

Youth Group



St John's Parish Riverstone Youth Group

All school –aged children are welcome to attend.

Friday 11th April 2025 - 6pm in the Parish Hall

Please bring your friends along for a fun night!

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 5 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio	M Sultana		M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 6 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni	V Bonnici F Bonnici	C Wickman A Perera	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 6 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	D Catig	J Sullivan P Sullivan	V Sultana L Fernandez	G Fernandez	S Yabba S Brown	San Pedro Calungsod	
Sun 6 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy/ S Nobleza	D Catig	J Sultana S Nobleza	I Sprem L Macatangay	S Suri	J Bugeja V Sultana	Raymond & Co	
Sat 12 th 6pm Vigil	Volunteer	Sultana Family			S Nierves	M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 13 th 7am Palm Sunday	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman A Perera Amah	P Perera	None	Power Point	
Sun 13 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		K Amanda N Tsui	D Thomas	L Fox A Bramphen	Nonoy & Tina	
Sun 13 th 11am	Volunteer	H Greedy/ N Dsouza	D Catig		J Sultana M Syme	S Nobleza	J Bugeja V Sultana	Jenchriss & 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.

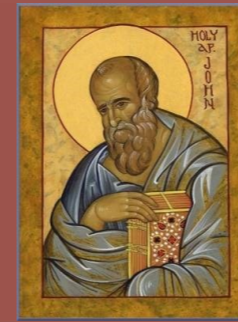
Friday Prayer Group

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

6th April 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord,

who made a way through the sea,

a path in the great waters;

who put chariots and horse in the field

and a powerful army,

which lay there never to rise again,

snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed,

even now it comes to light; can you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,

paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches,

because I am putting water in the wilderness

(rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink.

The people I have formed for myself

will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning.

What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Thursday 17 April Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm			
Good Friday 18 April			
<i>The Stations of the Cross</i>			10:00am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion			3:00pm
Holy Saturday 19 April			
<i>Celebration of the Paschal Vigil</i>			7:00pm
Easter Sunday 20 April		7:00am	9:00am 10:30am
Confession			
Tuesday 15 April	9:30am – 10:30am	and 5pm – 6pm	
Wednesday 16 April	9:30am – 10:30am		
Thursday 17 April	9:30am – 10:30am		
NO MORNING MASS 8:30am on THUR, FRI and SAT during HOLY WEEK			
No Masses On Easter Monday 21 April			

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

You are invited to our: **Parish Family Day Retreat on 25th May** after the 10:30am Mass. Please see flyer in the noticeboard or scan the QR Code on the flyer for more information.

Masses & Feasts

Palm Sunday Mass Times - Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday **7am, 9am & 11am**

Stations of the Cross
Wednesdays after 8.30am Mass and
Fridays 7pm followed by 7:30pm 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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST , RIVERSTONE PARISH LENTEN GROUP Mondays 7.30pm in Parish Hall. Next group meeting 7th April.

Thank you to the generous parishioners who have supported our Parish for the past year, using the **Weekly Envelopes**. The new boxes of Envelopes are in the foyer of the Church, awaiting your collection. If you are interested in giving to our Parish, using the envelope system, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

The Autumn Catholic Outlook is available in the church foyer

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

Pentecost Sunday— 8th June 2025
Reminder: Next meeting - Saturday 12th April at 10am

Pentecost Procession Of Flags Our Parish owns a small number of flags, including: [India](#), [Lebanon](#), [Nigeria](#), [Netherlands](#), [England](#), [Malaysia](#), [Singapore](#), [Poland](#), [Germany](#).

We are now seeking donations. We have another 20 flags to purchase each at **\$25**. Are you willing to donate a flag of your country? Please give your money in an envelope to Lucia Fox or the Parish Office.

Teenagers Flag Bearers Are you a student in High school or university? Would you like to be a flag bearer? You are required to attend one practice session on Saturday 7th June at 10am. Please note that this is a long weekend. We would love for you to participate! Please fill out the form on the clipboard in the church foyer.

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.

Appeals

Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025
Could you please return money boxes and envelopes before the 30 April. We thank you for your generosity.

The Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal - This appeal took place last weekend. Thank you to those parishioners who have already donated. If you were unable to donate last weekend, you can still make a donation using the envelopes or the QR Code. Please place your envelopes in any of the collection plates during Mass. Let us be *Pilgrims of Hope* to those who may break in the face of suffering. QR Code for this Appeal:



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, Michael Agius, John Jim Galea, Joseph Sant, Nunziato Orlando & Family, Domenico Procopio & Family, Joseph & Rose Grima, James D'souza, Bernarda Sammut, Harriot Perera, Thomas KS, Tomas Sr, Flora & Mario Ferino and George Micallef.

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 and those in our parish community.

ST JOHN'S EAGLES INDOOR SOCCER ROUND ROBIN - INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, Corner Hamilton St and Garfield Rd, Riverstone

Wednesday 16 April 2025 9.30am -2.30pm
Open to boys and girls aged 5-16
Cost of \$15 per person includes a sausage sizzle and a ticket for LUCKY DOOR PRIZES
There will be extra food and drinks available to purchase on the day. *Tell your friends and bring them along*
YOU CAN JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY

Parishioners - Do you have a gift? Our Parish gives us the gift of community, a sense of belonging, to not only God, but our Parish. If you think about it, you may have a gift that you can share within our Parish Community. There are many areas and ways within our Parish community. Do you have a gift?

Sacraments

2025 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.

Easter Raffle

St John's Parish Easter raffle are on sale. The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.
There are five prizes to be won. All proceeds will go to the Riverstone Parish. Prizes will be drawn on next week on Palm Sunday 13th April after 11am Mass.