

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

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

24th September 2023: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and prayers: Esteban Boymovchakian (3 mth ann), Natale Tesoriero (dec), Fr Maurice Phipps (ann 23/9), Rosalia Aviles Nombrado (ann 25/09), Fausta Aviles Saguimpa (ann 26/09), Henri, Yolande & Yves Zacaropoulos. We pray for our sick: Chungling Hsu, Johan Van Der Merwe, Mary Bailey, Charlie Zarb, Terry Marous, Mary (Pat) McDonald

Rosary Statue: Maree & John Kellert

Fr Richard Sofatzis: We extend a warm welcome to Fr Richard who is officiating at the 9.30am Mass this weekend. Fr Richard was recently ordained and was previously here on placement as a Seminarian. Please note that you can obtain a Plenary Indulgence by attending this Mass.

First Holy Communion: was celebrated in the Parish last Sunday. Many thanks to Paula van Oploo, Pam van Oploo, Lydia Atmadja, James Dixon, Marc Galluzzo, Mrs Cathy Burke, the choir and the Catechists who helped prepare the candidates.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program: starts Wednesday 27 September from 7-8:15pm for 13 weeks (till December 20). If you are interested in joining the program please contact the parish office.

Peakhurst Parish Catholic Women's League: is holding a Spring Fashion Parade by Stafford Fashions on 14th October commencing @ 1pm with afternoon tea in the Parish Hall. All proceeds go to the CWL project of the year, "The Farm" in Galong www.thefarmingalong.com.au. Cost \$15 – cash only please. EFTPOS available for purchases. More information: Maureen Burgess 9533 7075, Pat Pfoeffler 0439 999 552

First Confession Enrolments: are currently open. If you wish to enrol your child please do so by Fri, 6th October. Forms are still available from the Church Narthex or can be downloaded from <https://stjosephriverwood.org.au/sacraments/reconciliation/>. Further enquiries: email stjosephriverwood@outlook.com

Life, Marriage and Family Sunday: All families are invited to come to 10:30 Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday the 22 October, with an opportunity for renewal of marital promises and a special blessing for families. Join us after Mass at the Cathedral Hall to witness and celebrate couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Registrations are essential to receive a certificate. RSVP by no later than 6 October at <http://www.trybooking.com/CJTNF>

Letter from the Cardinal Mario Grech: to the Bishops of the World Vatican, 15 September 2023 - Without Prayer there will be no Synod. In a letter addressed to bishops and eparchs from all over the world, Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod, invites the faithful from around the world to prayerfully participate in the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that will open in the Vatican on 4 October. Read the full press release - <https://www.synod.va/en/news/without-prayer-there-will-be-no-synod.html>

Collections Last Week

1st: \$728.30	2nd: \$391.30	Envelopes: \$706	Tap & Go donations: \$230
Priest Retirement Fund Appeal: \$1604.85			
Money Counters Roster	Sun 24 Sep	Geoff Stevens, Darijo Cakarun	
	Sun 1 Oct	Colleen Goddard, Tony Monaghan	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat 23 Sep Vigil	James Dixon	George Battikha	Justine A, Janemarie A, David B, Sean F, James G
Sun 24 Sep 7.30am	Dcn William	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Kira B, Tom B, Lincoln S
Sun 24 Sep 9.30am	Dcn William	Lydia Atmadja Andrew D'Cruze	Kristan D, Jayden H, Nathan H Catherine S, Manaia W
Sat 30 Sep Vigil	James Dixon	Tony Elchaar Kevin Seymour	TBC
Sun 1 Oct 7.30am	TBC	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	TBC
Sun 1 Oct 9.30am	Dcn William	Catherine Sisson Paula van Oploo	TBC
Altar Society			
Sat 23 Sep	Denise Orazi, Christina Coogan		
Sat 30 Sep	Denise Orazi, Christina Coogan		

Upcoming Parish Events

	Tue-Sun	after Mass	Exposition
29 Sep	Fri	7.30-8.30pm	Exposition and Benediction