

St Joseph's Catholic Church Riverwood

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 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				

19th November 2023: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and prayers: Sr Margaret Mary Birgan, OLN (dec 9/11, funeral Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton, 16/11, 11 am), Jeff Willard (dec 6/11), Spiro & Josephine Bajada (dec), Shirley Vaughan (ann 12/11), Norma Steward (ann 15/11),

Fr Paul Stenhouse msc (ann 19/11) Henri Zacaropoulos, Yolande & Yves Zacaropoulos.

We pray for our sick: Callista H, Ronald Widjaja, Fifi Chen, Ivan Habulin, Risto Milic.

Rosary Statue: Robert & Lollie Devitt

Welcome Bishop Umbers: This weekend we extend a warm welcome to Bishop Umbers who will be officiating at the 9.30am Mass. We invite you to join us afterwards for morning tea in the Parish Centre.

Bishop Visitation: Last Friday Bishop Umbers, along with Sr Anastasia Reeves OP and Fr Greg Morgan FMVD, conducted a parish visitation. They took the opportunity to visit St Joseph's Primary and also met with parishioners involved in parish ministry to discuss various aspects of parish life.

Vinnies Christmas Giving Tree Appeal: With the approach of Christmas the SVDP Society are asking for your assistance for those in our community who are in need. We are asking for **Gift Card Donations** from Woolworths, Aldi or Kmart. **We ask that you place the gift cards either in one of the Mass collections or drop it in to the parish office.** The cards will be given to our SVDP conference and will be placed in our Christmas hampers and given to those families who are finding it difficult to make ends meet. Your generosity allows us to ensure that many families will experience a happy and holy Christmas. **The last date for donations is next Sunday 26th November.** Where possible we ask that donations are received by this date – this allows the SVDP members to ensure there are adequate gifts for each family.

Advent Groups: The Advent season commences Sunday 3 Dec. We are running an Advent group which will meet to reflect on Mass readings of the Sundays of Advent. We will be using the **Go Make Disciples Advent Companion 2023 – Listen to the Word – Prepare for His Birth.** Meetings will be held in the Parish Meeting room on Wednesdays, starting November 29 from 7:15-8:30pm. If you are interested in being part of this group please ring or email the Parish office.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Collections Last Week

1st: \$568.05	2nd: \$423.30	Envelopes: \$713	Tap & Go donations: \$300
Charitable Works Fund Appeal to date: \$1142.10			
Money Counters Roster	Sun 19 Nov	John Owen, John Bourke	
	Sun 26 Nov	Geoff Stevens, Darijo Cakarun	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat 18 Nov Vigil	Dcn William Fernandez	Norina Fincato Mia Trinidad	Justine A, Janemarie A, Sean F, James G, Matthew M
Sun 19 Nov 7.30am		Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	
Sun 19 Nov 9.30am	James Dixon	Tony Estep Edita Estep	Kristan D, Jayden H, Nathan H, Manaia W
Sat 25 Nov Vigil	James Dixon	Russel Rodrigues George Battikha	David B, Jovan L, Jeriah L, Noah T, Zachariah T
Sun 26 Nov 7.30am	Dcn William	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Lincoln S, Joseph T
Sun 26 Nov 9.30am	Sr Assunta	Lydia Atmadja Andrew D'Cruze	Chelsea A, Nathan A, Nicholas O, Catherine S

Altar Society

Sat 18 Nov	Denise Orazi, Christina Coogan
Sat 25 Nov	Mary Glen, Judith Connolly, Colleen Goddard

Upcoming Parish Events

	Tue-Sun	after Mass	Exposition
22 Nov	Wed	9.30am	Grade 6 + Kindergarten School Mass
22 Nov	Wed	11am	Banks Lodge Mass
22 Nov	Wed	7.30pm	RCIA Program
24 Nov	Fri	7.30-8.30pm	Exposition and Benediction