

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 2 nd 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio	M Sultana	A Jaszczyszyn	M Sultana	M Galati	Jenchriss & Co	Team Wed
Sun 3 rd 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	L Fox S Brown	San Pedro Calungsod	
Sun 3 rd 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig	H Greedy	I Spram J Savio	S Suri	S Corben J Bugeja	Raymond & Co	
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	Nonoy & Tina 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

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.

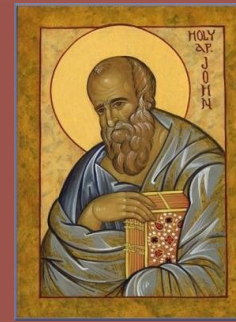
Friday Prayer Group

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



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Deacon: Rev. Dr. Michael Tan
Parish Secretary: Melissa Spence
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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

3 November 2024

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading Deuteronomy 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

I love you Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
 my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
 My God is the rock where I take refuge;
 my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
 The Lord is worthy of all praise:
 when I call I am saved from my foes.

I love you Lord, my strength.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
 Praised be to the God that saves me.
 He has given great victories to his king
 and shown love for his anointed.

I love you Lord, my strength.

Second Reading *Hebrews 7:23-28*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel *Mark 12:28-34*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



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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 sausage sizzle and activities in our Parish Centre.

Please extend this invitation to any past Parishioners that you know who have left the Parish area.

Flyers for the event are now in the porch. Please take one home.

120 YEAR CELEBRATION PLAQUES Our Parish has received 78 orders for the plaques. There is still some space for more plaques. If you would like to order a plaque, please fill out the form and return to the parish office as soon as possible. Please note that 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.

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 and additional flavourings of onion and sauces.

We thank you in advance for your donation towards our fundraising.

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.

Masses & Feasts

Mon 04 Nov St Charles Borromeo

Sat 09 Nov The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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 obligation 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. Please arrive on time.

Volunteer Help Needed:

- * Children's Liturgy presenters. * Acolytes *RCIA helper
- * Gardeners for the Parish Centre *Choir Sat 6pm Vigil Mass

The **Parish Council Meeting** will be held next **Wednesday 6th November at 7:30pm** in the Hall. All parishioners are invited. We will be blessed to have Alfie Ramirez from the Diocese of Parramatta present Fundraising Ideas for Parishes. All parishioners are invited and we encourage any parishioners interested in fundraising ideas for the parish, to attend this meeting.

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

Fountain Garden at the Parish Centre. We invite you to sit pray and reflect on the verandah of the Parish Centre and experience the calm and beauty of the garden. We thank our lovely parishioners who installed and are caring for this garden. You are most welcome to visit after Mass.

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.

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.

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

St John's Parish & School Combined Christmas Carols

Friday 6 Dec 6:30pm.

All parishioners are invited to attend this event. Please place a reminder on your calendar.

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

Sacraments

The Sacrament of Confirmation -

Lesson 1: Tues 5th November at 7pm

Baptism Classes

The next Baptism Class:

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