

## Youth Group



**St John's Parish, Riverstone  
Youth Group 2022**

All school-aged children and their parents are invited to attend the next get-together for Youth Group. Fun activities for both children and their parents. You are most welcome to bring a friend.  
**6pm in the Church Hall on these Friday nights:**  
18 Nov Christmas Party  
(this is the last get-together for 2022)

Please bring a plate of food to share on the night of the Christmas party.

### Diocese of Parramatta—Youth

Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from July 21 – August 11, 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at [www.parravyd.org](http://www.parravyd.org). Express your interest in coming to Lisbon today! For all enquiries, contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – [james.camden@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.camden@parracatholic.org).

## Appeals

**The Catholic Foundation Bishop's Christmas Appeal** will take place on 26th & 27th November 2022.

## Advertising

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

## Church Roster

November 2022

Counters — A Hoare/J Shipley

Cleaners — C Sultana

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ord.	Acolytes	Ministers	Readers	Prayers of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point
<b>Saturday 19th 6pm</b>	Volunteer	Sultana family	C Catapang		A Jaszczyszyn -	M Sultana	L Canlas	Katie Cameron & Paul Sultana
<b>Sunday 20th 7am</b>	A Lomano	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		E Sultana C Wickman	P Perera	None	Power point
<b>Sunday 20th 9am</b>	Volunteer	R Brown	J Asimus		S Corben B Simon	L Fox	S Yapa	Nonoy & Tina
<b>Sunday 20th 10:30am</b>	Volunteer	H Greedy	J Padernia		S Suri W Suri	C Mascarenhas	H Greedy	Jenchriss & Co

Thank you to all volunteers. We still need some volunteers for Week 2, Week 4 & Week 5 to clean the church. This may be done during the week or on Saturdays in between Masses.

If you can help, please contact the parish office.

## 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

**Piety Store - Opening Hours**

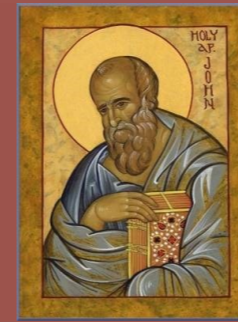
Sundays

10am - 12pm

Tuesdays

10am - 11am

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



## 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  
**Parish Secretary:** Melissa Spence  
**Parish Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9am-2pm  
**Phone:** 9627-1176  
**Email:** [stjohns10@bigpond.com](mailto:stjohns10@bigpond.com)  
**Website:** [www.stjohnsriverstone.org.au](http://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

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

**13 November 2022**

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*First Reading Mal 3:19-20*

A reading from the prophet Malachi

*The sun of righteousness will shine on you.*

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

*Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9*

*The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.*

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp

with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

*The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.*

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;

the world, and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands

and the hills ring out their joy

at the presence of the Lord.

For the Lord comes,  
he comes to rule the earth.  
He will rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with fairness.

*The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.*

### Second Reading 2 Thes 3:7-12

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

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work. You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

### Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lift up your heads and see;  
your redemption is near at hand.  
Alleluia!

*The Lord be with you.*

*And with your Spirit.*

### Gospel Lk 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Your endurance will win you your life.*

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.*



## Liturgical Feasts this Week

Thurs 17 Nov St Elizabeth of Hungary



## 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, for ever and ever. Amen.



## Parish Notices

**Parish Christmas Party** - Wednesday 7th December 6pm  
All parishioners are invited to attend.  
Please bring a plate of food or drinks to place on the table for all to share. Melissa will keep a list of the food/drink items in the parish office. If you would like to place your name & item on this list, please visit or phone the parish office.

**Volunteers Needed**— Church cleaners needed for the 2nd, 4th & 5th weeks of the month. This can be done during weekdays or on Saturdays. Please contact the parish office if you can help

**Children's Liturgy** is now running during mass (excluding Sunday 7am). Thank you to all of our volunteers, we really appreciate your commitment.

**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.

**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.

**Thank you** to the Corben family who kindly donated the large Children's Liturgy Book to our Parish. This book provides lessons and information for our Children's Liturgy during Mass.

**Thank you** to the Zahra family who continue to work hard to keep the parish grounds beautiful.

## Sacraments



The Sacrament of **Confirmation**.

Lesson 3 & Church Practice    Tues 15 Nov 7pm  
Confirmation Mass                Tues 22 Nov 7pm



**BAPTISM:** Our Parish would like to welcome **Jacob Gauci and Henry Creer** into our community and congratulate their family and friends on this special day.

## Prayers for our Community



**November Mass Offerings** - All masses during the month of November will be offered for those listed on the November envelopes. The List can be found during the month of November on the lectern at the front of the Church. The List will be updated weekly. **Envelopes are available in the porch.** There will be no intentions announced during any masses in November. A private Mass Memorial may be booked for a Mass intention. Thank you for your understanding.

## For those who are sick:

Especially Adrian Bugeja and those in our parish community.

## 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*

## Diocese of Parramatta

**Catholic Outlook Magazine** is now available in the porch.

The Diocese of Parramatta is participating in a program called **FirstCPR**. The program will provide you with CPR accredited training to parish staff and volunteers and is free of charge. Sessions will be organised across the Diocese and require a minimum of 10 people per session. For more information, and to express your interest, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/cpr-training-eoi/>

**In 2023, Fr Eugene Stockton will celebrate his 90th Birthday.**

I am part of a group writing a book in tribute to Fr Eugene Stockton. I would love to have some of the parishioners share their stories and thoughts that I may be able to include in a chapter of the book about Fr Eugene the Parish priest. If you are willing to share these stories please email them to me or call me to share your stories. Celia (Carroll) email: [celia.carroll2020@gmail.com](mailto:celia.carroll2020@gmail.com) mobile: 0419445858