

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



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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	Welcom-ers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 3 rd 6pm Week 1	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio	M Sultana		M Sultana	M Galati	Jenchriss & Co	Team Wed
Sun 4 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni	V Bonnici F Bonnici	C Wickman A Perera	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 4 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	D Catig	J Sullivan P Sullivan	V Sultana L Fernandez	G Fernandez	S Yapa S Brown	San Pedro Calungsod	
Sun 4 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 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	L Fox A Bramphen	Nonoy & Tina	
Sun 11 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig		J Sultana M Syme	S Nobleza	S Corben J Bugeja	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.

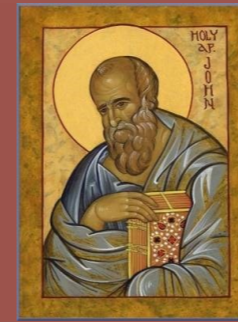
Friday Prayer Group

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

4th May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter Year C

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading Revelation 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 21:1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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.

Divine Mercy - Our Parish celebrated Divine Mercy last Sunday. Thank you to all parishioners and visitors who attended. Thank you to all who helped on the day and for the generous donations.

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—Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 after the Sunday Masses. Wonderful Prizes! All proceeds will go directly to the Riverstone Parish. Thank you for your support.

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

Riverstone Festival Saturday 10 May 2025

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Sam Lane Complex, Cnr Park and Pitt St, Riverstone
Enjoy mouth-watering food stalls, unique market vendors, live performances, amusement rides, workshops & a spectacular parade at 11 am.

We invite all parishioners to march in the parade for St John's Catholic Church under the Combined Churches Banner. Please meet at 10:45am at the Mill Street Park Cricket Oval.

Pentecost Sunday— 8th June 2025

Next Meeting: Saturday 17th May 2pm

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.

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.

Appeals

St John's Parish, Riverstone—Easter Offering Envelopes Donations received for our Riverstone Parish was \$ 2726.55. We would like to thank our generous parishioners for their continued support.

The Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal - Our Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal in the Riverstone Parish has donated \$ 3625.35 which will provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to people in times of darkness.

Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025

We thank you for your generosity.

Holy Land Good Friday Collection 2025 Our Parish donated \$ 1714.80 towards this appeal.
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. 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, Nunziato Orlando & Family, Domenico Procopio & Family, Tomas Sr, Flora & Mario Ferino, George Teuma, Paul & Sunta Saliba, Guillermo & Benjamin Comilang, Valerie Hayes, Catherine & Rex Kodippily.

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:

Family Day Retreat—25 May 2025 after the 10:30am Mass

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

Scan me to Register

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

For more info contact - ehperoles@gmail.com

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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 6th May 2025 at 7pm in the Church Hall.