

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. Express your interest in coming to Lisbon today! For all enquiries, contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – 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 — Volunteer

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ord.	Acolytes	Ministers	Readers	Prayers of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point
Saturday 12th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	C Catapang		A Jaszczyszyn -	M Sultana	J Eroles	Katie Cameron & Paul Sultana
Sunday 13th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power point
Sunday 13th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Padernia		K Amanda R Xuereb	S Yapa	R Brown	Nonoy & Tina
Sunday 13th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy			J Sultana M Syme	D Gorkic	L Fox	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

Piety Store - Opening Hours

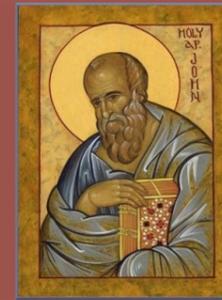
Sundays

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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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

6 November 2022

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips.

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

I keep my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Second Reading 2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5

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

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in every good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Apoc 1:5,6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel Lk 20:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God.'

And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.



Liturgical Feasts this Week

Wed	9 Nov	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Thurs	10 Nov	St Leo the Great
Fri	11 Nov	St Martin of Tours
Sat	12 Nov	St Josaphat

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 Council Meeting - Wed 9 Nov at 7:30pm

All parishioners are invited to attend. We would like to extend an invitation to any new parishioners in our parish who might like to be involved and hear about what is happening in our parish. This will be the final meeting 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.

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.

Thank you to all of our generous parishioners who have contributed to the costs of the carpark repairs. Thank you for supporting our parish.

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.

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

FR EUGENE STOCKTON THE (Parish) PRIEST
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 mobile: 0419445858

You are invited to a face-to-face training on the topic "Developing a Respectful Response to Domestic and Family Violence" on Tuesday 22 November from 10am to 12pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. The training is based on the Australian Bishops' 2022-23 Social Justice Statement and hosted by the Office for Safeguarding, MET – Peace, Justice, Ecology, and Catholic Care. Please register for this elective safeguarding module and help raise awareness about domestic violence. safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Sacraments

The Sacrament of **Confirmation.**

Lesson 2	Tues 08 Nov 7pm
Lesson 3 /Church Practice	Tues 15 Nov 7pm
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.

Envelopes are now 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, catechist 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.

Open invitation to the Parramatta Street Feast:

12 November

Parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta are invited to the Parramatta Street Feast on Saturday 12 November at 12pm to commemorate the World Day of the Poor. Come and share a meal and company with members of our community who are on the margins of society. This free event will be held at Prince Alfred Square in Parramatta from 12pm to 2pm. All are welcome. For more details contact met@parracatholic.org

Patrician Brothers' College Blacktown is inviting past students, staff and their families back to the college for tours and a BBQ to celebrate its 70th anniversary on Friday 11 November from 4pm to 8pm. To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/patsblacktown70yrs>