

## Youth Group



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

Youth Group had their last get-together for 2022 on Friday night. It was a great night. This included the Christmas Party. We would like to thank YFC and our parent helpers for all of their hard work during 2022. We look forward to meeting again from February 2023. We also look forward to weekend day camp in 2023! New flyers with the dates will be available in early 2023 .

## Appeals

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

26/27 November 2022

No one should be homeless or without support. Your Christmas gift today will enable Catholic Care to give homeless people practical and emotional support, and a safe place to call home. Please stretch out your hand to the poor and give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal envelopes, at [your-catholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://your-catholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) thank you for your prayers, heart-felt compassion, and help to end homelessness.

## 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 — Volunteer

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ord.	Acolytes	Ministers	Readers	Prayers of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point
Saturday 26th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Padernia		A Jaszczyszyn -	M Sultana	P Mansweto	Katie Cameron & Paul Sultana
Sunday 27th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman M Evans	P Perera	None	Power point
Sunday 27th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		E Abendan K Amanda	M Camilleri	R Xuereb	Rondalla & Co
Sunday 27th 10:30am	M Satorre	H Greedy	C Catapang		N D'Souza R D'Souza	Volunteer	S Corben	Raymond & 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

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

Piety Store - Opening Hours

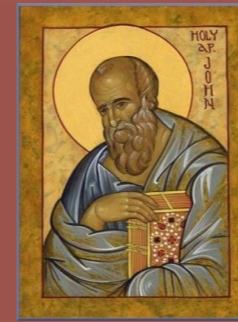
Sundays

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

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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

## 20 November 2022

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading *2 Sm 5:1-3*

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel. All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

*Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-5. R.*

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

Jerusalem is built as a city  
strongly compact.  
It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David.

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

*Second Reading Col 1:12-20*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
*He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.*

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for  
you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of  
the power of darkness and created a place for us in the  
kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our  
freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God  
and the first-born of all creation,  
for in him were created  
all things in heaven and on earth:  
everything visible and everything invisible,  
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –  
all things were created through him and for him.  
Before anything was created, he existed,  
and he holds all things in unity.  
Now the Church is his body,  
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,  
he was first to be born from the dead,  
so that he should be first in every way;  
because God wanted all perfection  
to be found in him  
and all things to be reconciled through him and for  
him,  
everything in heaven and everything on earth,  
when he made peace  
by his death on the cross.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

*Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9, 10*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our  
Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Alleluia!

*The Lord be with you.*

*And with your Spirit.*

*Gospel Lk 23:35-43*

A reading from the holy Gospel according Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus.  
As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,'  
they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God,  
the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when  
they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are  
the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was  
an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are  
you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as  
well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have  
you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same  
sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we  
are paying for what we did. But this man has done  
nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when  
you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,'  
he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.*



## Liturgical Feasts this Week

Mon	21 Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Mary
Tue	22 Nov	St Cecilia
Thurs	24 Nov	Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

## 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

**Christmas Liturgy Meeting** - Saturday 3 Dec at 11am in  
hall. This meeting is to organise the Christmas Masse for  
2022,

**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.

**Missing Garden Lamb?** Unfortunately, our little lamb  
statue from the church garden has gone missing. If you  
see the lamb anywhere, please place back in the garden.  
Thank you.

**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.

**Mass for Deceased Clergy – Friday Nov 25**

Bishop Vincent will celebrate a Mass for the Deceased Clergy of  
the Diocese at St Bernadette's Church, 367 Old Northern Road,  
Castle Hill on Friday, November 25 at 10.30am, which will be  
followed by prayers at the priests' section of Castle Hill Ceme-  
tery, Gilbert Road, Castle Hill. You are warmly invited to at-  
tend these celebrations.

**In 2023, Fr Eugene Stockton will celebrate his  
90th Birthday.** If you are willing to share 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

## Sacraments



The Sacrament of **Confirmation.**

Confirmation Mass

Tues 22 Nov 7pm

## 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 those who are sick:

Especially Adrian Bugeja & Sylvia Saliba  
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/>

**"QUO VADIS?" PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL AND ROME:  
5 – 23 SEPTEMBER 2023**

At the request of many of his previous pilgrims, Fr Wim  
Hoekstra is leading a pilgrimage to Israel and Rome next  
year. Our pilgrimage will be following in the footsteps of St  
Peter. If you need further details, please contact Fr Wim  
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