

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



**Jubilee 2025**  
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.

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.

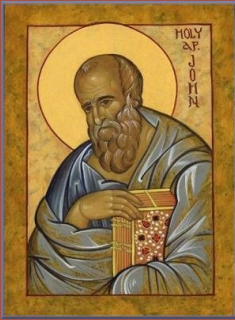
Friday Prayer Group

**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

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 5 <sup>th</sup> 6pm July Week 1	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio	M Sultana		M Sultana	L Fox	Jenchris & Co	Team Wed
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> June 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni	V Bonnici F Bonnici	C Wickman A Perera	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig	J Sultana S Nobleza	I Sprem L Macatangay	S Suri	S Corben J Bugeja	Raymond & Co	
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> 6pm Week 2	Volunteer	Sultana Family			S Nierves	M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman A Perera	P Perera	None	Power Point	
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		K Amanda N Tsui	D Thomas	L Fox A Bramhen	Nonoy & Tina	
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig		J Sultana M Syme	S Nobleza	S Corben J Bugeja	Jenchris & Co	



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

**6 July 2025**  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

*First Reading Isaiah 66:10-14*  
A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.*  
Rejoice, Jerusalem,  
be glad for her, all you who love her!  
Rejoice, rejoice for her,  
all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled,  
from her consoling breast,  
that you may savour with delight  
her glorious breasts.  
For thus says the Lord:  
Now towards her I send flowing  
peace, like a river,  
and like a stream in spate  
the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried  
and fondled in her lap.  
Like a son comforted by his mother  
will I comfort you.  
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice,  
and your bones flourish like the grass.  
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

*The word of the Lord.*  
*Thanks be to God.*

*Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1*

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*



Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: ‘How tremendous your deeds!’  
*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*  
‘Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!’  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men.  
*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*  
He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might.  
*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*  
Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul.  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me.  
*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

*Second Reading Galatians 6:14-18*  
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians  
*The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.*  
The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.  
I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.


*The word of the Lord.*  
*Thanks be to God.*

*Gospel Acclamation Colossians 3:15. 16*  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you.  
Alleluia!

*Gospel Luke 10:1-12. 17-20*  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*Your peace will rest upon him.*  
The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, ‘The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, “Peace to this house!” And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are

“The kingdom of God is very near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, “We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near.” I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.’  
The seventy-two came back rejoicing. ‘Lord,’ they said, ‘even the devils submit to us when we use your name.’ He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.’  
*The Gospel of the Lord.*  
*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

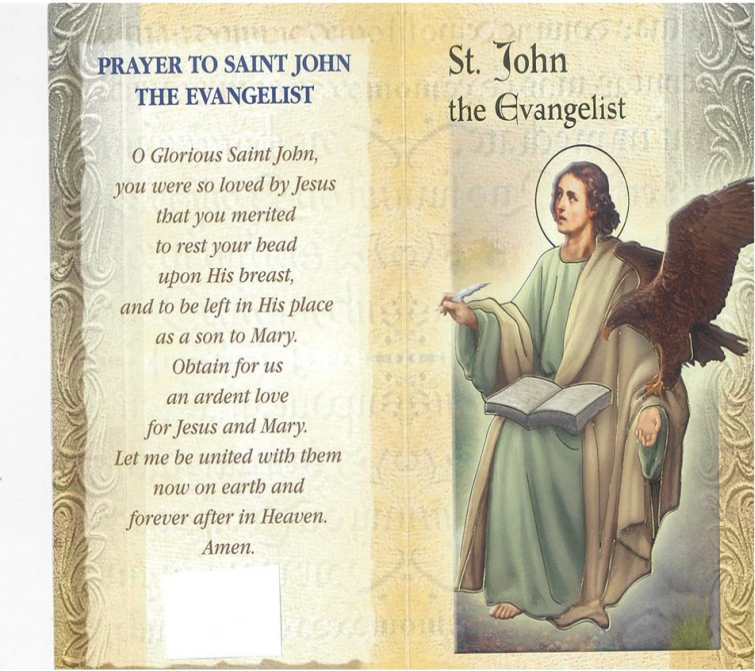
**Please respect the Blessed Eucharist.** Please receive the Eucharist on the tongue. If you still wish to take it in your hand, stay and consume it in front of the Priest or Eucharistic Minister. If you are a non-Catholic or a young child, you may receive a blessing instead. Please place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing.

 Please keep Fr Zakaria in your prayers as he recovers from surgery.  
May God Bless Fr Zakaria.

Our Parish would like to thank Fr Andrew, Fr Ted, Fr Kevin and Fr Lauro for assisting our Parish during the month of July. We would also like to thank our Parish volunteers who will spend some extra time at the Parish to help organise our church during this time.

**Masses & Feasts**  
Fri 11 July St Benedict

**Prayer to St John the Evangelist**



**Parish Notices**  
 *SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN! This Wednesday.....*  
**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** 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.

**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](mailto: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**

**Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal 24 and 25 May 2025-** for our Holy Spirit Seminarians. Thank you to those parishioners who donated. Or Parish raised \$3853 towards this appeal.

**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

**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, 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  
**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.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 6th July 2025—Sent Forth in Strength and Hope**  
Today we share in the celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday — a sacred moment for our Church to gather as one in the love of Christ. This year, we come together under the theme: “Sent Forth in Strength and Hope.” It is Christ who sends us — to walk together in faith, grounded in the deep spirituality and culture of First Nations Peoples, strengthened by the Gospel, and filled with hope for the future God is leading us into. Visit <https://www.naidoc.org.au> and see what events are taking place in your area.

**Acknowledgment of Country** *The St John's Catholic Parish of Riverstone acknowledges the Dharug people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.*

**Sacraments**

**Sacramental Program**  
Registrations are now closed for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Lesson1 Parent & Child is on Tuesday 22nd July at 7pm in the Galilee Room.  
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.