

St Joseph's Catholic Church Riverwood

26 Thurlow Street, Riverwood 2210
 Rev John Doherty – Parish Priest
 Rev Mr William Fernandes - Parish Deacon
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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Riverwood

Mr Steve Darcy – Principal Phone: 9533 3341

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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 December 2023: 4th Sunday of Advent

Masses and prayers: William John “Billy” Walters (dec 17/12), Robyn Nugent (dec 16/10), Chris Semlitch (dec 17/12), Josephine Bajada (ann 10/12), Jessica Tong (ann 18/12), Bob Oakes (ann 19/12), Dorothy Browne (ann 21/12), Michael Kenny (ann 24/12), Ersilia, Bartolo & Pietro Tesoriero, Antonino & Josephine Trapani, Natale & Grazia Lauricella, Henri, Yolande & Yves Zacaropoulos, Spiro Bajada

We pray for our sick: Azalia Donati, Darren Bailey, Norm Moses, Joy, and Our Ladies Nurses for the Poor Coogee

Rosary Statue: Elizabeth & Adrian Perkins

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

The Christian's Final Journey: Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria and partner, the ACU Centre for Liturgy, are offering a one-day workshop on Catholic funerals on **13 February 2024**. It has been designed for all those interested in Catholic funerals including parishioners, clergy, Funeral Directors, Bereavement Teams, Pastoral Associates, Parish Secretaries and Family Faith Educators, and all school staff. Catholic practices around burial and cremation will be investigated as well as preparation of a funeral (for future discussion with the funeral celebrant) and how to support the grieving. It will be held at Club Ashfield, 1-11 Charlotte Street Ashfield NSW. **Time:** 9am-5pm (registration from 8.30am). **Registration** is essential by 7 February. **Cost:** \$60 (includes lunch and a workbook) (\$120 for Funeral Directors who will receive certification for 5 years.)

Enquiries: CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au or 02 9701 4751. For more information, and to register, go to www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training

Holy Days of Obligation at Christmas: The Church obliges us to attend Masses on Sundays, and on Christmas Day.

- Our Saturday (23/12) 6pm and Sunday (24/12) 7.30am & 9.30am Masses fulfill your Sunday obligation for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.
- The Sunday night 6pm, Midnight and Monday (25/12) morning 9.30am Masses fulfill your Christmas Day obligations.

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

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| 1st: \$668.85 | 2nd: \$332.75 | Envelopes: \$481.65 | Tap & Go donations: \$320 |
| Money Counters Roster | | Sun 24 Dec | Geoff Stevens, Darijo Cakarun |
| | | Sun 31 Dec | Colleen Goddard, Tony Monaghan |

Parish Liturgy Roster

| | Acolytes and Ministers | Lectors | Altar Servers |
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| 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 |
| Sat 30 Dec Vigil | TBC | Tony Elchaar Kevin Seymour | Justine A, Janemarie A, James G, Matthew M |
| Sun 31 Dec 7.30am | Dcn William | Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy | Sean F, Lincoln S |
| Sun 31 Dec 9.30am | TBC | Catherine Sisson Paula van Oploo | Kristan D, Jayden H, Nathan H, Nicholas O, Manaia W |

Altar Society

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| Sat 23 Dec | Denise Orazi, Christina Coogan |
| Sat 30 Dec | Mary Glen, Judith Connolly, Colleen Goddard |

Upcoming Parish Events

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