

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 | | | | |

3rd December 2023: 1st Sunday of Advent

Masses and prayers: Christine McCarthy - mother of Fr James McCarthy (dec 29/11), Rev Mgr William Mullins (dec 16/11, funeral 5/12, St Mary's Cathedral, 10am), Natale Tesoriero (dec), Giovanni Fabbro (ann 2/12), Spiro & Josephine Bajada (ann 10/12), Terry Paterson (ann 18/12), Kerry Paterson (ann), Henri, Yolande & Yves Zacaropoulos.

Special Intentions: Maria Romilda Lauricella, Giovanni Lauricella

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

Rosary Statue: Maree & John Kellert

RIP Sam Galluzzo (owner of Galluzzo's Chemists): Sam passed away on the 23rd November 2023. The funeral will be held at St James Church Forest Lodge (Glebe) on Monday 4th December @ 10am. A gathering afterwards will be held at the Toxteth Hotel Glebe. Please keep the family and staff in your prayers.

Advent Groups: The Advent season commences this weekend. 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.

Listen to the Word: Prepare for His birth - Advent Companion 2023: Now available in the Church Narthex. The 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.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal: Appeal envelopes available on the pews. Over the last year, the ongoing cost-of-living crisis has become increasingly dire. It's hitting many families and vulnerable members of our community incredibly hard. Your gift this Christmas can help provide desperately needed food, clothing, living expenses and crisis support – and long-term assistance to get through this ongoing cost-of-living crisis and build better futures.

An Occasion of Common Lamentation and Prayer for Peace: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP & Bishop Michael McKenna, Chair of the Bishops' Commission for Christian Unity and Inter-Religious Dialogue invites you to An Occasion of Common Lamentation and Prayer for Peace. **Date:** Wednesday 6th December, **Time:** 6:30pm-7:30pm, **Location:** St Mary's Cathedral

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

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| 1st: \$924 | 2nd: \$430.95 | Envelopes: \$515 | Tap & Go donations: \$340 |
| Charitable Works Fund Appeal: \$1862.10 – thank you for your generosity | | | |
| Money Counters Roster | Sun 3 Dec | Colleen Goddard, Tony Monaghan | |
| | Sun 10 Dec | Christina Coogan, Catherine Sisson | |

Parish Liturgy Roster

| | Acolytes and Ministers | Lectors | Altar Servers |
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| Sat 2 Dec Vigil | James Dixon | Tony Elchaar Kevin Seymour | Justine A, Janemarie A, James G, Matthew M |
| Sun 3 Dec 7.30am | | Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy | Lincoln S |
| Sun 3 Dec 9.30am | Dcn William Fernandes | Catherine Sisson Paula van Oploo | Kristan D, Jayden H, Nathan H, Manaia W |
| 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 |

Altar Society

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| Sat 2 Dec | Michele D'Cruze, Dorothy Fernandes |
| Sat 9 Dec | Jennifer Emanuel, Catherine Yoo |

Upcoming Parish Events

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| | Tue-Sun | after Mass | Exposition |
| 5 Dec | Tue | 10.30am | Peakhurst Nursing Home Mass |
| 6 Dec | Wed | 7.15pm | Advent Groups – Presbytery Meeting Room |
| 8 Dec | Fri | 7.15 - 8.30pm | Exposition and Benediction |