

St Joseph's Catholic Church Riverwood

26 Thurlow Street, Riverwood 2210
 Rev John Doherty – Parish Priest
 Rev Mr William Fernandes - Parish Deacon
 Mrs Lynelle Lembrak – Parish Secretary – Mon, Wed, Fri 9:30am – 3:30pm
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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 & 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				

10th December 2023: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Masses and prayers: Sam Galluzzo (dec 23/11), Maria Chu (dec), Ann Ry Nguyen (ann 3/12), Fr Vincent Ryan OFM CP (ann 5/12), Lydia Gacuma (ann 5/12), Lorna Fitzgerald (ann 5/12), Patrice Dow (ann 5/12), Mary Azzopardi (ann 6/12), Luke Lembrak (ann 7/12), Adelina Salisbury (ann 7/12), Richard Proctor (ann 9/12), Ido Fincato (ann 10/12), Josephine Bajada (ann 10/12), Ron Ryan (ann 18/12), Terry Paterson (ann 18/12), Kerry Paterson (ann), Henri, Yolande & Yves Zacaropoulos, Spiro Bajada, Giovanni & Maria Lauricella

We pray for our sick: David Marthana, Kauriroa Mahara, Tony & Dorothy Nesbitt

Rosary Statue: Russel & Nicky Rodrigues

Reminder–SVDP Christmas Toys: Our conference members are currently assembling the hampers for distribution and want to ensure all children receive gifts. ***If you took a tag to purchase a present for a child and haven't yet returned a present, we ask you do so as soon as possible.***

Flowers for Christmas: Christmas is only 2 weeks away! The Altar Society ladies would LOVE and APPRECIATE donations of flowers for our Church during this time. There will be buckets of water at the entry of the Church to place flowers in from 3pm Thursday 21 Dec until 10am Friday 22 Dec. Enquiries – Denise 0412 916 961 or Christina 0447 076 317.

Choir Practice for Christmas: Thursday 14 Dec at 7pm. Newcomers very welcome!

Advent Group: Join us in the Presbytery Meeting Room to reflect on Mass readings of the Sundays of Advent. The group meets on Wednesday evenings **from 7:15-8:30pm.**

2024 Parish Rosters: Will be distributed by the end of December. Please advise Lynelle in the Parish Office if there are any changes to your availability for next year.

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. See website for further information regarding dates and entertainment: <https://christmasatthecathedral.org.au/>

Christmas Liturgical Celebrations at St Joseph's Riverwood:

Christmas Eve: Sat 24 Dec

Vigil Mass 6pm (with an emphasis on children)–Carols commencing at 5.30pm.

Midnight Mass–Carols commencing at 11.30pm

Christmas Day: Sun 25 Dec 9.30am

Confessions: Sat 16 Dec after 9am Mass and Sat 16 Dec from 5.00pm - 5.45pm and Sat 23 Dec from 4.00pm – 5.00pm. Fr John will also be available for confessions during Exposition on Friday 22 Dec 7.30 – 8.30pm.

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Collections Last Week

1st: \$714.10	2nd: \$430.95	Envelopes: \$1008	Tap & Go donations: \$410
Money Counters Roster		Sun 10 Dec Christina Coogan, Catherine Sisson	Sun 17 Dec John Owen, John Bourke

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat 9 Dec Vigil	James Dixon	Maureen Carters Steffi Robin	David B, Jovan L, Jeriah L, Noah T, Zachariah T
Sun 10 Dec 7.30am	Dcn William	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Sean F, Lincoln S, Joseph T
Sun 10 Dec 9.30am	Sr Assunta	George Battikha Catherine Sisson	Chelsea A, Nathan A, Kristan D, Nicholas O, Catherine S
Sat 16 Dec Vigil	Dcn William	Norina Fincato Mia Trinidad	Justine A, Janemarie A, James G, Matthew M
Sun 17 Dec 7.30am	James Dixon	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Sean F, Lincoln S
Sun 17 Dec 9.30am	TBC	Tony Estep Edita Estep	Chelsea A, Nathan A, Jayden H, Nathan H, Manaia W

Altar Society

Sat 9 Dec	Jennifer Emanuel, Catherine Yoo
Sat 16 Dec	Mary Glen, Judith Connolly, Colleen Goddard

Upcoming Parish Events

	Tue-Sun	after Mass	Exposition
12 Dec	Tue	10.30am	Leigh Place Aged Care Mass
12 Dec	Tue	5.30pm	School Mass - Year 6 Graduation
13 Dec	Wed	7.15 – 8.30pm	Advent Group
15 Dec	Fri	7.30 - 8.30pm	Exposition and Benediction