

Youth Group



2024 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 the following Friday nights:

- 19 July 20 September
- 16 August 18 October
- 15 November (Christmas Party)

Indoor Soccer

ST JOHN'S EAGLES INDOOR SOCCER ROUND ROBIN was held last Wednesday.

It was a great day and the children had a wonderful Day. Thank you to Marija Filipovic and family for organising the day. Thank you to the parent—helpers who helped to make the day a successful one.

Collection Plates

The First Church Collections plus donations from Marriages, Baptisms and Funerals 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

Foreign Coins - Please respect the request of no foreign coins to be placed on the collection plates. Our Parish cannot bank these coins. Please check your coins before placing them in the collection plates. Thank you.

Church Roster July 2024

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 13 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana Family			A Jaszczyszyn S Nierves	M Sultana	L Canlas	Paul Sultana	
Sun 14 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power Point	
Sun 14 th 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		K Amanda N Tsui	S Yapa	L Fox S Brown	Nonoy & Tina Co	
Sun 14 th 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	D Catig		J Sultana M Syme		S Corben J Bugeja	Raymond & Co	Team Wed
Sat 20 th 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio		A Jaszczyszyn Volunteer	M Sultana	J Eroles	Paul Sultana	
Sun 21 st 7am	A Lomano	R Bigeni	R Bigeni		E Sultana C Wickman	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 21 st 9am	Volunteer	R Brown			S Corben B Simon	C Samuel	L Fox S Brown	Jenchriss & Co	
Sun 21 st 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy			W Suri I Spram	L Bird	L Fox	Nonoy & Tna 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

Piety Store - Opening Hours

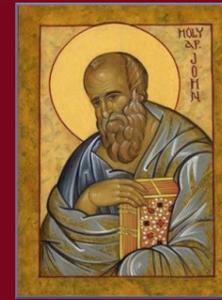
Sundays Tuesdays
10am - 12pm 10am - 11am

Unfortunately, piety items are not available for purchase from the parish office.

Friday Prayer Group

Christ Catholic Community (CCC) Prayer Group
Prayer meeting held every Friday 10am in the classroom building. For further information, please contact:
Mary Camilleri Ph 0403116987.

Counters- J Shipley & A Hoare & V Sultana



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
Deacon: Rev. Dr. Michael Tan
Parish Secretary: Melissa Spence
Parish Manager: Tony Brooker
Parish Office Hours: Fri 9am-12pm
Phone: 9627-1176
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 -

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

14 July 2024

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading Amos 7:12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos

Go prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores; but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

- I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
- Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
- The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading *Ephesians 1:3-10*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Before the world was made, God chose us.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Ephesians 1:17-18*

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Gospel *Mark 6:7-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out. Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

he Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

At all times, there is NO Right hand turn when you exit through the gate onto Garfield Road. There is also NO Right hand turn from Garfield Road coming into the church grounds.



Please notice the sign when exiting.

This is due to the change of Traffic conditions on Garfield Road near our gates. Thank you for your cooperation to keep our Parish Community safe.

Masses & Feasts

Mon 15 July St Bonaventure

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

Please Remember - The Importance of Getting to Mass On Time - Please be respectful and arrive to Mass on time.

Volunteer Help - Children’s Liturgy presenters.
Sundays 10:30am 2nd week of the month and

Saturdays 6pm 4th week of the month.
Contact Lucia Fox Ph 0400347653. For the safety of the children, you must have WWCC number and complete a short Diocese of Parramatta Safeguarding Training.

Children’s Liturgy each week a Kid’s Bulletin will be placed in the porch in the wooden rack. This is aimed at school-aged children, who are not attending the Children’s Liturgy class. Please encourage your child to take a copy.

Acolyte Needed : Sunday 10:30am masses for the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

Gluten free hosts are available for those who wish to receive Holy Communion. To arrange, please contact the parish office the week before.

There will be **Tea and Coffee** after the 9am & 10:30am Sunday Masses in the Church Hall

Thanking all volunteers for giving their time and skills to help our Parish. With the help of our volunteers our Parish runs smoothly.

Parish Centre

Your continued support of our Parish Centre is appreciated. Parish renovations have begun and *we thank our wonderful parishioners who have already kindly donated.*, *We would also like to thank the late John Cannata for his generous contribution to our renovations.* We are truly blessed to have kind parishioners in our Parish. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in an envelope “Parish Donation” and hand to the priest or place in any of the collection plates. We really appreciate your generosity and support for this project.

For Your Safety - Please do not enter the Parish Centre due to works. Thank you.

Appeals

St Vinnies Winter Appeal

This weekend 13th & 14th July our Parish will ask for monetary donations for this appeal. Envelopes and buckets will be provided.

We ask for your generosity for this appeal.

Prayers for our Community



Deceased Mass Offerings -

All Souls, All Souls in Purgatory, Forgotten Souls in Purgatory, 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 & Leanne Sultana & Sultana family, Maria & Nicholas Gatt, Joseph Jack Sultana, Michael Agius, Zane Belista, Joseph Sultana, Peter & Sylvia & Anthony Bartolo, Victoria Zammit, Frank Aguis, Aurea Reyes, Mary Calleja, Xerri Family and Azzopardi Family, Mary Joseph, Cressencia Fdo, Raymond Baker, Harriot Perera Angela Buttigieg

For those who are sick:

Especially Adrian Bugeja, Carlos T Quinteros, Francis Saliba, John Padernia, Maria Pisto, Tony & Freda Attard, Margaret Galea, Belinda Grgic, Jeff Meilak, Lily Said, Candice Basopoulous, Anna Hoare, Rosie Vella, Shyla Cavallaro and those in our parish community.

Parish Office Hours— The Parish Secretary will be on annual leave, please see adjusted office hours below:
Parish Office Open Friday 19th July 9am—12pm
Office Closed Mon 15/7—Thurs 18/7

St John’s Parish, Riverstone 120 Year Celebration
Save the Date Sunday 17 November after the 10:30am Mass. There will be a lunch at the Parish Centre and activities on the grounds. Please place your name on the list in the porch. **First Meeting Sat 27th July @10:30am**

St John’s Parish & School Combined Christmas Carols
Fri 6 Dec 6:30pm. Please put a reminder on your calendar. All parishioners are invited.

Diocese of Parramatta

The next session of face-to-face **Mandatory Safeguarding Training** will be held on Saturday 27 July at St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens for Modules 1-3. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Sacraments

The Sacrament of First Eucharist -

Parent Information Meeting Tues 23rd July 7pm

Baptism Classes

The next Baptism Class:
Tuesday 6th Aug 7pm in the Church Hall.