

St Joseph's Catholic Church Riverwood

26 Thurlow Street, Riverwood 2210
 Rev John Doherty – Parish Priest
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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Riverwood

Mr Steve Darcy – Principal Phone: 9533 3341

Saturday	6pm	DMC	5:30pm	Baptisms	By appointment
Sunday	7:30 am			Marriages	By appointment
	9:30 am				
	(livestreamed)			Confessions	Saturday after 9am Mass
Tuesday	6.30am				& 5:00 - 5:45 pm
Wednesday	6.30am			Exposition	Friday, 7:30 to 8:30pm
Thursday	6.30am				(with benediction)
Friday	6.30am				Tue-Thu, after Mass
Saturday	9am				

19 February 2023: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and prayers: Please pray for Siobhan Greene (died 13/2), Moses Mifsud, Carmel Shou (ann. 25/2), Gladys Anderson (ann. 19/2), Noreen Watkins (ann. 20/2), Sylvia Torresan (ann. 21/2), Angela Orazi (ann. 16/2), Henri, Yolande & Yves Zacaropoulos and the sick including Mary Higgins, Helen Harnett, Steven Harnett & Maryann Paterson.

Rosary Statue: Maree & John Kellert.

Sacramental Program helpers needed: The Parish needs volunteers to assist with the Sacramental Program. Please contact Fr John or phone/email the office if you think you may be able to help.

Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent

- Masses this week:** Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Mass will be at **6.30am** and also at **9am** to allow St Joseph's school to mark the beginning of Lent.
- Lenten fast and abstinence.** Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat. The law of fasting binds those from 18 to 60; the law of abstinence binds those who are 14 or older. As we imitate our Saviour, we confront our own human weakness and remind ourselves of the brevity of life and our need for salvation which comes through imitation of Christ.
- Stations of the Cross** will be on each Friday in Lent at 7pm in the Church (starting Fri 24 February). Come walk the journey in memory of Christ crucified. Adoration will follow the Stations until 8.30pm.
- Project Compassion** promotes peace by pursuing justice. Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of envelopes and give generously this Lent.

Your donations allow Caritas Australia to work with communities to reduce poverty and hunger around the world. Collection boxes will be in the foyer.

- Invitation to join our Lenten Group:** A Lenten Reflection Group will be running throughout Lent. Commencing Monday 20 February from 7 – 8pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room. The *Spirit and Truth Lenten Companion* from the Archdiocese of Sydney will be made available to use throughout the program. To add your name to the list, please contact Margaret or Maria in the Presbytery.
- Last year's palms to be used for Ash Wednesday can be left in the foyer.

33 Days to Merciful Love: Do you want to do something about your personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Join a group of people journeying with St Therese of Lisieux for 33 days in a directed program. Starting on Tue 28 February in person in the Presbytery Meeting room and starting on Wed 1 March via Zoom. For more information contact Trish (0418 253 377) or Marie Claire (0408 832 597). Registrations close 19/2/2023.

Turkey-Syria Earthquake Disaster: Visit www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

2024 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Riverwood is now accepting applications for the 2024 Kindergarten classes. The Principal, Mr Steve Darcy, is offering a tour of the school on Tue 7 March (9:30 and 12:15) and Thu 9 March (9:30 and 12:15). To book a place on the tour, or for any other information, please give the school a call on 9533 3341.

Collections Last Week

1st: \$782	2nd: \$441	Envelopes: \$486	Tap & Go donations: \$260
Money Counters Roster	Sun 19 Feb	John Owen, Karl Helene	
	Sun 26 Feb	Darijo Cakarun, Geoff Stevens	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat 18 Feb 6:00pm	Dcn William Fernandes	Norina Fincato Mia Trinidad	Justine A, Janemarie A, James G, Noah T, Zachariah T
Sun 19 Feb 7:30am	James Dixon	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Kira B, Tom B, Joseph T
Sun 19 Feb 9:30am	Sr Assunta	Tony Estep Edita Estep	Chelsea A, Nathan A, Kristan D, Jayden H, Nathan H
Sat 25 Feb 6:00pm	James Dixon	Russel Rodrigues George Battikha	David B, Sean F, Jovan L, Jeriah L, Matthew M
Sun 26 Feb 7:30am	Dcn William Fernandes	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Kira B, Tom B, Joseph T
Sun 26 Feb 9:30am	Sr Assunta	Lydia Atmadja Andrew D'Cruxe	Chelsea A, Nathan A, Nicholas O, Catherine S, Manaia W
Altar Society			
Sat 18 Feb	Mary Glen, Judith Connolly, Colleen Goddard		
Sat 25 Feb	Denise Orazi, Christina Coogan		

