

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 July 2024

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 6 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio	M Sultana	A Jaszczyszyn	M Sultana	M Galati	Jen Chris & Co	
Sun 7 th 7am	A Lomano	R Bigeni	R Bigeni	V Bonnici F Bonnici	C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 7 th 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 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy		H Greedy	I Spram J Savio		S Corben J Bugeja	Power point	
Sat 13 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana Family			A Jaszczyszyn S Nierves	M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	
Sun 14 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power Point	
Sun 14 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		K Amanda N Tsui	S Yapa	L Fox S Brown	Nonoy & Tina Co	
Sun 14 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig		J Sultana M Syme		S Corben J Bugeja	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

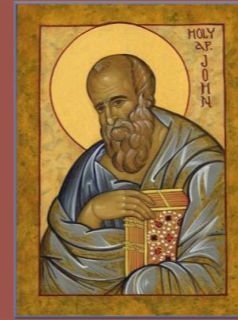
Sundays Tuesdays
 10am - 12pm 10am - 11am

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: Fri 9am-12pm
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

7 July 2024

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 122. R. v.2

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
 you who dwell in the heavens:
 my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
 on the hand of their lords.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Like the eyes of a servant
 on the hand of his mistress,
 so our eyes are on the Lord our God
 till he shows us his mercy.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
 We are filled with contempt.
 Indeed all too full is our soul
 with the scorn of the rich,
 with the proud man's disdain.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel Mark 6:1-6

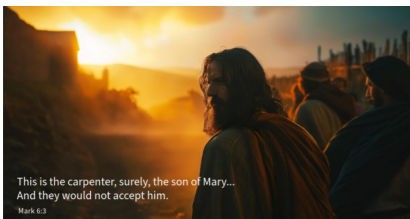
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday- 7th July 2024



Today, as we celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, we recognize and honour the diverse Cultures and histories of the First Australians.

We Acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Reminder: St John Eagles Indoor Soccer Round Robin

Wednesday 10 July 2024 9.30am -2.30pm
INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, Corner Hamilton St and Garfield Rd, Riverstone. Cost \$15 per child

Bring your friends and join us for a fun day of soccer in Riverstone. Just across the road from the Church. No need to book, just turn up at 9:15am on the day. Please see ad on back page of bulletin or in the porch.



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.**

Please notice the sign when exiting.

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.

Masses & Feasts

11 July St Benedict

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 - Sunday is a day to thank God for our many blessings, while at the same time asking God for help in all the things that are about to happen in our lives. Please arrive on time so that you are present for the whole Mass.

Volunteer Help - Children's Liturgy presenters.

Sundays 10:30am 2nd week of the month and Saturdays 6pm 4th 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.

Children's Liturgy each week a Kid's Bulletin will be placed in the porch in the wooden rack. This is aimed at school-aged children, who are not attending the Children's Liturgy class. Please encourage your child to take a copy.

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

Gluten free hosts are available for those who wish to receive Holy Communion. To arrange, please contact the parish office the week before.

Thank you to our wonderful ladies who clean the church!

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

Parish Centre

Your continued support of our Parish Centre is appreciated. Parish renovations have begun and we thank our wonderful parishioners who have already kindly donated., We would also like to thank the late John Cannata for his generous contribution to our renovations. 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.

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

Appeals

Peters Pence Collection was held last weekend.

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 to all of our parishioners for your generous donations.

St Vinnies Winter Appeal 13th & 14th July
Our Parish will ask for monetary donations for this appeal. We ask for your generosity for this appeal. *Envelopes will be provided.*

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, Mary Joseph, Cressencia Fdo, Raymond Baker, 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, Anna Hoare, Rosie Vella, Shyla Cavallaro and those in our parish community.

Parish Office Hours— The Parish Secretary will be on annual leave, please see adjusted office hours below:
Parish Office Open Friday 12th July 9am—12pm
Friday 19th July 9am—12pm
Office Closed Mon 8/7—Thurs 11/7
Mon 15/7—Thurs 18/7

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. **First Meeting Sat 27th July @10:30am**

St John's Parish & School Combined Christmas Carols
Fri 6 Dec 6:30pm. Please put a reminder on your calendar. All parishioners are invited.

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

Sacraments

The Sacrament of First Eucharist -
Registrations are now closed.
Parent Information Meeting Tues 23rd July 7pm

Baptism Classes

The next Baptism Class:
Tuesday 6th Aug 7pm in the Church Hall.

