

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:

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.

Jubilee 2025

Jubilee 2025—Pope Francis The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of *Jubilee*, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "*Pilgrims of Hope*". Please view the following website for more information: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

Church Roster October 2024

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 5 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio	M Sultana	A Jaszczyszyn	M Sultana	M Galati	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 6 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni	V Bonnici F Bonnici	C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 6 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		V Sultana L Fernandez	G Fernandez	L Fox S Brown	San Pedro Calungsod	
Sun 6 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy		H Greedy	I Spram J Savio	S Suri	S Corben J Bugeja	Raymond & Co	
Sat 12 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana Family			A Jaszczyszyn S Nierves	M Sultana	J Eroles	Paul Sultana	
Sun 13 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power Point	
Sun 13 th 9am	Volunteer		J Teuma		K Amanda N Tsui	C Samuel	S Yappa	Nonoy & Tina Co	
Sun 13 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	J Teuma		J Sultana M Syme	D Gorkic	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

10am - 12pm

Tuesdays

10am - 11am

Unfortunately, piety items are not available for purchase from the parish office.

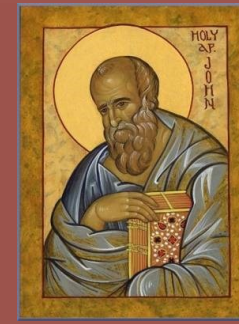
Friday Prayer Group

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
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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 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

6 October 2024

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading *Genesis 2:18-24*

A reading from the book of Genesis

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 127. R. v.5*

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace!

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading *Hebrews 2:9-11*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *cf 1 John 4:12*

Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel *Mark 10:2-12*

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

St John's Parish, Riverstone 120 Year Anniversary

Fr Zakaria Gayed and the Riverstone Parish cordially invite you to celebrate our *120 Year Anniversary* of the opening of St John's Catholic Church **Sunday, 17th November 2024**

Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM, the Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta, will be our principal celebrant at the 10:30am Mass, which will be followed by a luncheon and activities in our Parish Centre.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Monday 4th November
Please extend this invitation to any past Parishioners that you know who have left the Parish area.

Plaque Order Reminder - there are a limited number of plaques available and the closing date for the orders is the 15th October. Please do not miss out!

To celebrate this milestone a large Cross will be ordered, covered with gold coloured plaques engraved with your name or family name. The cross will remain on the altar during the year and used on Good Friday. We ask for a donation of between \$300 and \$500 per plaque. Please fill out a form that can be found in the porch and place it in an envelope with your donation and deliver to the parish office.

The order of plaques positioned on the cross will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

GUESSING COMPETITION For the celebration our Parish is running a fundraiser to Guess the number of lollies in the Jar. The winner will receive \$100 as well as the jar of lollies. \$2 per guess. The competition will run before and after Mass on the weekend. Please have some fun and try to guess the number of lollies in the jar and support our Parish.



God Bless and Thank you to our parishioner, Belinda for her generosity. Belinda has donated many plants for the garden in the Parish Centre.

Masses & Feasts

Mon 07 Oct Our Lady of the Rosary

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 - *If the church is your family which you value and love, it matters that you get to church early.* Please arrive to Mass on time.

Volunteer Help Needed:

* Children's Liturgy presenters. * Acolytes *RCIA helper

* 1-2 Representatives for Western Deanery Meetings

* Gardeners for the Parish Centre *Choir Sat 6pm Vigil Mass

St John's Parish & School Combined Christmas Carols

Fri 6 Dec 6:30pm. Please place a reminder on your calendar. All parishioners are invited.

The next **Youth Group** will be on Friday 18th October at 6pm. All school-aged children are invited to a fun night. Children are encouraged to bring their friends!

Formation session for visitors to Aged Care and Communion to the Sick. Please contact the Parish Office with your expressions of interest to attend a combined session between Riverstone and Windsor parishes.

Are you able to help? Our Parish would like to be able to keep the Parish Office open during the weeks when our secretary is away. This would be a temporary position and a paid role, on various dates throughout the year. It would cover the Parish Secretary during annual leave and a few other days, throughout the year when required. This person would need excellent communication, computer and administrative skills. If you are able to offer assistance, please contact Melissa, who will be happy to give you an overview of the work involved.

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 Parish Centre.

Parish Centre

The Parish would like to give our Parish Centre a name. One befitting our Parish History and also a tribute to the nuns who taught and resided here for many years. A couple of suggestions are CLARE HOUSE, ST CLARES HOUSE. Any other suggestions you may have would be greatly appreciated.

ALSO

The Parish proposes to install a new gate leading from the car park to the Parish Centre. All parishioners are invited to submit their suggestions, with a diagram, of what would be a fitting welcome to the Centre. Responses to both these invites may be left in the **Suggestion Box** in the foyer of the church or left in the Parish Office.

We would love to hear your thoughts with respect to both of these proposals.

Appeals

Next Appeal - **Bishop's Christmas Appeal**

30 November and 1 December 2024

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, Joseph Sultana, Chris, John, Maryann Sultana & Sultana family, John, Michael, Angelo Clementina & Leanne Sultana & Sultana family, Maria & Nicholas Gatt, Joseph Jack Sultana, Nunziato Orlando & Domenico Procopio, Stefano Musico, John (Jim) Galea, Harriot Perera, John Ripa, Raymond & Emmanuel Baker, Emanuel Bugeja, Anton Grgic, Ana Mili-cevic, Maria, Theresa, Pasquale Macolino, Zane Belista, Anton Prsa, Paul Refalo,

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, Myrna Manalili, Chadia, Lucia Musico, Joe Sant and those in our parish community.

Please respect the Blessed 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.

Parish Office Hours

CLOSED TUES 8/10 – THURS 10/10

OPEN FRI 11/10 9AM – 1PM

November Mass Offerings - All masses during the month of November will be offered for those listed on the November envelopes. The List can be found during the month of November on the lectern at the front of the Church.

Envelopes are now available in the porch.

Please, CLEARLY write the names on the envelope, enclose your donation and then place the envelope in either of the collection plates during any Mass.

Safeguarding Face to Face Training

Face to face training will take place in the Parish Hall on the following dates:

Renewal Module 4 Wednesday 16th October 9:30am – 11am

Renewal Module 5 Wednesday 23rd October 9:30am – 11am

If you were one of the parishioners who attended training for 3 modules in 2022, then you are required to attend these training sessions. This will keep your Safeguarding up to date. If any other parishioners from other Parishes would like to attend, they are most welcome. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by 11th Oct.

Sacraments

The Sacrament of Confirmation -

The Parent Information Meeting:
Tuesday 22nd October at 7pm

Baptism Classes

The next Baptism Class:

Tuesday 5th November at 7pm in the Church Hall.