

Youth Group



St John’s Parish, Riverstone
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2023 dates will be available soon.

Appeals

Project Compassion begins on the 1st weekend of Lent 25th & 26th February 2023. Money boxes will be available for you to take home and fill during Lent.

Good Friday Appeal will take place on Good Friday 7th March 2023. Please give generously to support the people and places of the *Holy* Land

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

February 2023 Counters - A Hoare/J Shipley Cleaners - Volunteer 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 18th Feb 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	C Catapang		A Jaszczyszyn Volunteer	M Sultana	L Canlas	Katie Cameron & Paul Sultana
Sun 19th Feb 7am	A Lomano	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		E Sultana C Wickman	P Perera	None	Power point
Sun 19th Feb 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Asimus		S Corben B Simon	L Fox	S Yapa	Nonoy & Tina
Sun 19th Feb 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	J Padernia		S Suri W Suri	C Mascarenhas	H Greedy	Jenchris & 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.

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

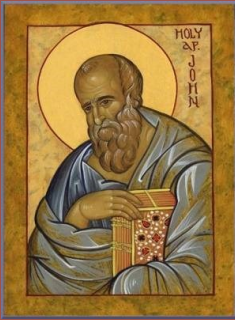
Piety Store - Opening Hours

Sundays	Tuesdays
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 February 2023
2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at 11am
Baptism Information Night
First Tuesday of each month at 7pm
Marriage & Baptism
By arrangement during office hours

12 February 2023
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading Sir 15:15-20
A reading from the book of Sirach
He never commanded anyone to be godless.
If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God’s law!
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts.

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes.

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law.

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart.

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10

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

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

‘You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

‘You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’

Masses

Wed 22 Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass	8:30am & 7:30pm
Fri 03 Mar	First Friday Mass	7:30pm
Sat 04 Mar	Anointing Mass	8:30am

Baptisms



BAPTISM: Our Parish would like to welcome **Bonnie Azzopardi** into our community and congratulate her family and friends on this special day.

The next Baptism Class will take place on Tuesday 7 March 2023 at 7pm in the Church Hall.

Liturgical Feasts this Week

14 Feb Tues Sts Cyril & Methodius

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

SRE Meeting Tuesday 14 Feb at 1:00pm in the church hall. All SRE’s are invited to attend please.

Lent Liturgy Meeting - Saturday 18 February 11am
All parishioners involved in Lent, along with the choirs, are invited to this meeting.

Triumph Lent Program — \$10 per copy. This booklet is A5 size and is available to purchase from the Parish office. Do not miss out ! There are only 8 copies available.

Easter Raffle - our parish will be holding an Easter raffle with a beautiful dome statue as First Prize. Tickets will be on sale soon.

HELP NEEDED: Parishioners to participate in the offertory procession for Masses on Saturdays and Sundays. Please speak to the Mass Coordinator at each Mass to offer your help.

Missing Scissors - Does anyone know the whereabouts of the clear box containing scissors that are used in the hall for our children’s liturgy classes? If you have any information, please contact the parish office.

Calling for the Lord’s Housekeepers We need more volunteers to help clean the church please. If you can spare a few hours once a month to help keep our church beautiful, please contact the Parish office.

NEW Riverstone Parish Website. Our parishioners are invited to view our new website:

<https://www.stjohnsriverstone.org.au/>
The website will now be managed by the parish office.

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.

St Vinnies— if you need assistance, please Contact: Blacktown Support Centre Ph **8861 704** Or Head Office: vinnies@vinnies.org.au

You're invited to a night of worship 'Be Transformed' on Saturday, February 18. There'll be food trucks from 5pm followed by an evening of live music, worship, healing and prayer ministry from 6 pm at Vineyard Church

Defibrillator *In case of an emergency* Please look for the green sign.

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 & Sultana family, John, Michael, Angelo & Clementina Sultana and Sultana family, Harriot Perera, Nunziato Orlando & family, Procopia family, Paul & Josephine Zammit, Paul & Josephine Galea, Paul, Maria & Laurie Bigeni, Corazon Santos, Valarie Marshall, George Micallef, Xerri family, Azzopardi family, Tess F. Rehac, Cresencia Fernando, Josephine Camilleri, Joseph, Maria & Sam Mercieca, Emmanuel & Doris Sultana & Emmanwella Aguis, Joseph & Carmea Muscat, Jason Daep, Sylvia, Anthony & Peter Bartolo, Victoria Zammit, Josephine Camilleri, Alvin Sebastian, Andrew Mifsud & Victoria Bugeja.

For those who are sick:

Especially Adrian Bugeja, Carlos T Quinteros Charlie Spiteri and those in our parish community.

Thanksgiving Mass for Birthday
Armando Pangilinan

Diocese of Parramatta

MET Lenten Music Formation Session: 13 February
Musicians and liturgy planners are invited to attend an evening exploring music for Lent on Monday 13 February from 7pm to 8.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, MET, and Assistant Music Director at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta. To RSVP, please contact han-nah.portelli@parracatholic.org

Sacraments

Sacraments 2023
The parent information and dates letter is now available in the porch. If you have a child who will be making their sacrament this year, please take a copy home. The letter will explain the process to enrol your child in our sacramental program.

The Sacrament of Penance - The enrolment form completed and returned with donation, is required by 24th April.

The Parent Information Meeting is on Tuesday 16th May at 7pm in the Galilee Room.

