

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 July 2025

Date	Welcom-ers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children’s Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 12 th 6pm Week 2	Volunteer	Sultana Family			S Nierves	M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 13 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman A Perera	P Perera	None	Power Point	
Sun 13 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		K Amanda N Tsui	D Thomas	L Fox A Bramhen	Nonoy & Tina	
Sun 13 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig		J Sultana M Syme	S Nobleza	S Corben J Bugeja	Jenchris & Co	
Sat 19 th 6pm Week 3	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio		Volunteer	M Sultana	J Eroles	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 20 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman A Perera	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 20 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	D Catig		S Corben B Simon	S Yapa	A Delara L Fox	Jepoy Choir	
Sun 20 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.

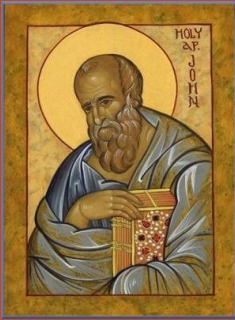
Piety Store

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



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 5pm - 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

13 July 2025
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading *Deuteronomy 30:10-14*
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.
Moses said to the people: ‘Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.
‘For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, “Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, “Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.
Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Second Reading Colossians 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

All things were created through him and for him.
Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body, he is its head.
As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, ‘Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? What do you read there?’ He replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.’ ‘You have answered right,’ said Jesus, ‘do this and life is yours.’ But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead.

Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. “Look after him,” he said, “and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have.” Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands’ hands?’ ‘The one who took pity on him,’ he replied. Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do the same yourself.’

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.

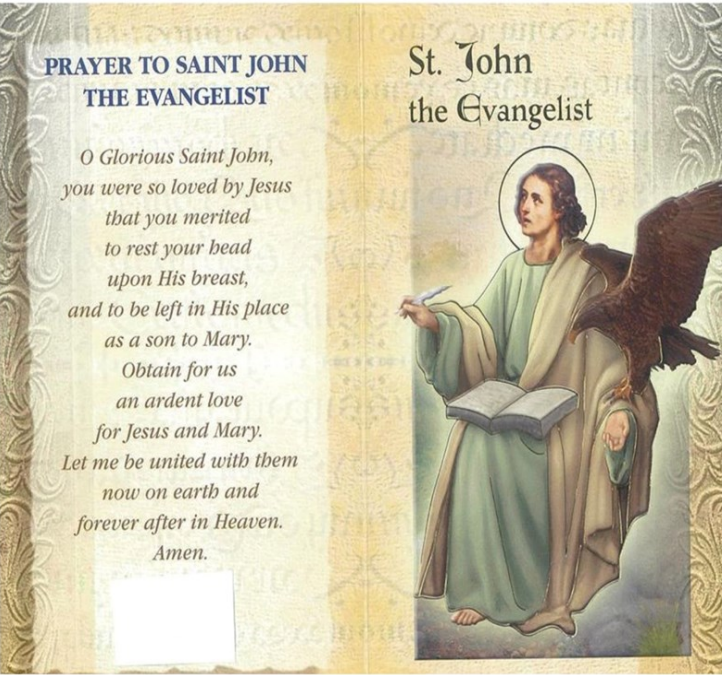
We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our amazing volunteers. Your dedication and service are a true reflection of Christ's love. Whether you're helping with Mass, or any other need, your time and talents make a lasting impact on our parish.
Your selfless commitment strengthens our church and brings hope to others. We are grateful for you and pray that God continues to bless you and your families.




Masses & Feasts

Tues 15 July St Bonaventure
Please Note: Reconciliation - Saturday 5-5:30pm

Prayer to St John the Evangelist



Parish Notices

 **ST JOHN'S EAGLES INDOOR SOCCER ROUND ROBIN** was held on Wednesday. It was a great day, The children had a day filled with fun and fitness.
Thank you to Marija Filopovic and family for organising the day. Thank you to all parent helpers on the day.
Please remember that our Parish will run another indoor soccer day in the Sept-Oct school holidays.
The date will be announced soon!

Project Compassion receipts There are still some envelopes in the church foyer containing receipts for donations for the Project Compassion If you donated using a credit card you will receive your receipt directly from Caritas.

Secure your seat! Bishop Vincent Presents Mauricio Lopez: 23 July – a leading Latin American lay voice Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, at 6pm or watch the livestream for free. Secure your spot and be inspired!
Register now: parracatholic.org/lopez

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

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 soon.
Please speak to Fr Zakaria or our RCIA Coordinator, Rosanna Brown or call the parish office 96271176 if you would like more information.

Appeals

Peter's Pence Appeal 28 & 29 June Thank you to our parishioners who donated last weekend. Our Parish has donated \$ 1765 towards this appeal.



Vinnies Winter Appeal 19 & 20 July - Buckets will be available to place your note & coin donations for Vinnies Winter Appeal. You will also be able to donate using an Eftpos machine being held by our Vinnies Representative. Please give generously to this Appeal.

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, Catherine & Rex Kodippily, Claira Thomas, Censina Baldecchino, Vivian Burlas, Mathew Fauimui, Benjamin Comilang, Ross Freeman, Nelly Koh, Andrew Tee Swe Tay, Celestina Fenech and Joseph Sant, Fata Ah Young.

For those who are sick:
Especially Adrian Bugeja, Carlos Frances Saliba, Maria Pisto, Tony & Freda Attard, Margaret Galea, Belinda Grgic, Lucia Musico, Dominic & Angela Schembri, Maureen Meryment, John & Janice Padernia, Josephine Sultana, Ralph Sullivan, Annabelle, Sue-Anne Aquilina and those in our parish community.

If you would like offer a Holy Mass, which will also place the name of your loved one on our deceased or sick list on the bulletin and power point screen, please complete a "Please offer Holy Mass" envelope. Tick the box - For Publication - on the front of this envelope and make your offering. Envelopes may then be placed in the collection plates or handed to the priest or you may bring them to the Parish Office. Please remember that the bulletin and power point deceased and sick names list are finalised each Monday. Thank you.

 Reminder: **Our Parish Youth Group** gathering will be this 
Friday the 18th July at 6pm.
All school-aged children are encouraged to attend the gathering and are most welcome to bring a friend.

Rome from Home (Youth and Young Adults): 2 August
A retreat for young adults aged between 13 and 35—Saturday 2 August (12:30pm – 6pm) at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong, 36-40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong. Register by 26 July: <https://parracatholic.org/events/rome-from-home/>

Sacraments

Sacramental Program
Sacrament of First Eucharist.
Lesson1 - Parent & Child Tuesday 22nd July 7pm Galilee Room.
Enrolment Mass Sunday 27 July 9am & 10:30am
Sacramental Coordinator Rosanna Ph: 0428766727 or email: sacraments10@outlook.com.au

Baptism Classes
The next Baptism Class:
Tuesday 5 August 2025 at 7pm in the Church Hall.