

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 the inside of this bulletin 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



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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 May 2025

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 10 th 6pm Week 2	Volunteer	Sultana Family			S Nierves	M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 11 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman A Perera	P Perera	None	Power Point	
Sun 11 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		K Amanda N Tsui	D Thomas	A Delara A Bramphen	Nonoy & Tina	
Sun 11 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig		J Sultana M Syme	S Nobleza	V Sultana J Bugeja	Power point	
Sat 17 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio		Volunteer	M Sultana	J Eroles	Rondalla Choir	Team Wed
Sun 18 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman A Perera	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 18 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	D Catig		S Corben B Simon	S Yapa	A Delara L Fox	Jepoy Choir	
Sun 18 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig		I Sprem W Suri	L Bird	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 & 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.

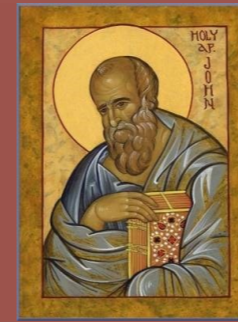
Friday Prayer Group

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

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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

11th May 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3*

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading *Revelation 7:9, 14-17*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, "These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *John 10:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel *John 10:27-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I give my sheep eternal life.
Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them
from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than
anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

**"Nuntio vobis gaudium magnum:
Habemus papam!".**
("I announce to you a great joy:
We have a pope!".)

Pope Leo XIV

"Peace be with all of you!" - the first words of Pope Leo XIV. The Conclave has elected Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost as the 267th Bishop of Rome. The new pope was announced to the waiting crowds by Cardinal Protodeacon Dominique Mamberti.

Thursday, May 8, 2025

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.

Feedback for the Holy Week.

Fr Zak has requested feedback for our Holy Week Services. If you would like to provide any feedback on the Holy week and Easter Triduum liturgies which might help us for planning next year, please email or Write a note and hand to Fr Zakaria.



Fr Zakaria, Fr Andrew, Rev Dr Michael wish all Mothers in our Parish a very Happy Mother's Day!

Happy Mother's Day!

We thank God for the gift of mothers, for their tireless love, and for the profound influence they have on our lives. May their hearts be filled with joy and their days be blessed with peace. We pray for their strength and wisdom, and that they may continue to shine as beacons of faith and love, like our Blessed Mother Mary.

May God watch over them today and always.

Masses & Feasts

Wed 14 May St Matthias

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

Mothers Day Raffle. Last chance to purchase your tickets - \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Wonderful Prizes! All proceeds will go directly to our Riverstone Parish. The raffle will be drawn after the 10:30am Mass on Mother's Day. Thank you for your support.

SRE Meeting - Could all SRE's please attend the next SRE meeting on:
Monday 12th May 2025 9:30am in the church hall

Pentecost Sunday— is celebrated on the 8th June 2025
Scheduled Meetings: **Saturday 17th May 2pm**
Saturday 7th June 2pm

Flags: What nationality are you?

What country do you come from? If your country is not listed below, please speak with our Pentecost committee. Committee members are located at a table outside of the church before or after some of our Masses. We can then include your country's flag in our Pentecost procession. Thank you.

Please note Time Change (due to Sacrament Celebration)
Practice for Teenage Flag Bearers will be on Saturday 7th June at 1pm.

Hawkesbury Deanery Meetings—Require one person/couple to attend meetings to represent the Riverstone Parish. Please speak to Fr Zakaria or contact the parish office to attend. This is a commitment of approx. 4x meetings per year. We are required to have representation from Riverstone at each of these meetings. Please contact the Parish Office.

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

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

St Luke's Catholic College, Marsden Park School Tour
Wednesday, 14 May 4pm-5pm. Please register via: <https://www.stlukesmarsdenpark.catholic.edu.au>

Enrolling now for Kindergarten to Year 12 for 2026. Please visit [our website](#) for enrolment information.

Safeguarding Training at Another Parish

Face-to-face Renewal Training Cycle 2 (Module 4-5) will be held at St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill on 24 May. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Appeals

Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025
We thank you for your generosity.

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal
24 and 25 May 2025

Please support the Diocese of Parramatta by donating towards this appeal. Our Parish will need to meet a quota of approx. \$3500. Envelopes will be provided on the weekend of this appeal. Thank you.

Prayers for our Community

✠ Deceased Mass Offerings -

All Souls, All Souls in Purgatory, Forgotten Souls in Purgatory, All Abandoned Souls. Pope Francis, 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, Zeno Sartori, Joseph, Michael, Carmelo & Carmen Vella, George Teuma, Paul & Sunta Saliba, Guillermo Ramirez, Romeo & Duke Masangkay, Tess Rehac, Benjamin Comilang, Valerie Hayes, Catherine & Rex Kodippily, Joseph Tabone, Harriot Perera, Mary Bigeni, Coronato Sultana & Katherine Sultana, Charlie & Jane Refalo, Charlie & Victoria Bugeja.

For those who are sick:

Especially Adrian Bugeja, Carlos T Quinteros, Francis Saliba, Maria Pisto, Tony & Freda Attard, Margaret Galea, Belinda Grgic, Jeff Meilak, Lily Said, Candice Basopoulous, Myrna Manalili, Chadia, Lucia Musico, Daisy Pangilinan, Maximina Raymundo, Paul Gulla, Dominic & Angela Schembri, Maureen Meryment, Lauren and those in our parish community

You are invited to our:

We invite you to join our
**FAMILY DAY
RETREAT**
For families with children 18yo & under
25 May 2025,
after 10:30 AM Sunday Mass

Program
11:45am Sausage sizzle / bbq
1-3pm Retreat activities

Scan me to Register

For more info contact - ehperoles@gmail.com

Family Day Retreat—25 May 2025 after the 10:30am Mass
For more information please contact: ehperoles@gmail.com

Sacraments

Sacramental Program - Penance

Registrations are now closed. New Program.

Lesson 1 Parent & Child -

Tues 13th May 7pm in the Galilee Room

Enrolment Mass Sunday 18th May 9am and 10:30am

Baptism Classes

The next Baptism Class:

Tuesday 3 June 2025 at 7pm in the Church Hall.