

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 8 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana Family			A Jaszczyszyn S Nierves	M Sultana	A Delara	Jenchriss & 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
Sat 15 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio		A Jaszczyszyn Volunteer	M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	
Sun 16 th 7am	A Lomano	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		E Sultana C Wickman	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 16 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown			S Corben B Simon	C Samuel	S Yappa S Brown	Jepoy & Co	
Sun 16 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy			W Suri I Spram	L Bird	S Nobleza V Sultana	Jenchriss & 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.



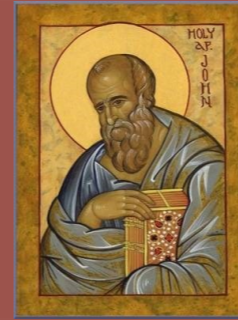
Piety Store

Piety Store - Opening Hours
Sundays 10am - 12pm
Tuesdays 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

9 June 2024
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
First Reading Genesis 3:9-15

A reading from the book of Genesis
I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.
 The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'
 Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,

'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129. R. v. 7
With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Because with the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

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

We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 12:31. 32

Alleluia, alleluia!
The prince of this world will now be cast out,
and when I am lifted up from the earth
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel Mark 3:20-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

It is the end of Satan.

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

**Diocese of Parramatta Safe Parishes Week 2024 –
Safeguarding Sunday 9th June 2024**

Safeguarding Prayer—a copy can be found in the porch or you may view the prayer at <https://parishofrochester.org.uk/>
We encourage you to pray at home or before or after the Mass.

Masses & Feasts

Tues 11 June St Barnabas
Thurs 13 June St Anthony of Padua

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 misses the parish community and sends his best wishes and prays to all the St John's parishioners. He is having a nice time with family and friends.

Thank you to our lovely catholic community priests who have helped our Parish during the past week. Thank you and God Bless Fr Andrew, Fr Giovanni, Fr Carlos, Fr Omar, Fr Chadi and Fr Ever. May God Bless them.

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 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 in the Parish Centre. All parishioners are invited. Parents & Carers, please supervise your children whilst in the Parish Centre.

Appeals

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth - This weekend - 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 are available. 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, Robert Stanley, Pauline Vincenza D'Anastasi, John Sultana, Peter Bonnici, Zane Belista, Vanda, Angelo Salotti & Family, Antonio Mattioli & Family, Joseph Sultana, Helen 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.



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.

Sacraments

Baptism Classes

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



Sacrament of Penance-Reconciliation 2024

Lesson 4 & Church Practise	Tuesday 11 June at 7:00pm
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Sacrament Of Penance Celebration Saturday 15 June 11am