



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 O

Credit Card Donations OR

Collection Plates at Mass

QR Code for payments directly to the Riverstone Parish - please enter your name & description.

Pray with the Pope.....

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network - Pray with the Pope - October: For mental health ministry Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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PIETY STORE

For Sale at the Piety Store: God's Word 2027 \$24 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

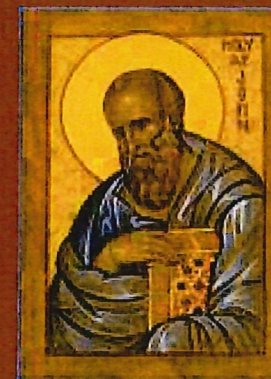
Please contact Mary Camilleri Ph 0403116987 if you would like any further information.

Volunteer Ministry Roster Oct/Nov 2026

Counters: A Hoare, J Shipley & V Sultana

Date	Welcomers	Mass Coordinator	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Powerpoint	Cleaners
Sat 24TH 6PM	L Canlas		J Missio		S Bonnici	M Sultana	R Edwards	Blessed Music	
WEEK 4	A Canlas				C Dony			Ministry	
Sun 25th	volunteer	R Bigini	R Bigeni		M Evans	P Perera	None	Powerpoint	Team
7am									Wed
Sun 25th	S Brown	R Brown	R Cannalire		E Abenden	A Samuel	J Sullivan	Rondall Choir	
9am					J Boemi		S Brown		
Sun 25th	A Hoare	H Greedy	D Catig		S Nobleza	D Gorkic	S Corben	Raymond & Co	
10:30am					N D'Souza		J Bugeja		
Sat	L Canlas	Sultana	J Missio	M Sultana	L Canlas	M Sultana	A Delafa	Paul	Team
31st Oct	A Canlas	Family			P Canlas			Sultana	Wed
WEEK 1									
Sun 1st Nov	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni	V Bonnici	A Perera	P Perera	None	Powerpoint	
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9am					P Tsui				
Sun 1st Nov	A Hoare	H Greedy	R Cannalire	N Tsui	L Fernandez		R Brown		
10:30am				S Nobleza	D Gorkic	S Suri	J Bugeja	Raymond & Co	
							S Corben		

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church Riverstone



A spiritual home for the community offering hope and hope 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

25th October 2026 Year A

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans."

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him."

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

Response. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
 my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
 My God is the rock where I take refuge;
 my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
 The Lord is worthy of all praise:
 when I call I am saved from my foes.

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Jesus Christ

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

Eucharistic 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.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST FEAST DAY

Sunday 29th November – 10:30am Mass with the main celebrant Bishop Vincent Long. This will be followed by celebrations at the Parish Centre including a lunch. Sausage Sizzle/Green Salad Combo \$5 and Pancakes/Maple Syrup/Icecream \$5. Bring your family and friends to our Feast Day!

NEXT MEETING: Saturday 31st October, 9:30am in the Hall. All welcome.

Masses and Feasts

Wed 28 October Sts Simon & Jude

Sun 1 November All Saints Mass 7am, 9am & 10:30am

Mon 2 November All Souls Masses 8:30am & 7:30pm

Fri 6 November 7:30pm First Friday Mass

Sat 7 November 8:30am Anointing Mass

St John the Evangelist Prayer

Oh God, who through 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 would like to thank Fr Andrew, Fr Bartholomew, Fr Kevin and Fr Wim, who will celebrate Masses with us, whilst Fr Zakaria is on leave. May God bless you.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Mod 6 (the next step of training for those parishioners who attended our Riverstone Face-to-face training a few years ago) Completing this module will keep your Safeguarding up-to-date! Place: St Johns Parish, Riverstone When: 11th November 2026 Time: 10am - 12 pm RSVP: Our Parish Office or place your name on the attendance sheet in the Church foyer.

Volunteer Needed – PowerPoint Laptop Coordinator. We are seeking a volunteer to coordinate a small group of volunteers who upload the power point to our laptop. The roster is a monthly cycle. If you can assist, please contact Melissa in the Parish office.

120 Year Celebration Cross - We encourage parishioners to fill out a form. Our Parish will place another order later in the year.

PARISH'S ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Come and join our parish's adult faith formation program! It's free! The program continues on Saturday, 31st October at 10am in the church hall.

The topic for this session is Heaven, Purgatory and Hell. Everyone welcome!



November Mass Offerings

All masses during the month of November will be offered for those listed on the November envelopes. No deceased names will be placed in the bulletin or on the power point. The List can be found during the month of November on the lectern near the Altar. Envelopes are now available in the porch. Please, CLEARLY write each name that you would like to be included in the book, on the envelope, enclose your donation and then place the envelope in either of the collection plates during any Mass. For those parishioners who are new to our Parish, please note that No Memorials or Anniversaries will be mentioned during any Masses in the month of November. Instead parishioners will keep all of the deceased names that are listed in the book in their prayers for the whole month of November.

If you offer an envelope during the month of November, please note that the list will be updated once a week. Thank you for your understanding.



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, Fr Eugene Stockton, Mary Muinde Tithe, Nunziato Orlando & family, Silvana & Domenico Procopio, Maria Procopio & Circosta family, Charles Vella, Victor Gatt, Angelo Attard, Anton Grgic, Anton Prsa, Anton Bicanic, Fraternidad Ramirez, Flora Ferino, Tess F.Rehac, Dr Mario Romero, Catherine & Rex Kodippily, Carmen, Zane Belista, Leli Sammut, Antonio Mattioli, Joseph Job Vanchikal, Dominka Vella, Harriot & Michael Perera, Frank & Pauline Refalo, Rob Venzer Edwards, Stephen John Holmes, Dr Mario Romero, Gundelina Annunciacion,

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, Kate Lapsuks, Dianne Lazatin, and those in our parish community.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Sacrament of Confirmation

Enrolment Mass Sunday 25 October 9am and 10:30am

Lesson 2 Parent & Child Tues 27 October at 7pm in the Galilee Room.

BAPTISM CLASSES

The next Baptism Class for 2026:

Tuesday 3rd November at 7pm in the Church Hall

PARISH CENTRE

Work for the interior furnishings and communication systems for the Parish Centre continues.

APPEALS

7–8 November to 12–13 December 2026 -The Bishop's Good Works Appeal for 2026 will support Catholic Care's Houses to Homes program. Helping young mothers and their children who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or escaping violence find safe accommodation and the support they need to begin again. As a reminder, funds raised through this appeal contribute towards our parish quota. Envelopes will be provided.

The Catholic Mission Appeal took place in our Parish earlier this month. Thank you to our generous parishioners who raised \$3199 towards this appeal.