

## 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:

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| 17 Mar  | 18 Aug                 |
| 21 Apr  | 22 Sept                |
| 19 May  | 20 Oct                 |
| 23 Jun  | 17 Nov Christmas Party |
| 21 July |                        |

## Appeals

**Project Compassion** Money boxes will be available for you to take home and fill during Lent. Please support Caritas through this appeal.

**Good Friday Appeal** - Good Friday. 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

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 11th Mar 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	C Catapang		A Jaszczyszyn Volunteer	M Sultana	J Eroles	Katie Cameron & Paul Sultana
Sun 12th Mar 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power point
Sun 12th Mar 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Padernia		K Amanda R Xuereb	S Yapa	R Brown	Nonoy & Tina
Sun 12th Mar 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	J Padernia		J Sultana M Syme	D Gorkic	L Fox	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

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

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

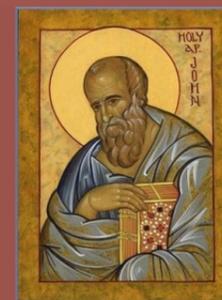
**Piety Store** - Opening Hours

<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  
**Parish Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9am-2pm  
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**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** - 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

### 5 March 2023

### Second Sunday of Lent - Year A

*First Reading Gen 12:1-4*

A reading from the book of Genesis

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
 I will curse those who slight you.  
 All the tribes of the earth  
 shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22**

*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

The word of the Lord is faithful  
 and all his works to be trusted.  
 The Lord loves justice and right  
 and fills the earth with his love.

*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
 on those who hope in his love,  
 to rescue their souls from death,  
 to keep them alive in famine.

*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

### Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*The Lord be with you.*

*And with your Spirit.*

### Gospel Mt 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

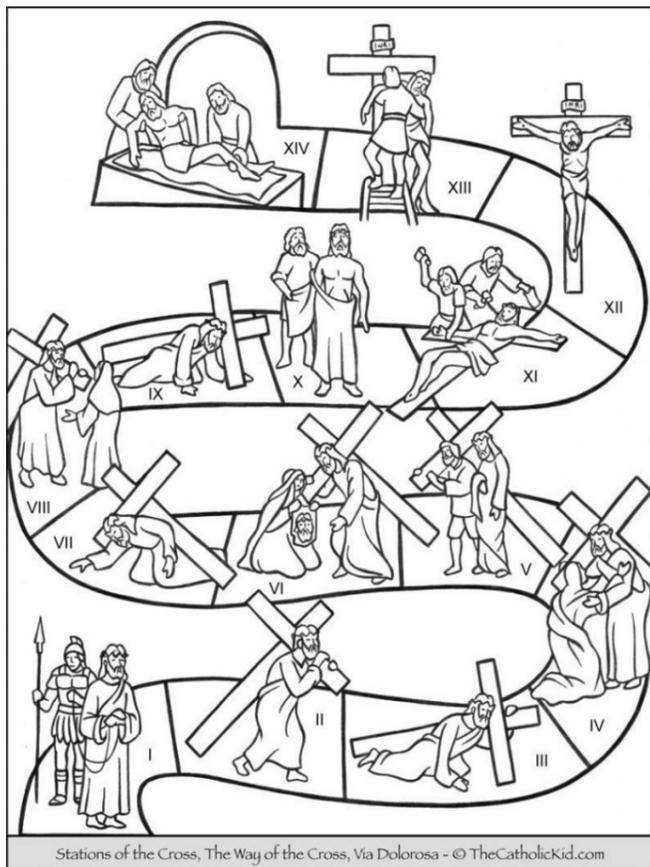
As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.*



## Children's Liturgy - 2nd Sunday of Lent



## Baptisms

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

As from March 2023, Baptisms will now be held every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 12pm.

## 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

**Welcome - Deacon Michael** - our Parish is blessed to welcome a new Deacon, Deacon Michael, to our church community. Deacon Michael will join Fr Zakaria from the 2nd Week of Lent.

**New Brochure Display** - our Parish has installed a new brochure display in the porch. The brochures are displayed by the Parish Team. If you would like to add any brochures, please bring them to the office for approval first. We have limited space and we have many parish items that need to be displayed in the holder.

**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 4 copies available.

**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.

**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.

**HELP NEEDED:** helpers for the Sacrament Program. If you are able to help in any way, 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. Thank you Sandra and Mary for your help during the week.

**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.

## 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, George Micallef, Xerri family, Azzopardi family & Cresencia Fernando, Harriot Perera, Joseph & George Apap, Carmelo, Carmen, Michael Vella & Michael Aguis.

### For those who are sick:

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

## Stations of the Cross



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held during Lent . All parishioners are welcome to attend.**

**Wednesday after the 8.30am Mass and**

**Friday evenings at 7pm before Mass at 7:30pm**

*Please be advised that the 7:30pm Mass will be held every Friday night during Lent.*

## 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.

We also require helpers for the Sacraments. If you are able to help, in any way, please contact the parish office.