

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 gathering on

Friday - 19 June 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.

Safeguarding Sunday Prayer

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required. We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

Parish Centre and Church Maintenance

Work to complete the boundary fence on Bellevue Road continues.

Volunteer Ministry Roster May/June 2026

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 30 th 6pm Week 5	L Canlas A Canlas	Sultana family	J Missio		I Sprem		J Eroles	P Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 31 st 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		M Evans	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 31 st 9am	A Hoare	R Brown	D Caig		C Wickman Volunteer	C Sherry	L Fox A Delara	Nonoy & Tina	
Sun 31 st 10:30am	A Hoare	H Greedy	D Catig		D Gorkic S Suri	Volunteer	S Corben J Bugeja	Raymond and Co	
Sat 6 th Vigil 6pm Week 1	L Canlas A Canlas	Sultana family	J Missio	M Sultana	L Canlas P Canlas	M Sultana	A Delara	Jenchriss & Co	Team Wed
Sun 7 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni	V Bonnici F Bonnici	A Perera	P Perera	None	Power Point	
Sun 7 th 9am	A Hoare	R Brown	J Teuma	P Tsui N Tsui	V Sultana L Fernandez	G Fernandez	S Yapa S Brown	San Pedro Calungsod	
Sun 7 th 10:30am	A Hoare	H Greedy	D Catig	S Nobleza	I Sprem D Gorkic	S Suri	S Corben J Bugeja	Raymond & Co	

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have committed to their Ministry.

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

Acknowledgement and Recognition of Survivors of Abuse

The Diocese of Parramatta offers its unreserved and deepest apologies to survivors of abuse and their families.

In all our works, ministries and activities, we respond to the call of the Gospel to protect those who are vulnerable.

We are committed to ensuring all children and adults are safe, respected, protected and supported whilst in our care.

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

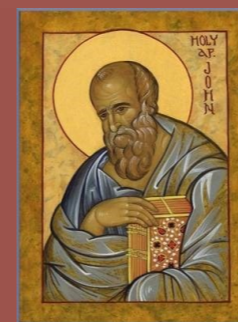
Unfortunately, piety items are not available for purchase from the parish office.

Friday Prayer Group

Christ Catholic Community (CCC) Prayer Group

Fridays 10am

Please contact Mary Camilleri Ph 0403116987 if you would like any further information.



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 - 12pm and 12:30pm - 2:30pm
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Email: stjohs10@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

31 May 2026

The Most Holy Trinity Year A

First Reading Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name.

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest who gaze into the depths.
Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.
Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Apocalypse 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel John 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son to save the world through him. Jesus said to Nicodemus,

‘God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Safe Parishes Week 1 June - 7 June 2026

Safeguarding is a whole of Parish responsibility. We commit to fostering a culture of safety, respect and accountability where the rights and voices of children and adults, especially of those adults who may be at risk are valued.

We commit to the acceptable behaviours and standards outlined in our Code of Conduct Policy.

Please see our bulletin, noticeboard, church foyer and for the Parramatta Way Poster and various safeguarding signs, that are posted around our Parish Grounds.

Our Safeguarding Prayer is printed on the back of the Bulletin.

This coming week, the Diocese of Parramatta celebrates **Safe Parishes Week 2026.**

We have been celebrating Safe Parishes Week over the past 5 years.

The Office for Safeguarding Parramatta would like to thank the Clergy, Parish Office staff, Safeguarding Champions and all volunteers in ministry who have worked to embed safe practices across each Parish. The work that has been done over the past five years has prepared us well for the upcoming Safeguarding Audit.

Please keep all Parishes in your prayers as they make preparations to showcase ‘The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding’.

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.

Masses and Feasts

Mon 01 June St Justin - 8:30am Communion Service

Wed 03 June Sts Charles Lwanga & companions

Fri 05 St Boniface

First Friday Mass 7:30pm

Sat 06 June Anointing Mass 8:30am

Fri 12 June Sacred Heart Mass 8:30am

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

Our Parish **Pentecost Celebration** was held last Sunday. We were blessed to have the Very Rev Peter G. Williams AM. celebrate the Mass with us and we would like to thank him, along with Fr Zakaria and Fr Andrew for a lovely Mass. We would also like to thank our special guest, Mr Warren Kirby MP - Member for Riverstone. Our heartfelt thanks to the Pentecost Committee, who worked tirelessly to make this celebration a success. Thank you to those who cleaned and gardens to make our grounds look fabulous. Thank you to the helpers on the day, those that marched with the flags, the music ministry, the liturgical ministry, attendants for our church, Parish Centre and carpark and to all those who worked behind the scenes. Thank you to the ladies who made and prepared the lovely food. We would also like to thank the two ladies who supplied the salads and desserts! Also to the BBQ cooks—they cooked lunch to perfection! Thank you to all our parishioners who came together to receive the Holy Spirit at this special celebration for our Riverstone Parish!

All are welcome to attend the next **Parish Council Meeting** on Wednesday, 3rd June at 7pm in the hall. If you are new to the Parish, we welcome you to hear and discuss what is happening in our Parish. We also encourage those parishioners who have been part of our Parish for a long time, to come along to this meeting!


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

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, 13 June, at 10am** in the church hall. The topic for this session is **The Sacraments—in General and the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.** 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 - Sunday 14 June 2026** If you bring any glass bottles, please pack separately in a cardboard box - 6 per box.

Appeals

Diocese of Parramatta— 23 & 24 May: The Bishop’s Good Works Appeal for Parramatta Catholic Foundation. Supports the Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your generosity provides education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they answer God’s Call. Please place your envelope in any of the collection plates during Mass.

Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion - thank you.

Prayers for our Community

Deceased Mass Offerings -

All Souls, All Souls in Purgatory (2), 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, Harriot Perera, Joseph Tabone, Mary Bigeni, Crescencia Cardoza, Bellarmine Derosé, Michelle Muscat, Anthony Dsouza, Flora Dsouza, Adrian Margetson, Zane Belista, Peter Bonnici, Mary Muinde Tithe. Felix Ochieze, Charles Vella & family, Natale Zappia, Giovanna. Gregorio & Katerina Zappia and Larsen Gajitos

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, Rita & Domink & family, Jenny Gannon, Natalie Love, Maurena Drury, Elisabeth Juliawah Santoso, Matthew Hope and those in our parish community.

Safeguarding

Documents	What is next?
WWCC notification form (including) code of conduct (for child-related ministries) <i>Including SRE, Children’s Liturgy, Youth Group, Acolytes, Indoor Soccer, Sacrament Teams, RCLA Team, Parish Manager, Parish Staff, Eucharistic Ministers,</i>	Volunteers (working in child-related ministries) please read and complete the ‘WWCC notification form’. Email or deliver completed form to your coordinator or the Parish Office. <i>Please see forms in the folder with the Pink Heading</i>
Acknowledgement of Code of Conduct (for non-child related ministries) <i>Including Readers, Prayer of Faithful, Choirs, Cleaners, Gardeners, Laptop Preparation, Laptop Operators, Parish Council Members, Parish Finance Council Members</i>	Volunteers (working in non-child related ministries) to read and complete the ‘acknowledgment code of conduct’ form. Email or deliver completed form to your coordinator or the Parish Office. <i>Please see forms in the folder with the Green Heading.</i>

Reminder: All volunteers at our Parish will need to complete only one of the above forms. Forms can be found in the Church foyer. Thank you to those who have returned their form. Face to Face Training in our Parish will take place later in the year.

For more information:

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Sacraments

Sacramental Program -

Lesson 3 - Parent & Child - Tuesday 2nd June at 7pm in the Galilee Room.

Celebration of Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday 11th June at 6pm

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

Baptism Classes -

The next Baptism Class:

Tuesday 2 June 2026 at 7pm in the Church Hall.