

St Joseph's Catholic Church Riverwood

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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				

26th November 2023: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Masses and prayers: Rev Mgr William Mullins (dec 16/11, funeral 5/12, St Mary's Cathedral, 10am), Natale Tesoriero (dec), Jeff Willard (dec 6/11), Spiro & Josephine Bajada (dec), Henri Zacaropoulos, Yolande & Yves Zacaropoulos.

We pray for our sick: Tony & Dorothy Nesbitt, Callista H, Ronald Widjaja, Fifi Chen.

Rosary Statue: Tony & Edita Estep

Vinnies Christmas Giving Tree Appeal: This weekend is the last weekend of our Christmas appeal. We ask anyone who would still like to donate to bring the donation to the parish office by Wednesday this week (note parish office open on Monday & Wednesday) or place the gift card in an envelope marked St Vincent de Paul in one of the weekend Mass collections. This allows the SVDP members time to ensure there are adequate gifts for each family. Thank you to everyone who has already donated. Your generosity allows us to ensure that many families will experience a happy and holy Christmas.

Advent Groups: The Advent season commences next 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.

Christmas at the Cathedral: 14 – 25 December. We invite the community of Sydney to come together at St Mary's Cathedral during Advent to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Festivities begin at 5.30pm with Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment.

Listen to the Word: Prepare for His birth - Advent Companion 2023: Now available in the Church Narthex. The beautiful Season of Advent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to prepare for the coming of Jesus. This free Advent Companion contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas, and spiritual reflections by Christian Stephens, Rachel Vala, Milad Khalil, Sr Anastasia Reeves OP, and Fr Matthew Meagher.

Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP: Archbishop Anthony has recently returned from the first assembly of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, held in the Vatican from 4th to 29th October. He has written a reflection on the Synod on Synodality. This can be on the parish website by following the following link: https://stjosephriverwood.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Pastoral-Letter_Walking-Together-in-Communion-Participation-and-Mission.pdf

Christmas Mass Times 2023: Christmas Eve 24 Dec – Vigil 6pm (with an emphasis on children) & Midnight Mass. Christmas Day – 25 Dec – 9.30am

Collections Last Week

1st: \$814.45	2nd: \$476	Envelopes: \$476	Tap & Go donations: \$280
Charitable Works Fund Appeal to date: \$1142.10			
Money Counters Roster	Sun 26 Nov	Geoff Stevens, Darijo Cakarun	
	Sun 3 Dec	Colleen Goddard, Tony Monaghan	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
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
Sat 2 Dec Vigil	James Dixon	Tony Elchaar Kevin Seymour	Justine A, Janemarie A, Sean F James G, Matthew M
Sun 3 Dec 7.30am		Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Lincoln S
Sun 10 Dec 9.30am	Dcn William Fernandes	Catherine Sisson Paula van Oploo	Kristan D, Jayden H, Nathan H, Manaia W
Altar Society			
Sat 25 Nov	Mary Glen, Judith Connolly, Colleen Goddard		
Sat 2 Dec	Michele D'Cruze, Dorothy Fernandes		

Upcoming Parish Events

	Tue-Sun	after Mass	Exposition
29 Nov	Wed	9.30am	Advent Groups – Presbytery Meeting Room
1 Dec	Fri	7.30-8.30pm	Exposition and Benediction