

Youth Group

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St John's Parish Riverstone Youth Group



All school-aged children are invited to attend Youth Group at our Parish!

Please bring your child along for a great night! They are most welcome to bring a friend!

Friday - 21st August 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., nor can we take them to a currency converter as they do not accept

NEW EFTPOS MACHINES FOR COLLECTIONS DURING MASS

For your convenience, as of September, our Parish will have the EFTPOS machines available for you to tap & go during each collection. The machine will be handed out during the mass collection and we ask you to pass them along. We will still continue with our collection plates for notes and coins.

Acts of Service

We require two people, 16 yrs or older, for each weekend Mass. To assist our collections, you will need to follow the EFTPOS machine, during both collections during the Mass. If there are quite a number of people willing to help, we could create a roster. Please leave your details on the clipboard in the church foyer, if you are willing to help.

Volunteer Ministry Roster August 2026									
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	J Missio		S Nierves P Canlas	M Sultana	L Canlas	P Sultana	
Sun 9 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		A Perera	P Perera	None	Power Point	Team Wed
Sun 9 th 9am	S Brown	R Brown	J Teuma		K Amanda N Tsui	D Thomas	V Sultana S Suri	Nonoy & Tina	
Sun 9 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy or N D'Souza	D Catig		S Turaka A D'Souza	S Nobleza	S Corben J Bugeja		
Sat 15 th 6pm Week 3	L Canlas A Canlas	Sultana family	J Missio		L Canlas P Canlas	M Sultana	J Eroles	P Sultana	
Sun 16 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		A Perera	P Perera	None	Power point	Team Wed
Sun 16 th 9am	A Hoare	R Brown	J Teuma		S Corben B Simon	S Yapa	A Delara	Gel, Dennis & Co	
Sun 16 th 10:30am	A Hoare	H Greedy	R Cannalire		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.

Seeking your help on our Feast Day

St John the Evangelist Feast Day Celebration

10:30am

Mass Sunday 29th November 2026 with The Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Cony DD followed by the feast day celebration at the Parish Centre.

Assistance by individuals or families will be needed on this day. Please leave your details in the church foyer on the clipboard. Roles include BBQ, Set up chairs,

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

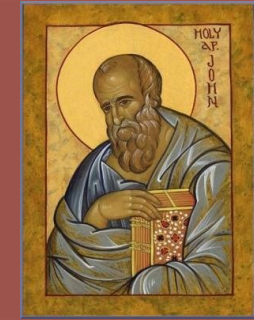
Unfortunately, piety items are not available for purchase from the parish office.

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

9 August 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.’ Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading *Romans 9:1-5*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people. What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Psalms 129:5*

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 14:22-33*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. ‘It is a ghost’ they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, ‘Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.’ It was Peter who answered. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.’ ‘Come’ said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. ‘Lord! Save me!’ he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. ‘Man of little faith,’ he said ‘why did you doubt?’ And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, ‘Truly, you are the Son of God.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Mass Intentions - A kind reminder... Mass Intentions cannot be mentioned on a Monday at 8:30am as this is a Communion Service only. Also, no Mass Intentions can be requested for a Sunday, as this is a day of worship. Please select any of the following Masses for your Mass Intention: Saturday Mass 8:30am or Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm. Masses 8:30am, - Tuesday to Friday. First Friday of the Month Mass at 7:30pm. Please remember that your Mass Intention Envelope will need to be received by the Parish Office by Tuesday morning to be included in the bulletin and power point for the coming weekend. Thank you and God Bless.

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	10 Aug	St Lawrence		
Tues	11 Aug	St Clare		
Fri	14 Aug	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe		
Sat	15 Aug	8:30am The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
Sat	22 Aug	Vigil 6pm and Sun 23 Aug 7am,9am & 11am		

Reminder: The First Holy Communion Celebration will be during the 6pm Vigil, 9am & 11am Masses on 22nd and 23rd August

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

Liturgy and Volunteer Meeting Feast Day
Saturday 19th September at 10am in the hall.

Could all liturgical, including choirs attend this meeting to discuss the 10:30am Mass for our Feast Day on the 29th November. We would also like to invite any parishioners, who are willing to help on the day. Helpers are required for food, setting/packing up chairs and tables, BBQ, decorations etc. Please place your name on the clipboard in the church foyer.

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

120 Year Celebration - The front of the cross has enough space for 25 more plaques. We encourage parishioners to fill out a form as our Parish will place another order later in the year.

World Youth Day 2027 Launch August 12
Wednesday, 12 August at Nagle College, Blacktown (58a Orwell Street, Blacktown) Doors open: 6:30 pm
Register now: WYD27 Launch Night (12 August)
Diocese of Parramatta.

Picnic Day - Let’s Meet the Families
TODAY—Sunday, 9th August 11am—2pm
Young families with children from our Parish are invited to meet for a picnic at Rouse Hill Regional Park, Worcester Road, Rouse Hill. Lower carpark over the hill. Please bring your own picnic lunch and lots of water.
For any information on the day please phone: Lucia Ph 0400347653.

Recently, there has been various **stickers** stuck on a number of pews and also, the church floor. Could you please check that your child has not left any stickers around the area where you sit during Mass? Stickers can damage the lacquer on our beautiful pews and floor. Thank you for you assistance.

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, 22 August at 10am** in the church hall. The topic for this session is *How to Grow in our Christian Life*. 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 9th August 2026
If you bring any glass bottles, please pack separately in a cardboard box - 6 per box.

Appeals

The **Bishop’s Father’s Day Appeal** for the Clergy Support Foundation will run across four weekends, from **29–30 August to 19–20 September 2026**. Our Parish will have a 3rd Collection on the 29th and 30th August. Envelopes will be available on this weekend as well as the other three weekends. Please support our Clergy.

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, Emmanuel Bill Baker, Raymond Baker, Joan Patricia Glover, Stephen Donovan, Jozo Nujic, Frank Baiada, Cresendcia Cardoza, Bellarmine Deroose, Daisy Varghese, Helen Batih, Joseph Magro, Cathrine & Rex Kodippiy, Fr Eugene Stockton, Nunziato Orlando & family, Silvana & Domenico Procopio, Maria Procopio & Circosta family.

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, Kerry Duffy, Theresa Bye, Antonietta Arbolino, Rita & Domink & family, Natalie Love, Maureena Drury, Elisabeth Juliawah Santoso, Matthew Hope, Clare, Margaret Attard, Carol Petro and those in our parish community.

Please pray for our retired Parish Priest
Fr Eugene Stockton

Who passed away peacefully on Wednesday at Buckland Aged Care in Springwood. He was 91 Years Old.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday 14 August 2026 at 11am at St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood.

Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network - Pray with the Pope:
August: For evangelisation in the city
Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Parish Centre

Final works have been completed to the Bellevue Rd fence. Work for the interior furnishings for the Parish Centre continues.

Sacraments

Sacramental Program -
Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Lesson 4
Parent & Child - Tuesday 11 August at 7pm.
The Celebration Mass will be on Saturday 22 August 6pm and Sunday 23 August at 9am and 11am.

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

Baptism Classes -
The next Baptism Class:
Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7pm in the Church Hall.