

Youth Group



St John's Parish, Riverstone
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2023 dates will be available early next year.

Appeals

Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care's Assistance with Care and Housing Service

Thank you to our generous parishioners who have already donated to this appeal.

Please note that our Parish will need to meet a quota from the Diocese of Parramatta for this appeal. Our donations are currently being counted.

Collection Plates

The First Church Collections plus donations from Marriages, Baptisms and Funerals and 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

Church Roster

January 2023 Counters - A Hoare/J Shipley Cleaners - C Sultana Thank you to all of our volunteers.

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ord.	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayers of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point
Sat 14th Jan 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	C Catapang		A Jaszczynzyn Volunteer	M Sultana	L Canlas	Katie Cameron & Paul Sultana
Sun 15th Jan 7am	A Lomano	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		E Sultana C Wickman	P Perera	None	Power point
Sun 15th Jan 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Asimus		S Corben B Simon	L Fox	L Yapa	Nonoy & Tina
Sun 15th Jan 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	J Padernia		S Suri W Suri	C Mascarenhas	H Greedy	Jenchriss & Co

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: (Name of parishioner)

OR

Weekly Envelopes OR

Tap & Go OR

Credit Card Donations OR

Collection Plates at Mass

Please note - collection plates:

1st Collection - Diocese of Parramatta

2nd Collection - Riverstone Parish

Piety Store

For Sale - God's Word Book \$20 each.
Columban Calendars \$10 each

Please visit the Piety store to purchase any of these items.

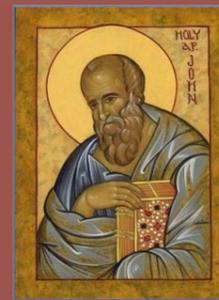
Piety Store - Opening Hours

<u>Sundays</u>	<u>Tuesdays</u>
10am - 12pm	10am - 11am

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

Advertising

If you would like to promote your services, please contact the parish office to discuss this opportunity.



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
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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

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 From November 2022 -

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Baptism Information Night

First Tuesday of each month at 7pm

Marriage & Baptism

By arrangement during office hours

8 January 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you. Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R. see v.11
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body. You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
We have come from the East to worship the king.
After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem.

He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.



Masses

Mon 9 Jan The Baptism of the Lord 8:30am

Liturgical Feasts this Week

Mon 9 Jan The Baptism of the Lord

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

All Welcome - to celebrate The Baptism of the Lord Mass at 8:30am on Monday 9th January 2023.



Thank you, all volunteers during our Christmas ceremonies. Thank you volunteers, altar servers, acolytes, children's mass coordinators, organists, musicians, singers and all who have helped in the liturgy in any way. We are grateful for your generosity - Fr Zak and the Parish Team.

Defibrillator *In case of an emergency *

Please be aware that our Defibrillator has now been installed on the wall behind the priest carpark/toilets. There is a green sign on the wall to show where it is. It has been placed in this position, so that it may be accessed by the public, even when the church is closed.



NEW Riverstone Parish Website. We are excited to announce the launch of our new Parish website. Our parishioners are invited to view our new website: <https://www.stjohnsriverstone.org.au/>

Or just type in st johns church riverstone in your search bar. The website will now be managed by the parish office. We would like to thank our "New Website" Team Jerry Teuma, Tony Brooker & Peter Sullivan for giving their time and expertise to complete this project. We would also like to thank Jerry Teuma and Peter Long who originally launched our website many years ago & managed the website weekly. We are very grateful.

School Holiday Fun!

St John's Eagles Indoor Soccer Round Robin

Indoor Sports Centre, Corner Hamilton St and Garfield Rd, Riverstone **Wednesday 25 January 2023.** 9.30am - 2.30pm Opened to boys and girls aged 5-16 Cost of \$15 per person includes a sausage sizzle and a ticket for Lucky Door Prize. You may just turn up on the day to play. Bring your friends and enjoy the day.

For Sale - The Craft Ladies are selling plants. These plants are displayed under the pergola. Prices are displayed on a sign in the area. If you would like to purchase a plant, please see Fr Zak or Jenny, from the piety store.

Gluten free hosts are available for those who wish to receive Holy Communion. To arrange, please contact the parish office the week before.

Tea & Coffee After Mass - Everyone is welcome, after Mass on Sunday mornings, in the church hall.

The Friday Prayer Group is having a break over Christmas. The group will return Fri 6th January 2023.

Prayers for our Community



For those who have died:

All Souls, John & Rosy Attard, Philip Azzopardi, Br Joe Byrne, Anthony Buttigieg, Sam Bugeja, Alex Calleja, John Cannata, John Grima, Alan Hoare, Maureen Muccillo, Peter Shipley, Chris, John & Maryann Sultana and Sultana family, Joe Camilleri, Domenico Pollefroni, Harriet Perera, Nunziato Orlando & family, Procopia family, Frances Miles, Julian Pontelli Emmanuel & Mary Haber, Julian & Rose Portelli, Paul & Josephine Zammit, Paul & Josephine Galea.

For those who are sick:

Especially Adrian Bugeja and those in our parish community.

Diocese of Parramatta

Advent/Summer 2022 Catholic Outlook Magazine out now!

The Advent | Summer 2022 version of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is out now! This edition, discover how our multicultural families across the Diocese are celebrating Christmas, learn about using Christmas to deepen your marriage and read Bishop Vincent's Christmas message. Pick up your free copy from parishes and offices across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains today or read it online via catholicoutlook.org/magazine

Diocese of Parramatta WYD23 Pilgrimage Registrations Open!

Registration for WYD23 in Lisbon has now opened. Young people aged 16-35 can now view our itinerary, inclusions, indicative pricing, register and pay their \$800 deposit to secure their place. Limited spaces still available to join our team of 170 pilgrims with Bishop Vincent. Visit www.parrawyd.org

Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass: 11 February 2023

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 11 February 2023 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2022 to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

SAVE THE DATE – Parish of Richmond St Paul's Feast: 21 January

Plans are underway for the Parish of Richmond's 2023 Annual St Paul's Feast. Please save the date and spread the word. More information to come soon. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact Vicki on 0410 545 783.

Sacraments

Please Note: No Baptism Class in January 2023

Sacraments 2023 dates will be available early Feb 2023.