

## Youth Group



### 2024 St John's Parish Riverstone Youth Group

The Youth Group took place on Friday night. The children had a fun night. Thank you to the St Johns' coordinators, the YFC and all of the parent helpers on the night.

6pm in the Church Hall on the following Friday night:  
15 November (Christmas Party)

This will be the final gathering for 2024

## 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.

## Jubilee 2025

**Jubilee 2025—Pope Francis** The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of *Jubilee*, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is *"Pilgrims of Hope"*.

Please view the following website for more information:  
<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

## Church Roster October 2024

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children's Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	M Satorre	Sultana family	J Missio		A Jaszczyszyn S Nieves	M Sultana	M Galati R Edwards	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> 7am	Volunteer	E Sultana	R Bigeni		C Wickman M Evans	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		E Abendan J Boemi	M Camilleri	L Fox A Delara	Rondalla Choir	
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy	J Teuma		N D'Souza R D'Souza	D Gorkic	S Corben J Bugeja		
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> 6pm	Volunteer	Sultana family	J Missio	M Sultana	A Jaszczyszyn	M Sultana	M Galati	Jenchriss & Co	Team Wed
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni	V Bonnici F Bonnici	C Wickman E Sultana	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9am	Volunteer	R Brown	J Teuma		V Sultana L Fernandez	G Fernandez	S Brown	San Pedro Calungsod	
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10:30am	Volunteer	H Greedy		H Greedy	I Spram J Savio	S Suri	S Corben J Bugeja	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

**Piety Store** - Opening Hours

Sundays

10am - 12pm

Tuesdays

10am - 11am

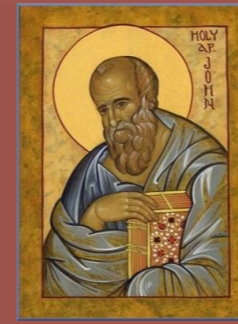
Unfortunately, piety items are not available for purchase from the parish office.

## 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.



## 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:** Mon –Fri  
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 -**

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

**27 October 2024**

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

**First Reading** *Jeremiah 31:7-9*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.*

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3**

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, It seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

**Second Reading Hebrews 5:1-6**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.*

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Acclamation See 2 Timothy 1:10**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.  
Alleluia!

*The Lord be with you.*

*And with your Spirit.*

**Gospel Mark 10:46-52**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Master, grant that I may see.*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

## St John's Parish, Riverstone 120 Year Anniversary

Fr Zakaria Gayed and the Riverstone Parish cordially invite you to celebrate our *120 Year Anniversary* of the opening of St John's Catholic Church: **Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM, the Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta, will be our principal celebrant at the 10:30am Mass, which will be followed by a sausage sizzle and activities in our Parish Centre.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Please extend this invitation to any past Parishioners that you know who have left the Parish area.

**120 YEAR CELEBRATION PLAQUES** Our Parish has received 75 orders for the plaques. There is still some space for more plaques. If you would like to order a plaque, please fill out the form and return to the parish office as soon as possible.

**GUESSING COMPETITION** For the celebration our Parish is running a fundraiser to Guess the number of lollies in the Jar. The winner will receive \$100 as well as the jar of lollies. \$2 per guess. The competition will run before and after Mass on the weekend. Please have some fun and try to guess the number of lollies in the jar and support our Parish.

**120 Year Anniversary Sausage Sizzle**

The lunch on the day of the anniversary will be \$5 per person (adult and child are the same price) **Cash Sales Only on the day please.** This donation will contribute to the fundraising.

You will receive a sausage on a roll with a bottle of water and additional flavourings of onion and sauces.

We thank you in advance for your donation towards our fundraising.

**HEALING SERVICE - St Luke's Catholic Faith Community** led by Bro Lalith Perera. 1st Nov 7pm—9:30pm

Victory in Christ Day Program 2nd Nov 10am—4pm

Please see flyer and noticeboard for more information.

## Masses & Feasts

Mon 28 Oct Sts Simon and Jude

Fri 01 Nov All Saints Day Mass 8:30am & 7:30pm

Sat 02 Nov All Souls Day & Anointing Mass 8:30am

## 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** - If we are late because of a lack of caring about getting to Mass, then we certainly have not fulfilled our Mass obligation in any real spirit of the law. Please arrive on time.

**Volunteer Help Needed:**

\* Children's Liturgy presenters. \* Acolytes \*RCIA helper

\* Gardeners for the Parish Centre \*Choir Sat 6pm Vigil Mass

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be on **Wed 6th November at 7:30pm** in the Hall. All parishioners are invited. We will be blessed to have Alfie Ramez from the Diocese of Parramatta present Fundraising Ideas for Parishes. All parishioners are invited and we encourage any parishioners interested in fundraising ideas for the parish to attend.

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

**The Light Advent & Christmas Daily Booklets 2024** - 3x copies are available to purchase from the office for \$8 per copy.

**Fountain Garden at the Parish Centre.** We invite you to sit pray and reflect on the verandah of the Parish Centre and experience the calm and beauty of the garden. We thank our lovely parishioners who installed and are caring for this garden. You are most welcome to visit after Mass.

**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 Parish Centre.

## Parish Centre

The Parish would like to give our Parish Centre a name. One befitting our Parish History and also a tribute to the nuns who taught and resided here for many years. A couple of suggestions are CLARE HOUSE, ST CLARES HOUSE. Any other suggestions you may have would be greatly appreciated.

**ALSO**

The Parish proposes to install a new gate leading from the car park to the Parish Centre. All parishioners are invited to submit their suggestions, with a diagram, of what would be a fitting welcome to the Centre. Responses to both these invites may be left in the **Suggestion Box** in the foyer of the church or left in the Parish Office.

We would love to hear your thoughts with respect to both of these proposals.

## Appeals

Next Appeal - **Bishop's Christmas Appeal**

30 November and 1 December 2024

Envelopes will be provided

## 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, Joseph Sultana, Chris, John, Maryann Sultana & Sultana family, John, Michael, Angelo Clementina & Leanne Sultana & Sultana family, Maria & Nicholas Gatt, Joseph Jack Sultana, Maria, Theresa, Pasquale Macolino, Anton Prsa, John Ripa, Paul Refalo, Antonio & Valento Mattioli, Maria Stella, Alfred Ellul, Pulickal & Manpurackal Families.

**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, Myrna Manalili, Chadia, Lucia Musico, Joe Sant and those in our parish community.

**Please respect the Blessed Eucharist.** Please receive the Eucharist on the tongue. If you still wish to take it in your hand, stay and consume it in front of the priest or Eucharistic Minister. If you are a non-Catholic or a young child, you may receive a blessing instead. Please place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing.

**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. Please return the envelopes one week before the 1st November.** Please, CLEARLY write the names on the envelope, enclose your donation and then place the envelope in either of the collection plates during any Mass.

**Safeguarding Face to Face Training** is now completed.

Those parishioners who attended the training will receive a certificate from the Diocese of Parramatta.

If you were unable to attend the training you may complete online at:

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>



*Please respect that there are **NO PHOTOS OR VIDEOS TO BE TAKEN DURING MASS***



*(permission must be granted by the priest)*

## Sacraments

**The Sacrament of Confirmation -**

Enrolment Mass Sun 27 Oct at 9am & 10:30am

The Parent Information Meeting: Tues 29th October at 7pm

**Baptism Classes**

The next Baptism Class:

Tuesday 5th November at 7pm in the Church Hall.