

## Youth

### St John's Parish Riverstone Youth Group

The last Youth Group was a success. We would like to thank our Youth Group Coordinators—The Eroles family, the YFC and the parent helpers. All school aged children are invited to attend the next gathering on:

**\*Friday - 24 July 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 20 <sup>th</sup> 6pm <b>Week 3</b>	L Canlas A Canlas	Sultana family	J Missio		L Canlas P Canlas	M Sultana	J Eroles	P Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> 7am	Volunteer				A Perera	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> 9am	A Hoare	R Brown	D Catig		S Corben B Simon	S Yapa	L Fox A Delara	Gel, Dennis & Co	
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> 10:30am	A Hoare	H Greedy	D Catig		I Sprem W Suri	S Turaka	S Corben J Bugeja	Raymond & Co	
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> 6pm <b>Week 4</b>	L Canlas A Canlas	Sultana family	J Missio		S Nieves L Canlas	M Sultana	R Edwards	P Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> 7am	Volunteer				M Evans	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> 9am	S Brown	R Brown	J Teuma		E Abendan J Boemi	A Samuel	P Manswe-to S Brown	Rondalla Choir	
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	A Hoare	H Greedy	D Catig		S Nebleza N D'Souza	D Gorkic	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

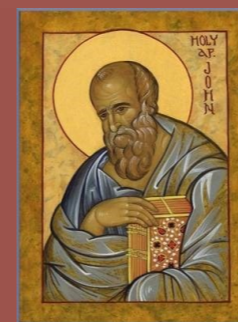
Unfortunately, piety items are not available for purchase from the parish office.

## 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

**Phone:** 9627-1176

**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

21 June 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

*First Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.*

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!"

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure;

everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart,

let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God*

*Responsorial Psalm Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14*

*(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face,

that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons.

I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me.

*Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me.

*Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures.

*Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

**Second Reading** *Romans 5:12-15*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.*  
Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Acclamation** *John 15:26. 27*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,  
and you also will be my witnesses.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Matthew 10:26-33*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Do not fear those who can kill the body.*  
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus*

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



The Parishioners of St John's send **Fr Zakaria our warmest blessings, as he takes a well-deserved holiday.**

We pray that God grants Fr Zakaria, a safe journey, restful days and a deeply renewing holiday. Fr Zakaria will return to the Parish on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

We are blessed to have Fr Andrew and Fr Raning officiate our Masses during this time. Deacon Michael will lead our Communion Services on each Monday and Tuesday whilst Fr Zakaria is away.

**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**

- Mon 22 June Sts John Fisher & Thomas More
- Wed 24 June The Nativity of St John the Baptist
- Mon 29 June Sts Peter & Paul  
8:30am Communion Service
- 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Vinnies Winter Appeal - 18th and 19th July 2026**  
Please support Vinnies by placing your monetary donations in the buckets held by our Vinnies Representatives, before and after each Mass. There will also be envelopes available for your credit card donations.

**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.

**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.

**Next Collection Day - Sunday 12th July 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. Thank you to our very generous parishioners who raised \$4002 for this appeal.

**Peter's Pence Collection**

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father will be held on **Saturday 27 June and Sunday 28 June 2026**. Every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world. Please donate generously via a third collection during mass .

**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, Zane Belista, Felix Ochize, Charles Vella & family, Natale Zappia, Giovanna. Gregorio & Katerina Zappia, Larsen Gajitos , Antonio Mattioli, Helen Bonnici, Aurea Reyes, Annamma Varkey, Joseph (Peppi) Sultana, John Joseph, Charlie & Grace Vella, Stephen John Holmes, Nazzareno Abela

**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, Maureena Drury, Elisabeth Juliawah Santoso, Matthew Hope, Clare and those in our parish community.

**Safeguarding**

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

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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

**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.

**Sacraments**

**Sacramental Program** -

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.