

Youth Group



St John's Parish Riverstone Youth Group

May Gathering is cancelled

In replacement will be Family Day Retreat on the 25th May! After the 10:30am Mass. Please see flyers for more information

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

Jubilee of Youth 19 July—5 August 2025
Adult Jubilee 7—25 September 2025

Posters and Flyers can be found in the church foyer and on our noticeboard. Use the QR code for more information.

Visit: parracatholic.org/jubileepilgrimage2025

Volunteer Roster April 2025

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 19th Vigil 7pm Week 3		H Greedy	J Missio		A Dsouza N Dsouza		J Eroles	Rondalla Choir	Team Wed
Sun 20th 7am		R Bigeni	R Bigeni		Amah			Jenchriss	
Sun 20th 9am		C Downey	J Teuma		S Corben B Simon	S Yappa	L Fox V Sultana	Jepoy Choir	
Sun 20th 10:30am		R Brown	D Catig		I Sprem J Sultana	L Bird	S Corben J Bugeja	Raymond & Co	
Sat 26 th 6pm Week 4	M Satorre	Sultana family	J Missio		S Nieves	M Sultana	R Edwards	Jenchriss & Co	Team Wed
Sun 27 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman M Evans	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 27 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		E Abendan J Boemi	M Camilleri	A Delara	Rondalla Choir	
Sun 27 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig		N D'Souza M Macatangay	D Gorkic	J Bugeja V Sultana	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 & 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.

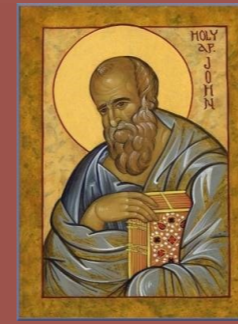
Friday Prayer Group

Christ Catholic Community (CCC) Prayer Group

Fridays 10am

Please contact Mary Camilleri Ph 0403116987 if you would like any further information.

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: Mon - Fri

Hours: 9am-2pm

Phone: 9627-1176

Email: stjohns10@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

Monday *Communion Service* 8:30am

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

20th April 2025

Easter Sunday Year C

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ,
you must look for the things that are in heaven, where
Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts
be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the
earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is
hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed –
and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your
glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the
dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still
dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw
that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and
came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the
one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the
tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put
him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb.
They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster
than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw
the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in.
Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right
into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and
also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not
with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.
Then the other disciple who had

Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first
also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment
they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture,
that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



**Fr Zakaria, Fr Andrew and Deacon Michael
would like to wish all of our parishioners a
joyous and safe Easter. God Bless!**

*Our Parish Priest - Fr Zakaria and the Parish Team
would like to thank all volunteers who have given their
time to help at our Parish during Lent, Holy Week and
Easter Sunday. We would like to thank the gardeners
and Church cleaners who continue to make our church
and grounds beautiful! Thank you to our Church
preparation volunteers, Liturgical teams and to our
Choirs. Our Masses have been beautiful! Thank you to
all volunteer parishioners who have helped in the
preparations and organisation leading up to and
including Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday. As you
know, a lot of preparation is needed during this time
and there are many behind the scene helpers in our
Parish.*

We are blessed to have you all in our Riverstone Parish!

Reminder: Divine Mercy - Our Parish will be
celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on 27th April 2025.

1.30pm Rosary

*2.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine
Mercy Chaplet and Reflection time*

*3.00pm 3 o'clock prayer followed immediately by
the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*

*Afternoon tea will be available at the conclusion of Mass.
Confessions will be available from 2pm to 3pm.*

Sign-in sheet is located in the church foyer.

Novena to the Divine Mercy will commence on Good
Friday immediately after the 3pm Celebration of the
Lord's Passion. Booklets will be available on the day.

Masses and Feasts

21 April Easter Monday 8:30am Communion Service

Fri 25 April Anzac Day 8:30am 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 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.

Gluten free hosts are available for those who wish to
receive Holy Communion. To arrange, please contact the
parish office the week before.

Please **take home a copy of the bulletin.**

Otherwise, please fold correctly and leave in the foyer for
re-use. Thank you.

There are still a few **Weekly Envelopes** boxes to be
collected from the foyer. If you are interested in giving to
our Parish, using the envelope system, please contact the
Parish Office.

Hawkesbury Deanery Meetings—commitment of 1x
meeting per quarter of the year. Usually Tuesdays nights.
Require a person/couple to attend to represent the
Riverstone Parish. Location of meetings TBA.

Pentecost Sunday— 8th June 2025

Reminder: Next meeting - Saturday 12th April at 10am

Pentecost Procession Of Flags - Philippines & Fiji flag
donations have now also been received. We are now
seeking donations to purchase the remaining flags. Are
you willing to donate some of this money? Even as little
as \$5 would help. Please give your money in an envelope
to Lucia Fox or the Parish Office.

Teenagers Flag Bearers—We would love for high school
& university students to participate!
Practice session: Saturday 7th June at 10am.

**ST JOHN'S EAGLES INDOOR SOCCER ROUND
ROBIN** - Thank you to Marija Filipovic and family,
as well as the helpers on the day. The children had a
great day of fun and fitness!

Appeals

St John's Parish, Riverstone—Easter Offering Envelopes
are available for your donations, which go directly to the
Riverstone Parish. Thank you for your generosity.

The Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal - Catholic Care Western
Sydney and the Blue Mountains thank you for your
kind-hearted generosity and support for people in
hospital and prison who might otherwise feel abandoned.
Our Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal in the Riverstone
Parish has raised \$ 3475.35 which will provide pastoral,
spiritual, and sacramental support to people in times of
darkness. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please
visit parracatholic.org/appeal Thank you.

Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025

Could you please return money boxes and envelopes before the
30 April. We thank you for your generosity.

Holy Land Good Friday Collection 2025 The collection took
place on Good Friday. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayers for our Community



Deceased Mass Offerings -

All Souls, All Souls in Purgatory, Forgotten Souls in
Purgatory, All Abandoned Souls. 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, John Jim
Galea, Joseph Sant, Joseph, Michael, Carmelo & Carmen
Vella, Nunziato Orlando & Family, Domenico Procopio &
Family, James D'souza, Harriot Perera, Tomas Sr, Flora
& Mario Ferino, George Micallef George Teuma, Paul &
Sunta Saliba, Guillermo Ramirez, Romeo & Dulce
Masingkay, Tess Rehac,

For those who are sick:

Especially Pope Francis, 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, Daisy
Pangilinan, Maximina Raymundo, Paul Gulla, Dominic &
Angela Schembri and Maureen Meryment and those
in our parish community

You are invited to our:

**Parish Family Day Retreat on 25th May
after the 10:30am Mass.**

Please see flyer on the noticeboard and around the church
buildings.
Scan the QR Code on the flyer for more information.

St John's Parish Easter Raffle Winners 2025

Congratulations to our prize winners.....

1st	D#04 Red	Fr Zakaria
2nd	D#48 Red	Amit B
3rd	D#61 Green	L Vella
4th	D#32 Green	P Sant
5th	D#75 Green	Sonia

Thank you to all parishioners who purchased tickets and to
the generous parishioners who made monetary donations.

Sacraments

Sacramental Program - Penance

Please register your child by 2nd May 2025.

Please complete form and return, with donation, to the
Parish Office.

Baptism Classes

The next Baptism Class: Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7pm in
the Church Hall.