 10:30am masses for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month.

### Diocese of Parramatta

The next session of face-to-face **Mandatory Safeguarding Training** will be held on Saturday 27 July at St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens for Modules 1-3. 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>. For more information, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

### 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.

