

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				

17th December 2023: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Masses and prayers: Eileen Allen (died 5/12), Josephine Bajada (ann 10/12), Walter Vella (ann 12/12), Alberto Conte (ann 17/12), Margaret Breen, (ann 17/12), Ron Ryan (ann 18/12), Fr Kevin Mark Young MSC (ann 21/12), Henri, Yolande & Yves Zacaropoulos, Spiro Bajada

We pray for our sick: David Marthana

Rosary Statue: Christine North

Flowers for Christmas: 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.

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.

Becoming Catholic: If anyone would like to learn about the Catholic Faith, perhaps with a view to becoming Catholic, please contact Fr John

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/>

Carols For Peace: Join Archbishop Fisher and a Choir & Orchestra of 70 musicians for this very special ceremony "Carols for Peace". **Time and Date:** Fri 22 Dec 23 @ 7pm
Location: St Mary's Cathedral **ENTRY BY DONATION:** All funds raised support Aid to the Church in Need & its charity works in The Holy Land & Ukraine. Tickets are strictly limited.
Booking required: www.carolsforpeace.org

Christmas Liturgical Celebrations at St Joseph's Riverwood:

Christmas Eve: Sun 24 Dec

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

Midnight Mass-Carols commencing at 11.30pm

Christmas Day: Mon 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.

Collections Last Week

1st: \$605.95	2nd: \$340.70	Envelopes: \$977	Tap & Go donations: \$390
SVDP Appeal to date: \$1001 – thank you for your generosity			
Money Counters Roster	Sun 17 Dec	John Owen, Christina Coogan	
	Sun 24 Dec	Geoff Stevens, Darijo Cakarun	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat 16 Dec Vigil	Dcn William Fernandes	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
Sat 23 Dec Vigil	James Dixon	Russel Rodrigues George Battikha	David B, Jovan L, Jeriah L, Noah T, Zachariah T
Sun 24 Dec 7.30am	Dcn William Fernandes	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Sean F, Lincoln S, Joseph T
Sun 24 Dec 9.30am	Sr Assunta	Lydia Atmadja Andrew D'Cruze	Kristan D, Jayden H, Nathan H, Nicholas O, Catherine S

Altar Society

Sat 16 Dec	Mary Glen, Judith Connolly, Colleen Goddard
Sat 23 Dec	Denise Orazi, Christina Coogan

Upcoming Parish Events

	Tue-Sun	after Mass	Exposition
20 Dec	Wed	7.15 – 8.30pm	Advent Group – Presbytery Meeting Room
22 Dec	Fri	7.30 - 8.30pm	Exposition and Benediction