

Youth Group



St John's Parish, Riverstone Youth Group

All school-aged children and their parents are invited to attend a get-together for the 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 Aug
21 Apr	22 Sept
19 May	20 Oct
23 Jun	17 Nov Christmas Party

Appeals

Project Compassion - during Lent - Please return your Money boxes.

The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal—The Catholic Foundation - Supporting our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community. Thank you to those who have already donated.

Good Friday Appeal - Please give generously for 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

April 2023 Counters - A Hoare/J Shipley Cleaners - Volunteer Thank you to all of our volunteers.
J Padernia is not available until further notice.

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ord.	Acolytes	Readers	Prayers of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point
Sat 8th Apr 6pm						None	Rondalla & Co
Sun 9th Apr 7am						None	Jenchriss & Peter
Sun 9th Apr 9am		R Brown				None	Nonoy & Tina
Sun 9th Apr 10:30am						None	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: First & Surname of Parishioner)

Please write your full name & the word donation in the message section when using internet banking)

OR

Weekly Envelopes OR Tap & Go OR

Credit Card Donations OR Collection Plates at Mass

QR Code for payments directly to the Riverstone Parish - please enter your name & payment description.



Piety Store

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

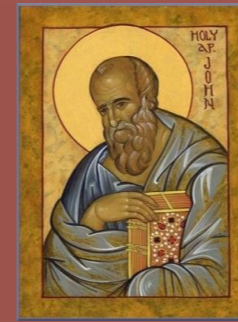
Piety Store - Opening Hours

<u>Sundays</u>	<u>Tuesdays</u>
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
Parish Secretary: Melissa Spence
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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 - As From March 2023

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 12pm

Baptism Information Night

First Tuesday of each month at 7pm

Marriage & Baptism

By arrangement during office hours

2 April 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord -

During the Blessing of the Palms -

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 21:1-11

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'.

This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass'.

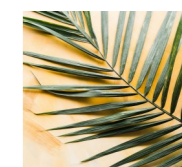
The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon.

Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!'

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Hosanna in the highest!

And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.



First Reading *Is 50:4-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like
flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v.2*

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading *Phil 2:6-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are,
and being as all men are, he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him
high and gave him the name which is above all other names so
that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue
should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the
Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Phil 2:8-9*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all
other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel *Mt 26:14 – 27:66 Year A*

(Please read Gospel from the extra page insert found inside this week's bulletin)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.



School Holidays –Indoor Soccer

Wednesday 12th April 2023 9.30am – 2.30pm
ST JOHN'S EAGLES Round Robin Indoor Soccer
INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, Cnr Hamilton St &
Garfield Rd, Riverstone.\$15 per player. Opened to boys
and girls aged 5-16. Any child under the age of 8 must be
accompanied by a parent/carer. Lucky door prizes and
sausage sizzle lunch is included. Just turn up on the day
and please bring your friends!
Flyers are available in the porch.

thank you

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!!
Your work, compassion and kindness toward others
every week - is an inspiration to all members of our
Parish. We appreciate you.

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 un-
derstanding 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

The Catholic Foundation Appeal — 25/26 March 2023
The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal .

Thank you to those parishioners who have already
donated. For those who were unable to donate last
weekend, please place your envelopes onto any of the
collection plates this weekend.
Support our seminarians to humbly serve our faith
community this weekend. Envelopes are available.
Please remember that the donations for this appeal count
towards our parish quota for the Catholic Foundation.

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porch.

Easter Raffle - our parish will be holding an Easter
raffle with beautiful dome statue as 1st & 2nd Prize.
Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Please purchase tickets after
weekend masses. Thanks for supporting our Parish.

Project Compassion - Project Compassion 2023 reminds
us that the good that we do today will extend and impact
the lives of generations to come. You can donate through
Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes
available from our parish. Please return your money
boxes.

Holy Week Roster - the roster for Holy Week is in the
porch. Please add your name to this roster if you would
like to volunteer.

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.

Foreign Coins - Please respect the request of no
foreign coins to be placed on the collection plates.

**St John's Primary School is now accepting
enrolments for 2024.**

Applications are due by 31/3/2023

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO DOWNLOAD THE ENROLMENT
APPLICATION FORM A, FORM B AND FORM C.
www.stjohnsriverstone.catholic.edu.au ENROL > HOW TO
ENROL. YOU WILL FIND A LIST OF ALL SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED IN THE ENROLMENT
INSTRUCTIONS OR CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND
WE CAN ARRANGE FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK TO BE
SENT TO YOU.

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, Maria & Nicholas Gatt, George
Micallef, Carmelo, Carmen & Michael Vella,
Michael Agius, Harriot Perera, Grace Millares &
family, Josephine Salinas, Norma Sciara, Michael
Georgion Joseph Sammit, Carmello, Victoria &
Alfred Bugeja, Elana A Ricerra, Sixto Tomada and
All Souls, The Abandoned Souls & Souls of
Children in Purgatory.

For those who are sick:

Especially Adrian Bugeja, Carlos T Quinteros, Charlie
Spiteri, Francis Saliba, John Padernia, Marianne
Sultana and those in our parish community.

Easter Mass & Reconciliation Schedule

Easter 2023 Schedule:
Wednesday April 5
Mass of the Holy Christ (St Patrick's, Parramatta)
7:30pm

Holy Thursday April 6
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Good Friday April 7
The Stations of the Cross 10am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm

Holy Saturday April 8
Celebration of the Paschal Vigil 7pm

Easter Sunday April 9
Easter Sunday Celebration 7am, 9am, 10:30am

St John's Church First Rite (Individual Confession)
Tuesday 4 April 9:30am – 10:30am & 6pm – 7pm
Wednesday 5 April 9:30am – 10:30am
Thursday 6 April 9:30 am – 10:30am

Communion Service Easter Monday **8:30am Apr 10**

MORNING MASS 8:30am
Mon 3/4, Tues, 4/4, Wed 5/4

NO MORNING MASS 8:30am
Thurs 6/4, Fri 7/4, Sat 8/4

Sacraments

Baptism Class: Tues 4 Apr at 7pm in the Church Hall.

Sacraments 2023 - The parent information and dates
letter is now available in the porch. 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.