

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 - Volunteers 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 21st Jan 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Padernia		A Jaszczyszyn Volunteer	M Sultana	P Mansweto	Katie Cameron & Paul Sultana
Sun 22nd Jan 7am	Volunteer	E Sultana	R Bigeni		C Wickman M Evans	P Perera	None	Power point
Sun 22nd Jan 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		E Abendan K Amanda	M Camilleri	R Xuereb	Rondalla & Co
Sun 22nd Jan 10:30am	M Satorre	H Greedy	C Catapang		N D'Souza R D'Souza	Volunteer	S Corben	Raymond & 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

Sundays

10am - 12pm

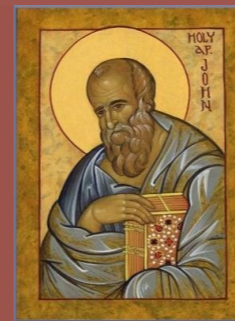
Tuesdays

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
Parish Secretary: Melissa Spence
Parish Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-2pm
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

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

15 January 2023

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Is 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

Here I am, Lord: I come to do your will.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

Here I am, Lord: I come to do your will.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Here I am, Lord: I come to do your will.

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:1-3

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

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

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Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel Jn 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me,

"The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'



Baptisms



BAPTISM: Our Parish would like to welcome *Isla & Eden Cowan* into our

community and congratulate their family and friends on this special day.

Liturgical Feasts this Week

Tues 16 Jan St Anthony

Sat 21 Jan St Agnes

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

Christmas Mass Offering Envelopes are in the porch.
Thank you to all of the generous parishioners who donated by these envelopes



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 be 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.

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.