

Youth Group



St John’s Parish Riverstone Youth Group

All school-aged children are invited to join us for an exciting and faith-filled time with friends, for fun activities that bring us closer to Jesus! Bring a friend and an open heart—we can’t wait to see you there! The next Youth Group gathering and Christmas Party will be held on: **Friday 14th November at 6pm**

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. Thank you.

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 & description.

Piety Store

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.

Friday Prayer Group

Christ Catholic Community (CCC) Prayer Group

Fridays 10am

Please contact Mary Camilleri Ph 0403116987 if you would like any further information.

Counters: A Hoare & J Shipley

Jubilee 2025



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A Jubilee Year is a sacred time of grace, prayer, pilgrimage, and reconciliation held every 25 years.

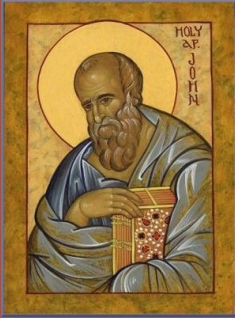
It is a time for sacramental repentance and spiritual renewal for the faithful.

Visit: parracatholic.org/jubileepilgrimage2025

Ministry Roster October 2025

Date	Welcomers	Mass Co-ordinators	Acolytes	Special Ministers	Readers	Prayer of the Faithful	Children’s Liturgy	Choir/Power Point	Cleaners
Sat 25 th 6pm Week4	M Satorre	Sultana family	J Missio		S Nieves L Canlas	M Sultana	R Edwards	Paul Sultana	Team Wed
Sun 26 th 7am	Volunteer	R Bigini	R Bigeni		M Evans	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 26 th 9am	A Hoare	R Brown	J Teuma		E Abendan J Boemi	M Camilleri	J Sullivan S Brown	Rondalla Choir	
Sun 26 th 10:30am	A Hoare	H Greedy	D Catig		N D’Souza M Macatangay	D Gorkic	S Corben J Bugeja	Raymond & Co	
Sat 1st Nov 6pm Week 1	L Canlas A Canlas	Sultana family	J Missio	M Sultana	L Canlas P Canlas	M Sultana	M Galati	Jenchris & Co	Team Wed
Sun 2nd 7am	Volunteer	R Bigeni	R Bigeni	V Bonnici F Bonnici	A Perera	P Perera	None	Power point	
Sun 2nd 9am	A Hoare	R Brown	D Catig	J Sullivan P Sullivan	V Sultana L Fernandez	G Fernandez	S Yapa L Fox	San Pedro Calungsod	
Sun 2nd 10:30am	A Hoare	H Greedy	D Catig	J Sultana S Nobleza	I Sprem L Macatangay	S Suri	S Corben J Bugeja	Raymond & Co	

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have committed to their Ministry. If not available, please contact another parishioner or contact the Parish office.



St John The Evangelist
Catholic Church
Riverstone

A spiritual home for the community
offering hope and help for all in need

Parish Priest:

Deacon:

Parish Secretary:

Parish Manager:

Parish Office:

Hours:

Phone:

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Website:

Address:

Fr Zakaria Gayed

Rev. Dr. Michael Tan

Melissa Spence

Tony Brooker

Mon –Fri

9am-2pm

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St Johns Primary School:

Principal:

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil

Sunday Morning

Weekday & Morning Mass Times

Monday Communion Service

Tuesday-Saturday

First Friday

9854-3200

Mrs Jane Misek

6pm

7am, 9am & 10:30am

8:30am

8:30am

8:30am & 7:30pm

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

26 October 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

***First Reading** Sirach 35:12-14,16-18*

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan’s supplication, nor the widow’s as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds,

The humble man’s prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgment.

And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

***Responsorial Psalm** Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R.v.7*

The Lord hears the cry of the poor

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears

And rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord hears the cry of the poor
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
Those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.
The Lord hears the cry of the poor

Second Reading *2Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me to that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.
The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me—may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *2 Corinthians 5:19*
Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself
And the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 18:9-14*
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, “Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, “I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get.” The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.’

Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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 near the Altar.
Envelopes are now available in the porch.
Please, CLEARLY write each name that you would like to be included in the book, on the envelope, enclose your donation and then place the envelope in either of the collection plates during any Mass.
Please complete your
All Saints - Saturday the 1st November
All Souls - Sunday 2nd November.
For those parishioners who are new to our Parish, please note that No Memorials or Anniversaries will be mentioned during any Masses in the month of November. Instead parishioners will keep all of the deceased names that are listed in the book in their prayers for the whole month of November.

St John the Evangelist Feast Day -
We would like to note that the Parish contributed approximately \$760 from Parish Funds toward the cost of our **Feast Day**, which was held earlier this month. In addition, we received a **\$50 donation** from a parishioner, along with generous contributions of extra food and drinks from several parishioners.

Our Parish has contributed another \$171.00 towards the Catholic Mission Appeal earlier in the month. This brings the total donated for this appeal to \$2574.10.
Please note that the Catholic Mission will issue any receipt that were requested. Thank you to our generous parishioners!

Masses & Feasts

28 Oct Tues Sts Simon & Jude
01 Nov All Saints 8:30am Mass
02 Nov All Souls 7am, 9am & 10:30am Masses

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 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.



Please save the Date:
St John’s Parish and St John’s Primary, Riverstone combined Christmas Carols
Thursday 4th December. Additional information will be shared soon.

Help Needed—anyone who would like to share their free time to make our beautiful church clean and bright every fortnight on a Saturday at 10am? Please contact: Annie Ph 0449862318 Nneka Ph 0410670601

120 Year Celebration - We are now accepting new orders for plaques for our cross. Forms can be found in the foyer of the church. Please complete the form and return to the parish office. Thank you

We pray for all Year 12 students in our Parish community who are preparing and sitting for their HSC exams over the next few weeks.
Please keep these students in your prayers.

Return & Earn



St John’s Parish Return & Earn - every 2nd Sunday of the month. Our St John’s Parish Council requests that you bring your bottles and cans in a garbage bag. Please drop off your bag under the carport in the Parish Centre. Our Parish Council members will then Return and Earn with all monies going directly to the Riverstone Parish.
Next Collection - Sunday 9th November
If you bring any glass bottles, please pack separately in a cardboard box to avoid glass breaking. Please see picture. Thank you.

Parish Council/Pastoral Council

Do you have a gift? Our Parish gives us the gift of community, a sense of belonging, to not only God, but our Parish. If you think about it, you may have a gift that you can share within our Parish Community.
Do you have a gift you can share with our Parish?
Next Meeting: Wednesday 29th October 7:30pm in hall

RCIA

Our Parish has 1 catechumen and 2 candidates for our RCIA program this year. We would like you to keep our catechumen and candidates in your prayers as they begin their journey to become Catholic.

Appeals

Bishop’s Christmas Appeal—22nd and 23rd November. Envelopes will be provided.

Prayers for our Community

Deceased Mass Offerings -
All Souls, All Souls in Purgatory, Forgotten Souls in Purgatory, All Abandoned Souls,
Pope Francis, 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, Michael Agius, John Jim Galea, Joseph Santi, Zeno Sartori, Catherine & Rex Kodippily, Zane Belista, Martha Azike, Harriot Perera., Nunziato & Orlando family, Domencio & Procopio family, Tony & Magazzu family, Silvana & Maiolo family, Antoinette Zarb, Charlie & Jane Refalo, Charlie & Victoria Bugeja, Nina Manjon, Antonio Mattioli., Lessel & Celine DÁbreo, Viola Netto, Adrian & Hazel Rebello, Michael & Luiza Machado
For those who are sick:
Especially Adrian Bugeja, Carlos & Frances Saliba, Maria Pisto, Tony & Freda Attard, Margaret Galea, Belinda Grgic, Lucia Musico, Dominic & Angela Schembri, Maureen Meryment, John & Janice Padernia, Helen Batih, Kerry Duffy, Theresa Bye, and those in our parish community.

SRE MEETING - All SRE’s please attend an SRE Meeting on Wednesday 5th November at 9:45am in the hall.

St Luke’s Parish - Marsden Park
Performance Hub, Frontier Ave, Marsden Park
Discover Hope Healing & His Presence with Bro Lalith Perera. All welcome. Please see poster on noticeboard.
31 Oct Healing Night 7:30pm - Performance Hub
01 Nov Discover Christ in you, the hope of glory Day Retreat 10am—4pm—Performance Hub
Retreat includes Light refreshments & lunch, Childminding & Kids Retreat (6-12yrs)

Safeguarding

Please register directly for 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

Sacramental Program - Confirmation
Lesson 2—Parent & Child
Tues 28 Oct at 7pm in the Galilee Room.
Sacramental Coordinator Rosanna Ph: 0428766727 or email: sacraments10@outlook.com.au
Baptism Classes - The next Baptism Class: Tuesday 4th November 2025 at 7pm in the Church Hall.