

Youth Group



St John's Parish Riverstone Youth Group

Dates for 2025 will be advertised early next year

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. 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 23 rd 6pm	M Satorre	Sultana family	J Missio		A Jaszczyszyn S Nieves	M Sultana	R Edwards	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 24 th 7am	Volunteer	E Sultana	R Bigeni		C Wickman M Evans	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 24 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		E Abendan J Boemi	M Camilleri	L Fox A Delara	Rondalla Choir	
Sun 24 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig		N D'Souza R D'Souza	D Gorkic	S Corben J Bugeja	Raymond & Co	
Sat 30 th Nov 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio	M Sultana	A Jaszczyszyn	M Sultana	M Galati	Jenchris & Co	Team Wed
Sun 1 st Dec 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni	V Bonnici F Bonnici	C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 3 rd 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		V Sultana L Fernandez	G Fernandez	J Sullivan S Brown	San Pedro Calungsod	
Sun 3 rd 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy		H Greedy	I Spram J Savio	S Suri	S Corben J Bugeja	Raymond & 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.

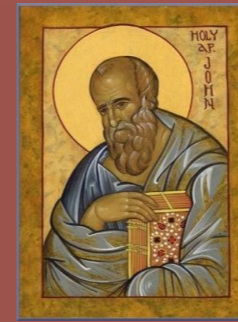
Friday Prayer Group

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
Parish Office Hours: Mon –Fri
 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

24 November 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B

First Reading Daniel 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading Revelation 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel John 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



St John's Parish, Riverstone 120 Year Anniversary

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. The new orders will be ordered and added to the cross early in 2025. Please complete your forms and return to the parish office.

Our Parish celebrated our 120 year Anniversary last weekend. We had a blessed day, the weather was warm and the sun shone. The Mass was celebrated, followed by a lovely lunch and activities. Many parishioners attended the event.

Fr Zakaria and the Riverstone Parish would again like to thank our special guests for attending our wonderful celebration:

Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM -Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta, Michelle Rowland- Labor Minister for Communications, Warren Kirby-State Minister for the seat of Riverstone, Fr Andrew Robinson, Fr Arthur Cook, Deacon Michael Tan, Poor Clare Sisters-Sister Joanne & Sister Joan, Jane Misk- Principal St John's Primary Riverstone, Rosemary Phillis-Secretary of the Riverstone & District Historical Society, Ron Mason- Member of the Historical Society, Alphonsus Fok- Photographer and Isabell Petrinic- Journalist.

Thank you to all of our helpers for our 120 Year Celebration :

*Paul & Kathleen Gatt for making the cross

*Preparations from the 120 Year Celebration Committee

*All volunteers - gardeners, church & grounds cleaners, office helpers, money contributors, food suppliers, all those behind the scenes and all those on the Volunteer Roster.

*All Volunteer helpers on this day

Thank you and may God Bless you all.

Piety Store- For Purchase - Various Christmas Items

God's Word \$22 Columban Calendars \$11

100 Year Celebration Books \$2

100 Year Celebration Mugs \$3

100 Year Celebration Postcards \$0.50

These items will be on sale from 9am until end of 10:30am Mass on Sundays.

Masses & Feasts

Sat 30 Nov St Andrew

No Frist Friday Mass December (due to Carols)

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

St John's Parish Christmas Party: All parishioners and volunteers at our Riverstone Parish are invited on:

Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 6pm

Location: Parish Centre.

Please bring a plate of food/drinks to share with all on the night. Could we also have some volunteers to help organise, set up and pack up on this night. Please RSVP your attendance to the parish office by Tues 3 December

St John Christmas Raffle Tickets - are now on sale.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Great Prizes. All proceeds will go directly to the Riverstone Parish.

120 Year Guessing Competition- There was 417 lollies in the jar. Nobody guessed the correct number. Therefore, the closest guess was 421 and two people will share the winning prize.

Congratulations !!! Joanne Aguis & Lorenzo Vella

Congratulations Rosanna Brown for 20 years service in SRE at Riverstone Public School. Rosanna will receive a Papal Blessing at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta.

Volunteer Help Needed:

* Acolytes



* Gardeners for the Parish Centre

The Light Advent & Christmas Daily Booklet 2024 - 1x copy is available to purchase from the office for \$8 per copy.

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 Mass.

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. 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

Bishop's Christmas Appeal 30 Nov and 1 Dec 2024

Envelopes will be provided

Your kind Christmas gift will help Catholic Care continue to provide services and opportunities to support mothers and children to be safe, comforted, and protected.

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.*

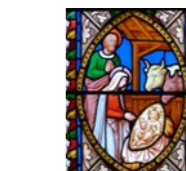
Please, CLEARLY write the names on the envelope, enclose your donation and then place the envelope in either of the collection plates during any Mass.

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 Community Christmas Carols

Friday 6th December at 6pm

for a 6:30pm Start

The carols will be held in the school grounds

Donations towards the costs involved of performing the **St John's Community Christmas Carols** would be very much appreciated. All donations will be acknowledged on the night. Please place your donation in an envelope stating Carols and your name on the front. Plain envelopes can be found in the porch. Please give the envelope to Fr Zakaria or the Parish Office.

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

All parishioners are invited,

Sacraments

The Sacrament of Confirmation -

Congratulations and God Bless the children who celebrated their Confirmation on Friday night. We would like to thank Very Rev Luis Fernando Montano-Rodriguez VG EV PP for officiating the Confirmation. Thank you Deacon Michael and the Sacramental Team for guiding the children. Thank you to our parish volunteers and the parents of the children.

Baptism Classes

The next Baptism Class:

Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm in the Church Hall.

No Baptism Class in January 2025