YOUTH GROUP

St John's Parish Riverstone Youth Group

All school-aged children are invited! Bring a friend and an open heart— to the next Youth Group gathering and Christmas Party.
We can't wait to see you there!

Friday - 27th November at 6:30pm

Collection Plates

The First Church Collections plus donations from Marriages, Baptisms and Funerals go directly towards supporting the various ministries within the Diocese of Parramatta, uncluding the priests' salary.

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, electricity & water.

Foreign Coins - Please respect that no foreign coins are to be placed in the collection plates

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP

Christ Catholic Community (CCC) Prayer Group
Fridays 10am
Please contact Mary Camilleri Ph 0403116987 if you would like any further information.

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…..

NOVEMBER - For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

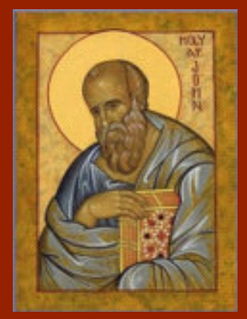
PIETY STORE

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.

Volunteer Ministry Roster Oct/November 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 31Oct Vigil 6pm	L Canlas A Canlas	Sultana family	J Missio	M Sultana	L Canlas P Canlas	M Sultana	A Delara	Paul Sultana	
Sun 1st Nov 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni	V Bonnici E Bonnici	A Perera	P Perera	None	Power Point	Team Wed
Sun 1st Nov 9am	A Hoare	R Brown	J Teuma	P Tsui N Tsui	V Sultana L Ferandez	G Fernandez	S Yapa R Brown	San Pedro Calungsod	
Sun 1st Nov 10:30am	A Hoare	H Greedy	R Cannalire	S Nobleza	I Sprem D Gorkic	S Suri	J Bugeja S Corben	Raymond & Co	
Sat 7th Nov 6pm Vigil	L Canlas A Canlas	Sultana family	J Missio		S Bonnici S Dony	M Sultana	L Canlas	Jenchris & Co	
Sun 8th Nov 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		A Perera	P Perera	None	Power Point	Team Wed
Sun 8th Nov 9am	S Brown	R Brown	J Teuma		K AManda N Tsui	D Thomas	A Delara L Fox	Nony & Tina	
Sun 8th Nov 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy or N D'Souza	R Cannalire		Volunteer A D'Souza	S Nobleza	S Corben J Bugeja	Jenchris & Co	



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
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Email: stjohns10@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

1st November 2026 All Saints Year A

First Reading Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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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.

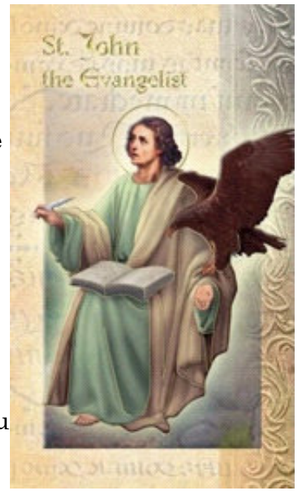
By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that as you gave yourself to the Father and to us, we too may offer our lives to God and to others. Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need, especially the defenceless and homeless, the lonely and lost. Unite us with your sacrfice of the Mass, so that we may truly become what we have received, the Body of Christ. Amen.

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

Masses and Feasts

Mon 2 November All Souls Masses 8:30am & 7:30pm
Wed 4 November St Charles Borromeo
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

Liturgy Meeting - Saturday 7th November 10am
All those involved in the Mass, including mass coordinators, choirs, readers, lap top operators and Children's Liturgy please attend this meeting.
This meeting will discuss the First Sunday of Advent - which is our Feast Day celebration Mass,
Advent, Christmas Masses as well as Ash Wednesday

Save the Dates:

The St John's Parish and St John's Primary School Combined
Christmas Carols. Wednesday 2nd December from 6pm.
More details will be provided soon.

The St John's Parishioner and Volunteer Christmas Party

Wednesday 9th December 6pm at the Parish Centre.
Please bring a plate of food or drinks to share with others.
All parishioners and volunteers and their families are invited.

For Sale - Advent Program Books $10 each. Our Parish will run the program. More information will be provided soon.

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.

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, Maureena Drury, Elisabeth Juliawah Santoso, Matthew Hope, Clare, Margaret Attard, Kate Lapsuks, Dianne Lazatin, Gundelina and those in our parish Community.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - 1ST November 2026

It is with deep gratitude and joy that we announce the appointment of Father Zakaria as the new Parish Priest of Saint Paul the Apostle Parish in Winston Hills, effective 1st January 2027. The new appointment of our next Parish Priest for St John's, Riverstone will be Fr Galbert Albino. Fr Galbert will join us from the 1st January 2027

The Adult Faith Formation team invites you to our first

Parish Mini Retreat at 10am S aturday, 14th November.
The theme of our retreat is "God is Within Me".
When: Saturday, 14th November 2026
Time: 10am to 12noon
Where: St John the Evangelist Parish Church
(Morning tea will be available from 9.30am in the parish hall)
Please register your interest by placing your name on the sign up sheet at the back of the church.

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!

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Lesson3 Parent & Child - Tuesday 4th Nov at 7pm Galille Room

Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration -

Thursday 19th November at 6pm

Baptism Class: Tuesday 3rd Nov at 7pm in the hall

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.