

Youth



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 will be on:

Friday - 17th April at 6:30pm

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.

Eucharist 2028—Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the gift of your real presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Grant us the grace to receive you reverently, worship you truly and serve you with hearts renewed.

By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that as you gave yourself to the Father and to us, we too may offer our lives to God and to others.

Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need, especially the defenceless and homeless, the lonely and lost.

Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass, so that we may truly become what we have received, the Body of Christ.

Amen.

Ministry Roster April 2026

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 11 th 6pm Week 2	L Canlas A Canlas	Sultana Family			S Nierves P Canlas	M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	
Sun 12 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		A Perera	P Perera	None	Power Point	Team Wed
Sun 12 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		K Amanda N Tsui	D Thomas	V Sultana S Suri	Nonoy & Tina	
Sun 12 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy (Neesha)	D Catig		S Turaka Volunteer	S Nobleza	S Corben J Bugeja	Gel, Dennis & Co	
Sat 18 th 6pm Week 3	L Canlas A Canlas	Sultana family	J Missio		L Canlas P Canlas	M Sultana		Paul Sultana	
Sun 19 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		A Perera	P Perera	None	Power point	Team Wed
Sun 19 th 9am	A Hoare	R Brown	D Catig		S Corben B Simon	S Yapa	A Delara	Gel, Dennis & Co	
Sun 19 th 10:30am	A Hoare	H Greedy	D Catig		I Sprem W Suri	S Turaka	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.



Safeguarding

Training opportunities will be available throughout 2026 in our Parish (dates will be advertised) or surrounding Parishes. For more information, please email:

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Piety Store

For Sale at the Piety Store: God's Word 2026 \$24 each.

Columban Calendar 2026 \$10 each

Piety Store - Opening Hours

Sundays

10am - 12pm

Tuesdays

10am - 11am

Unfortunately, piety items are not available for purchase from the parish office.

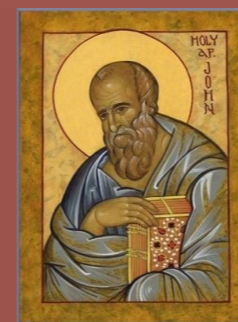
Friday Prayer Group

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
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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

12 April 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Year A

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.*

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.*

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising
Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who
in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by
raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure
hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be
spoiled or soiled and never fade away, because it is being
kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's
power will guard you until the salvation which has been
prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of
great joy for you, even though you may for a short time
have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that,
when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been
tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than
gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by
fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour.
You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without
seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious
that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you
are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that
is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.
In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week,
the doors were closed in the room where the disciples
were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among
them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed
them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with
joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,
'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'
After saying this he breathed
on them and said, 'For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was
not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said,
'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the
holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my
finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my
hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later
the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was
with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and
stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he
spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my
hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no
longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my
God!' Jesus said to him:
'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the
disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book.
These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is
the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you
may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Fr Zakaria, Fr Andrew, Deacon Michael and our Parishioners
would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers
who generously gave their time and effort to support our
Parish throughout Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday.
Your dedication and service are deeply appreciated.
*We would like to thank the gardeners, Church cleaners,
Church preparation volunteers, Liturgical teams, lap top
operators, Choirs and all of our parishioners who helped
during this Easter season.*

St John's Easter Raffle - thank you to all parishioners who
supported our Parish buying the raffle tickets.
Congratulations to the Winners!

1st D61 Blue Anika Ko 3rd G21 Red Mik
2nd G96 Red Jane 4th D42 Apricot Cristy Lapog

Masses & Feasts

Sat 25 April 8:30am Anzac Day Mass

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

**The ST JOHN'S EAGLES INDOOR SOCCER ROUND
ROBIN** was held on Wednesday. The children had a great gala day,
having a lot of fun! We would like to thank the Filipovic family for
running this day and for the parents who helped on the day.

Thank you to the generous parishioners who have
supported our Parish for the past year, using the
Weekly Giving Envelopes. The new boxes of Envelopes
for 2026/2027 are available to be collected from the
church foyer of the Church, awaiting your collection,
from Saturday 28th March. If you are interested in giving
to our Parish, using envelopes, please contact the Parish
Office.

Easter Offering Envelopes - thank you to our generous
parishioners who donated towards our Parish during
Easter.

There will be a **Commissioning Mass at our Parish** for
SRE's and Sacrament Coordinators on Sunday 19th April
at the 10:30am Mass.

SRE Meeting: Could all SRE's attend an SRE Meeting on
Monday 20th April at 10am in the hall.

120 Year Celebration - The front of the cross has enough
space for 28 more plaques. We encourage parishioners to fill
out a form as our Parish will place another order later in the
year.


Gluten free hosts are available for those who wish to
receive Holy Communion. Please arrange with the Priest
before Mass .

Please join Deacon Dr Michael Tan for the **Healthcare
Ministries Formation and Support Mass** at Our Lady of the
Angels Parish, Rouse Hill on the 4th Sunday, 26th April, com-
mencing at 5:30 p.m. Afternoon tea before the Mass from 4 p.m.
to 5 p.m.


My Life in Christ -Adult Faith Formation Program

Come and join our parish's **adult faith formation**
program! It's free and will be held fortnightly. The
program continues on **Saturday, 18th April, at 10am** in
the church hall. The topic for this session is *Liturgy-
Meaning, Signs & Symbols*. Everyone welcome!

Return & Earn

 **St John's Parish Return & Earn - every 2nd
Sunday of the month.** 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 Day - today, Sunday 12 April 2026
If you bring any glass bottles, please pack separately in
a cardboard box - 6 per box.


Appeals

 This Lent, we are called to *Unite
Against Poverty* through Caritas
Australia's **Project Compassion**.
Please return the boxes and donations by Mon 13 April.

Good Friday Holy Land Collection thank you for your
generous donations for this appeal.

Diocese of Parramatta– The First Appeal for 2026 will
take place on 9th May. Envelopes will be provided.

Prayers for our Community

 **Deceased Mass Offerings** -
All Souls, All Souls in Purgatory, Forgotten Souls
in Purgatory, John & Rosy Attard, Philip Azzopardi,
Br Joe Byrne, Anthony Buttigieg, Sam Bugeja,
Alex Calleja, John Cannata, John Grima, Alan Hoare,
Matthew Faumui, Maureen Muccillo, Joseph Sant, Zeno
Sartori, Peter Shipley, Joseph Sultana, Chris, John,
Maryann Sultana & Sultana family, John, Michael,
Angelo Clementina & Leanne Sultana & Sultana family,
Maria & Nicholas Gatt, John (Jim) Galea, Joseph Jack
Sultana, Michael Agius, Zane Belista, Stella George,
Attard family, Spiteri family, Loreto Azzopardi,
Francisco Alvarez Eugenio, James D'Souza, Nunziato
Orlando & Orlando family, Domenico & Maria Procopio &
Procopio family, Silvana Maiolo, Tomas Ferino Sr,
Guillermo Ramirez, Romeo Masangkay, Mariano Ferino,
Lynette Barnes, Charlie & Grace Vella, Jessie Zammit.

For those who are sick:

Especially Adrian Bugeja, Carlos & Frances Saliba, Maria
Pisto, Tony & Freda Attard, Margaret Galea, Belinda
Grgic, Dominic & Angela Schembri, John & Janice
Padernia, Helen Batih, Kerry Duffy, Theresa Bye,
Antonietta Arbolino, Michael Burke, Vanessa Thomas,
Rita & Domink & family and those in our parish
community.

Events at our Parish.....

Riverstone Festival on Saturday 9th May. NO march this
year. Helpers needed for our information stand.
Please place your name on the clipboard in the church
foyer. Thankyou to those who have already offered to help.
Pentecost Sunday - 24th May— more details to come.

Divine Mercy

**All Parishioners are invited to attend our
Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration today.**

2.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine
Mercy Chaplet and Reflection time

3:00pm 3 o'clock prayer followed immediately by the Holy
Sacrifice of the Mass

Afternoon tea will be available at the conclusion of Mass

Parish Centre & Church Restoration

Thank to our generous parishioners who donated towards our
Church Restoration. A big thanks to the team who continue to
work tirelessly for our new Parish Centre.

Church Restoration: More stabilisation work on the church was
completed during the week. We thank our Parish Team for their
time supervising and organising these works.

Sacraments

Sacramental Program -

The first Sacrament for 2026 is Reconciliation.
Please register by the 5th May 2026.

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

Baptism Classes -

The next Baptism Class:
Tuesday 5 May 2026 at 7pm in the Church Hall.