

Youth Group



St John’s Parish Riverstone Youth Group

Youth Group was held on Friday night 20th June, It was a great night! Thank you to our youth coordinators, YFC and parent helpers. Join us at the next Youth Group Gathering! All school-aged children are invited to attend Youth Group at our Parish! Bring your friends!

The next Youth Group gathering will be:
Friday 18th July at 6pm

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.

Volunteer Roster June/July 2025

Date	Welcom-ers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children’s Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 28 th 6pm June Week 5	Volunteer	Sultana Family	J Missio		I Sprem		R Edwards	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 29 th 7am June	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 29 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		S Corben B Simon	K Amanda	L Fox	Nonoy & Tina	
Sun 29 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig		D Gorkic S Suri		S Corben J Bugeja	Raymond & Co	
Sat 5 th 6pm July Week 1	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio	M Sultana		M Sultana	L Fox	Jenchris & Co	Team Wed
Sun 6 th June 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 Fernan-dez	S Yapa S Brown	San Pedro Calungsod	
Sun 6 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig	J Sultana S Nobleza	I Sprem L Macatangay	S Suri	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.



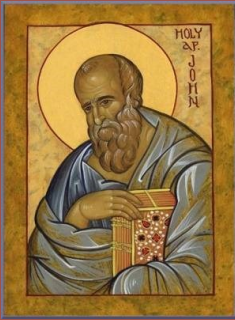
Piety Store

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



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

29 June 2025
Saints Peter & Paul Year C
First Reading Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.
King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. ‘Get up!’ he said ‘Hurry!’ – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, ‘Put on your belt and sandals.’ After he had done this, the angel next said, ‘Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.’ Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. ‘Now I know it is all true,’ he said. ‘The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

I will bless the Lord at all times
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued his from all his distress.

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, and I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’

‘But you,’ he said, ‘who do you say I am?’ Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You are the Christ,’ he said, ‘the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.’

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.

Masses & Feasts

Thurs	3 July	St Thomas
Fri	4 July	7:30pm Communion Service
Sat	5 July	8:30am Anointing Mass

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Training Opportunities

Please register for training and for convenient dates and locations within our Diocese by clicking on training event at:
<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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'S EAGLES INDOOR SOCCER ROUND ROBIN - INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE,
Corner Hamilton St and Garfield Rd, Riverstone
Wednesday 9th July 2025 9.30am -2.30pm
Open to boys and girls aged 5-16 years
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. Please bring along some extra coins. *Tell your friends and bring them along*

Project Compassion receipts are in addressed envelopes in the church foyer. If you donated using a credit card you will receive your receipt directly from Caritas.

Catholic Outlook—Winter 2025 edition is now available in the church foyer.

The **July Roster** is now available in the Church foyer.

Registrations now open Diocesan Retreat Opportunities
The diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the time to step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat - a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open. For more details and to register, see the three options of retreats below:
- 16 August:
<https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/>

- 15 November:
<https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/>

Liturgical Ministry Course – Starts September 2025

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September 2025 in Blacktown. This free formation is open to any-one in the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. To enrol and for more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795. Registrations close 19 August, but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.

Appeals

Bishop’s Good Shepherd Appeal 24 and 25 May 2025-
for our Holy Spirit Seminarians. Thank you to those parishioners who donated.

Peter’s Pence Appeal 28 & 29 June Peter's Pence is a worldwide collection where Catholics donate to support the Pope's mission, particularly in aiding those in need and furthering the Church's work.

Vinnies Appeal 26 & 27 July - our Parish will have buckets for your donations. You can place notes & coins in these buckets during the Mass over this weekend.

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 Santi, Zeno Sartori, Harriot Perera, Zane Belista, Anna Varkey, Aurea Reyes, Helen Bonnici, Marlene Freitas, Anne Heng, Agnes Hong, Joseph Yeo, Catherine & Rex Kodippily, Clair Thomas & Censina Baldecchino, Vivian Burlas, Mathew Fauimui Benjamin Comilang

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, John & Janice Padernia, Helen Batih, Josephine Sultana, Ralph Sullivan, Annabelle, Sue-Anne Aquilina and those in our parish community.

Parish Council/Pastoral Council

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?

RCIA

Would you like to become a Catholic? This is the journey of the RCIA. The RCIA program starts in July. Please speak to Fr Zakaria or our RCIA Coordinator, Rosanna Brown or call the parish office 96271176 if you would like more information.

Sacraments

Sacramental Program

Next Sacrament: Sacrament of First Eucharist
Please register by the 4th July 2025.

Sacramental Coordinator Rosanna Ph: 0428766727
or email: sacraments10@outlook.com.au

Baptism Classes

The next Baptism Class:
Tuesday 1st July 2025 at 7pm in the Church Hall.