

Youth Group



2024 St John's Parish Riverstone Youth Group

The Youth Group took place on Friday night. The children had a fun night. Thank you to the St Johns' coordinators, the YFC and all of the parent helpers on the night.

6pm in the Church Hall on the following Friday nights:

16 August 18 October
20 September 15 November
(Christmas Party)

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 10 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana Family			A Jaszczyszyn S Nierves	M Sultana	J Eroles	Paul Sultana	
Sun 11 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power Point	
Sun 11 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		K Amanda N Tsui	S Yapa	S Yappa S Brown	Nonoy & Tina Co	
Sun 11 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig		J Sultana M Syme		L Fox	Raymond & Co	Team Wed
Sat 17 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio		A Jaszczyszyn Volunteer	M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	
Sun 18 th 7am	A Lomano	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		E Sultana C Wickman	P Perera	None	Power point	Team Sun
Sun 18 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown			S Corben B Simon	C Samuel	L Fox S Brown	Jenchris & Co	
Sun 18 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy			W Suri I Spram	L Bird	S Corben J Bugeja	Nonoy & Tna 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

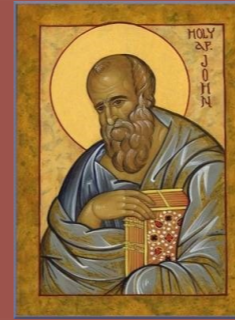
Sundays Tuesdays
10am - 12pm 10am - 11am

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



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

11 August 2024

19h Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading *1 Kings 19:4-8*

A reading from the first book of Kings

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you
with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes.
Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or
raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or
allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another,
and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave
you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves,
and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself
up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel John 6:41-51

A reading from the gospel according to John.

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus,
because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from
heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said.
'We know his father and mother. How can he now say,
'I have come down from heaven'?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop
complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father
who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of
the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,

except the one who comes from God: he has seen the
Father. I tell you most solemnly,

everybody who believes has eternal life.

I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;

but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

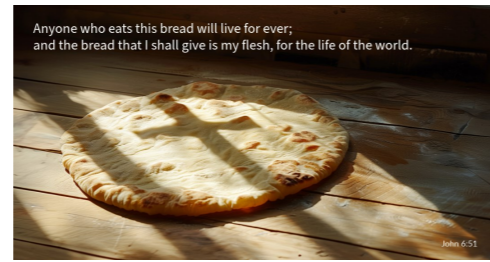
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give

is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

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.**

*Thank you for your cooperation to keep our Parish
Community safe.*

Diary Dates

St John's Parish, Riverstone 120 Year Celebration -
Sunday 17 November after the 10:30am Mass

St John's Parish & School Combined Christmas Carols
Friday 6 Dec 6:30pm.

Masses & Feasts

Wed 14 Aug St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Thurs 15 Aug The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30am & 7:30pm

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 obli-
gation 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.

Mass Time Change

Due to the Sacrament of First Eucharist the
10:30am Mass will now begin at **11am on
Sunday 25th August**

All other Mass times will be normal times.

Volunteer Help Needed:

***Children's Liturgy presenters.** Sundays 10:30am
2nd week and Saturdays 6pm 4th week of the month.

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

***Western Deanery Meetings** 1 or 2 parishioners to
attend 4/5 meetings per year to represent our Parish.
Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

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 9am & 10:30am
Sunday Masses in the Church Hall.

Parish Centre

**Your continued support of our Parish Centre is
appreciated.** Parish renovations continue and we
thank our wonderful parishioners who have already
kindly donated.

**We have received over \$27,000. We are blessed to have
such generous parishioners in our Parish.**

*We would also like to thank the late John Cannata for
his generous contribution towards our parish centre/
renovations.*

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

Appeals

Catholic Mission Appeal - 10th & 11th August 2024
During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite
others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the
warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters
who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this
work by using the appeal envelope, going online at
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, or scanning the QR
code. Your gift will also assist many other Church
programs around the world.

Prayers for our Community



Deceased Mass Offerings -

All Souls, All Souls in Purgatory (2), 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, Joseph Sultana,
Chris, John, Maryann Sultana & Sultana family, John,
Michael, Angelo Clementina & Leanne Sultana &
Sultana family, Maria & Nicholas Gatt, Joseph Jack
Sultana, Michael Agius, Xerri Family and Azzopardi
Family, Carmelo, Carmen & Michael Vella, Frank
Baiada, Harriot Perera, Aurea Reyes, Bishop Emeritus
Kevin Manning, Louis & Joseph Sant, Andrew Tee Swe
Tay, Nelly Koh, Flora and Mario Ferino, Erma Santiago,
Joseph Magro.

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, Chadia and those in our parish community.

St John's Parish, Riverstone 120 Year Celebration -

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.

All parishioners are invited attend the following
Solemnity Mass:

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday 15th August 8:30am and 7:30pm

Diocese of Parramatta

The official launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops
Conference's 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, 'Truth
& Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World' on Tuesday
20 August from 10am to 12pm in St Paul's Catholic College
Sports Hall, Greystanes, adjoining Our Lady Queen of
Peace Parish, Greystanes. Please RSVP your attendance
via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/1Wd96tbps0>

Please support: **#Active4Vocations at the
City2Surf on Sunday 11 August**

Sacraments

The Sacrament of First Eucharist -

Lesson 3 Parent & Child Tuesday 13th August 7pm
**Celebration: Sacrament of Eucharist-
First Holy Communion**

Saturday 24th August at 6:00pm

Sunday 25th August at 9:00am and 11:00am

Baptism Classes

The next Baptism Class:

Tuesday 3rd September 7pm in the Church Hall.