

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:

20 September

18 October

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 17 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio		A Jaszczyszyn Volunteer	M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	
Sun 18 th 7am	A Lomano				E Sultana C Wickman	P Perera	None	Power point	Team Sat
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	
Sat 24 th 6pm	M Satorre	Sultana family	J Missio		A Jaszczyszyn S Nieves	M Sultana	None	Jenchris & Co	
Sun 25 th 7am	Volunteer	E Sultana			C Wickman M Evans	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 25 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		E Abendan J Boemi	M Camilleri	None	Rondalla Choir	
Sun 25 th 11am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig		N D'Souza R D'Souza	D Gorkic	None	Raymond & Co	Team Sat

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.

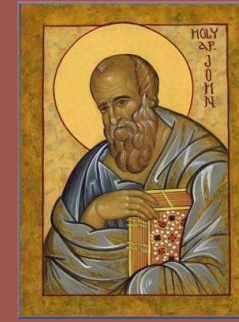
Friday Prayer Group

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



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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 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

18 August 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading Proverbs 9:1-6

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table.

She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'

To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3, 10-15. 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.

Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him. Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Come children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the crowd:

‘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.’

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said. Jesus replied:

‘I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.’

As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

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.

Masses & Feasts

Tues	20 Aug	St Bernard
Wed	21 Aug	St Pius X
Thurs	22 Aug	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat	24 Aug	St Bartholomew
Fri	6 Sept	7:30pm First Friday Mass
Sat	7 Sept	8:30am Anointing Mass

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 - Participating in the communal celebration of Sunday Mass is a witness of belonging to the Body of Christ and of being faithful to God. When we come to Mass on Sunday, we are acknowledging the importance of the Lord's Day in our lives.

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 commence at the 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, 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.

St John's Parish & School Combined Christmas Carols Fri 6 Dec 6:30pm. Please place 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
Thank you for your kind donations. If you were unable to donate last week, please place the envelope provided in any of the collection plates this weekend. Thank you.

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal - Saturday 31 August and Sunday 1 September 2024
Envelopes will be provided. Please give generously, as our Parish will need to meet a quota.

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, 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, Stefano Music, Leoncia Baeares Llosa, Milo Meliton.

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 and those in our parish community.

Please respect the Eucharist.

Please receive the Eucharist on the tongue. If you still wish to take it in your hand, stay and consume it in front of the priest or Eucharistic Minister. If you are a non-Catholic or a young child, you may receive a blessing instead. Please place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing.

All parishioners are invited to the next **Parish Council Meeting** on Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 7:30pm in the Church Hall.

Diocese of Parramatta

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement on Tuesday 20 August from 10am to 12pm in St Paul's Catholic College Sports Hall, Greystanes, Please RSVP your attendance via this link:

Sacraments

<https://forms.office.com/r/1Wd96tbps0>

The Sacrament of First Eucharist -

Lesson 4 Parent & Child Tuesday 20th August 7pm & Church Practise

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.