

Youth

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 June 2026

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 13 th 6pm Week 2	L Canlas A Canlas	Sultana Family			S Nierves P Canlas	M Sultana	L Canlas	P Sultana	
Sun 14 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		A Perera	P Perera	None	Power Point	Team Wed
Sun 14 th 9am	S Brown	R Brown	J Teuma		R Cannalire N Tsui	D Thomas	V Sultana S Suri	Nonoy & Tina	
Sun 14 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy (Neesha)	D Catig		S Turaka Volunteer	S Nobleza	S Corben J Bugeja	Gel, Dennis & Co	
Sat 20 th 6pm Week 3	L Canlas A Canlas	Sultana family	J Missio		L Canlas P Canlas	M Sultana	J Eroles	P Sultana	
Sun 21 st 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		A Perera	P Perera	None	Power point	Team Wed
Sun 21 st 9am	A Hoare	R Brown	D Catig		S Corben B Simon	S Yapa	L Fox A Delara	Gel, Dennis & Co	
Sun 21 st 10:30am	A Hoare	H Greedy	D Catig		I Sprem W Suri	S Turaka	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

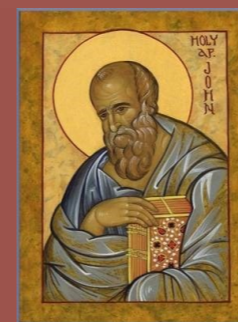
Unfortunately, piety items are not available for purchase from the parish office.

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 Office: Mon - Fri

Hours: 9am - 12pm and 12:30pm - 2:30pm

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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

14 June 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading Exodus 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading *Romans 5:6-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God’s anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Mark 1:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 9:36 – 10:8*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.’

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

‘Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus

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Please respect the Blessed Eucharist

It is the true Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ present in the Sacred Host. So please receive the Eucharist on the tongue. If you still wish to take the Eucharist 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.

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

Through the **Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network’s “Pray with the Pope”** campaign, the Pope invites the faithful and people of goodwill to join him each month in praying for the intentions he carries in his heart. In June we pray with the Pope for the Values of Sports.

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.

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 & Feasts

Fri 3 July 7:30pm First Friday Mass

Sat 4 July 8:30am Anointing 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

St John’s Parish Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser

Sunday 28th June

After the 7am, 9am and 10:30am Masses

\$5 for 2 pancakes, maple syrup and ice cream

Enjoy a delicious breakfast after Mass, with money raised, being allocated into our Fund Raiser account.

ST JOHN’S EAGLES INDOOR SOCCER ROUND

ROBIN - INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, Corner Hamilton St and Garfield Rd, Riverstone

Wednesday 8 July 2025 9.30am -2.30pm

Open to boys and girls aged 5-16

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. *Tell your friends and bring them along* Please take a flyer from the church foyer which contains more information.

The **Catholic Medical Association** is hosting a mini-expo on 12th September on what it is to be a Catholic GP in today's world, that will also respond to the question, 'how can I find a Catholic GP?' Time and Location to be confirmed soon.

Save the Date.....

St John the Evangelist Feast Day Celebration

Sunday 29th November 2026

10:30am Mass followed by the feast day celebration at the Parish Centre.

The Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD from the Diocese of Parramatta will be the main celebrant at this 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, 27 June, at 10am** in the church hall. The topic for this session is The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. 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.

Collection Day Today - Sunday 14 June 2026

If you bring any glass bottles, please pack separately in a cardboard box - 6 per box.

Appeals

Diocese of Parramatta– Thank you for supporting the Bishop’s Good Works Appeal - supporting Holy Spirit Seminary and helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead.

Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion - Thank you to our generous parishioners. Because of your compassion, our parish has raised \$5096.40 towards this appeal. Thank you to St John’s Primary, Riverstone who donated \$92 towards this total. If you requested a receipt, please check the church foyer for your name on an envelope in the box. If you made a donation using your credit card, Caritas will directly issue you a receipt.

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, Mary Muinde Tithe, Harriot Perera, Crescencia Cardoza, Anthony Dsouza, Flora Dsouza, Adrian Margetson, Zane Belista, Peter Bonnici, Felix Ochieze, Charles Vella & family, Natale Zappia, Giovanna. Gregorio & Katerina Zappia and Larsen Gajitos , Antonio Mattioli, Helen Bonnici, Aurea Reyes, Annamma Varkey, Joseph (Peppi) Sultana, John Joseph.

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 Paderia, Helen Batih, Kerry Duffy, Theresa Bye, Antonietta Arbolino, Rita & Domink & family, Jenny Gannon, Natalie Love, Maureena 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, RCIA 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 from the Church foyer. For more information: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Sacraments

Sacramental Program -

Congratulations to the children and their families who attended the Celebration of Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday night. We would like to thank Fr Zakaria and the assisting priests, Fr Oliver, Fr Raning, Fr Raymond and Fr Abraham, along with the Sacramental Team, helpers and the parents. A special thanks to the ladies who organised and prepared the lovely supper for the priests.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will begin in July. Please register by 3rd July.

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

Baptism Classes -

The next Baptism Class:
Tuesday 7th July 2026 at 7pm in the Church Hall.