

Youth Group



St John's Parish Riverstone Youth Group

All school-aged children are invited to join us for an exciting and faith-filled time with friends, for fun activities that bring us closer to Jesus! Bring a friend and an open heart—we can't wait to see you there! The next Youth Group gathering and Christmas Party will be held on: **Friday 14th November 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.

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

<u>Sundays</u>	<u>Tuesdays</u>
10am - 12pm	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

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 8 th 6pm Week 2	L Canlas A Canlas	Sultana Family			S Nierves P Canlas	M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 9 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		A Perera	P Perera	None	Power Point	
Sun 9 th 9am	A Hoare	R Brown	J Teuma		K Amanda N Tsui	D Thomas	A Bramphen? L Fox	Nonoy & Tina	
Sun 12 th 10:30am	A Hoare	H Greedy (Neesha)	D Catig		J Sultana M Syme	S Nobleza	S Corben J Bugeja	Jenchris & Co	
Sat 15 th 6pm Week 3	L Canlas A Canlas	Sultana family	J Missio		L Canlas P Canlas	M Sultana	J Eroles	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 16 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		A Perera	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 16 th 9am	A Hoare	R Brown	D Catig		S Corben B Simon	S Yapa	A Delara L Fox	Raymond & Co	
Sun 16 th 10:30am	A Hoare	H Greedy	D Catig		I Sprem W Suri	L Bird	S Corben J Bugeja	Raymond & Co	

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have committed to their Ministry. If not available, please contact another parishioner or contact the Parish office.



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

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Mon –Fri

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9am-2pm

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9627-1176

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164 Garfield Rd East,
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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

9 November 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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***First** Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple thresh-old and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He meas-ured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thou-sand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river im-possible to cross. He then said, ‘Do you see, son of man?’ He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, ‘This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5*

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea.

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

The waters of a river give joy to God’s city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day.

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You are the temple of God.

You are God’s building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, no-body can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn’t you realise that you were God’s temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *2 Chronicles 7:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,
that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!

Gospel *John 2:13-22*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers’ coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, ‘Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father’s house into a market’. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, ‘What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?’ Jesus answered, ‘Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up’.

The Jews replied, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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The season of Advent is upon us.

In anticipation for the coming of Jesus, let us prepare our hearts through reflection and prayer. Join us! We will be holding **Parish Advent Reflection sessions** weekly commencing Saturday, November 29th 2025, at 10.00am in the Galilee Room. Please ring Shelly on 0421610826 or the Parish Office to register your interest.



All parishioners of St John’s Parish, Riverstone are encouraged to attend the combined Christmas Carols in the grounds of the St John’s Primary School, Riverstone on: **Thursday 4th December at 6pm.**

Masses & Feasts

Mon	10 Nov	Leo the Great
Tues	11 Nov	St Martin of Tours
Wed	12 Nov	St Josaphat

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

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.

Reminder: Youth Group Christmas Party this Friday 14th November at 6pm! You are welcome to bring your friends.

Help Needed—anyone who would like to share their free time to make our beautiful church clean and bright every fortnight on a Saturday at 10am? Please contact: Annie Ph 0449862318 Nneka Ph 0410670601

120 Year Celebration - We are now accepting new orders for plaques for our cross. Forms can be found in the foyer of the church. Please complete the form and return to the parish office. Thank you.

Parish Toilets—Please do not flush sanitary products, wet wipes, paper towels or tissues down the toilet. Only flush toilet paper down the toilet. Thank you.

Gods Word 2026 Piety store - \$24 per copy.

Return & Earn

St John’s Parish Return & Earn - every 2nd Sunday of the month. Our St John’s Parish Council requests that you bring your bottles and cans in a garbage bag. Please drop off your bag under the carport in the Parish Centre. Our Parish Council members will then Return and Earn with all monies going directly to the Riverstone Parish.



Next Collection - Sunday 14 December

If you bring any glass bottles, please pack separately in a cardboard box to avoid glass breaking. Please see picture. Thank you.

For the month of October the Parish earned \$49.70.

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.

Do you have a gift you can share with our Parish?

RCIA

Our Parish has 1 catechumen and 2 candidates for our RCIA program this year. We would like you to keep our catechumen and candidates in your prayers as they begin their journey to become Catholic.

Appeals

Bishop’s Christmas Appeal—22nd and 23rd November. Envelopes will be provided.

Prayers for our Community



November Mass Offerings

All masses during the month of November will be offered for those listed on the November envelopes. The List can be found during the month of November in the book on the lectern near the Altar.

Envelopes are still available in the porch.

Please note that the list will be updated once a week, during the month of November.

For those parishioners who are new to our Parish, please note that No Memorials or Anniversaries will be mentioned during any Masses during the month of November. Instead parishioners will keep all of the deceased names that are listed in the book in their prayers.

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, Helen Batih, Kerry Duffy, Theresa Bye, and those in our parish community.

Diocese of Parramatta

Annual Bishop Vincent Vatican II Lecture: 12 November (NOTE: CHANGE IN LOCATION) How does Vatican II continue to inform the work of becoming a synodal church? Recently back from meeting Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Vincent will unpack his annual lecture on Vatican II on Wednesday 12 November, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at St Patrick’s Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. Register for limited seating and share with others via <https://tr.ee/xzetr5kVl>- OR get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org
Wednesday 19 November: Creating a sense of welcome and belonging in our Parishes is always vital, but heading into the Advent and Christmas seasons we have a special opportunity to make a mission plan to welcome holiday guests, extended family and total newcomers to our Catholic communities. *Donnie Velasco* will share the best research and insights on creating belonging and resources for your community to use this year. Get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

Safeguarding

Saturday 15 November for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 10am to 3pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville.

Please register directly for 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

Sacraments

Sacramental Program - Confirmation

Lesson 3—Parent & Child
Tues 11th Nov at 7pm in the Galilee Room.

The Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration will be on Friday 21 November at 7pm at the Riverstone Parish.

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

Baptism Classes - The next Baptism Class:

Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 7pm in the Church Hall. There will be no class in January 2026.