

Youth Group



2024 St John's Parish Riverstone Youth Group

We invite all school-aged children and their friends to the gathering for Youth Group:

6pm in the Church Hall on the following

Friday night:

15 November (Christmas Party)

This will be the final gathering for 2024

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 November 2024

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 9 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana Family			A Jaszczyszyn S Nierves	M Sultana	J Eroles	Paul Sultana	
Sun 10 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power Point	
Sun 10 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		K Amanda N Tsui	C Samuel	S Yappa	Raymond & Co	
Sun 10 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig		J Sultana M Syme	D Gorkic	S Corben J Bugeja	Raymond & Co	Team Wed
Sat 16 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio		A Jaszczyszyn Volunteer	M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 17 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		E Sultana C Wickman	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 17 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		S Corben B Simon	S Yappa	L Fox S Brown	Jenchriss & Co	
Sun 17 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig		W Suri I Spram	L Bird	S Corben J Bugeja	Nonoy & Tina 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.

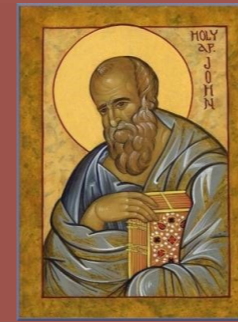
Friday Prayer Group

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: A Hoare, J Shipley & 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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 Fri 9am-2pm

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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

10 November 2024

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading 1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."'

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel Mark 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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**

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 sausage sizzle and activities in our Parish Centre.

120 Year Anniversary Sausage Sizzle The lunch on the day of the anniversary will be \$5 per person (adult and child are the same price) **Cash Sales Only on the day please.** This donation will contribute to the fundraising. You will receive a sausage on a roll with a bottle of water.

Can you help on the day of the event?

1. We are seeking the help of a number of people willing to help with traffic parking control both in the morning and early afternoon.
2. Also required are some assistance from people who hold a current first aid certificate, to be available on the day.
3. A person to be responsible directing the jumping castle provider where to locate the castle.

Please contact Committee Member

Lucia on 0400 347 653 Please leave a message.

Masses & Feasts

Mon 11 Nov St Martin of Tours

Tues 12 Nov St Josaphat

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

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.

Volunteer Help Needed:

* Acolytes

* Gardeners for the Parish Centre

The Light Advent & Christmas Daily Booklets 2024 - 3x copies are available to purchase from the office for \$8 per copy.

Reminder the **Youth Group Christmas Party** is on Friday 15th November at 6pm. All school-aged children and their friends are invited.

120 YEAR CELEBRATION PLAQUES There is still some space for more plaques. If you would like to order a plaque, please fill out the form. We are unable to add any new plaques in time for the celebration, however we will place another order at a later date. The new orders will then be added to the cross after the celebration.

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.

Don't forget to visit our new fountain garden on the Verandah of the Parish Centre.



*Please respect that there are
**NO PHOTOS OR VIDEOS TO
BE TAKEN DURING MASS**
(permission must be granted by the priest)*



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



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 still available in the porch. The November List will be updated once a week during the month of November.***

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. Please be advised that there will be no intentions announced during any masses in November and no names will appear on the tv screen. A private Memorial Mass may be booked for a Mass intention during the month of November.

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.

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

All parishioners are invited to attend this event. Please arrive at 6pm for a 6:30pm start.

This is a special event as the parishioners and the school come together, as one, to celebrate Christmas. Flyers are in the porch.

Please see noticeboard for more information.

Formation sessions—"The Vocation of Healthcare" at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills on Saturday 23rd November commencing 10:00 a.m. To 12:30 p.m. The second event is a 3-Wednesday evening Advent programme on "The Good News in end-of-Life Care" at St. Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. This will be held on Wednesdays 4th, 11th and 18th December from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sacraments

The Sacrament of Confirmation -

Lesson 3: Tues 12th November at 7pm

Celebration Sacrament Of Confirmation

Fri 22nd November 7pm

Baptism Classes

The next Baptism Class:

Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm in the Church Hall.
There will be NO Baptism Class in January 2025