

## St Joseph's Catholic Church Riverwood

26 Thurlow Street, Riverwood 2210  
 Rev John Doherty – Parish Priest  
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### St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Riverwood

Mr Steve Darcy – Principal Phone: 9533 3341

<b>Saturday</b>	6pm	<b>DMC</b>	5:30pm	<b>Baptisms</b>	By appointment
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am			<b>Marriages</b>	By appointment
	9:30 am (livestreamed)			<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday after 9am Mass & 5:00 - 5:45 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	6.30am			<b>Exposition</b>	Friday, 7:30 to 8:30pm (with benediction); Tue-Thu, after Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	6.30am				
<b>Thursday</b>	6.30am				
<b>Friday</b>	6.30am				
<b>Saturday</b>	9am				

### 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

**Masses and prayers:** Fr Kevin Bates (dec 31/01), Fr Michael Kelly (dec 26/1), Mary Clarke (ann 2/2), Natale Tesoriero, Henri, Yolande & Yves Zacaropoulos.

**We pray for our sick:** Dorothy Nesbitt, John Keith

**Rosary Statue:** Tony & Edita Estep

**Fr John Away:** I will be away next week from this Sunday afternoon to Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February. **There will be no 6.30am morning Masses or Saturday 9am Morning Mass from 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> February (inclusive).** Weekend Masses (10-11 Feb) will be as normal. Our Mass schedule will return to normal from 13<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you for your patience over the past few weeks.

**Lenten Reflection Group:** Starts Monday February 12 at 7:30pm in the Presbytery meeting room. All welcome. If you are unable to attend the reflection group, copies of the Lenten booklet will be available in the Church Narthex early February.

**Become a Catechist or Helper in 2024:** Did you know half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools? Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper. Starting off as a helper, you'll receive easy step-by-step lessons and hand out activity books. Find out more about the work catechists do here: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/> or contact our Catechist Co-ordinator Norina on 0427 468 909.

**The Catholic Weekly \$2:** Proceeds of sales assist our SVDP Conference help those in need living in our local community. Please place \$2 in the poor box located near the piety stall. **This week:** How George Pell built the world's best Catholic chaplaincy & Pope clarifies meaning of controversial same-sex blessings text

**Youth Development Scholarship Programme:** The Youth Development Scholarships (YDS) program is offering up to 1,400 scholarships to young people enrolled in education or training to help complete their studies in the 2024 school year. You are eligible to apply if you are: Studying at one of the following in 2024: Year 10, 11 or 12 at an NSW high school or equivalent at TAFE or a VET subject at school; or • completing a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship and able to provide a signed contract agreement from your registered training provider; or • home schooling and able to provide a Certificate of Home Schooling Registration. You must also be either a social housing client or living in out-of-home care. How do I apply? Visit the Youth Scholarship Program Link <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/children-and-families/children-and-young-people/youth-development-scholarships.html> Applications will close 16 February 2024

### Collections Last Week

1st: \$517.15	2nd: \$317.05	Envelopes: \$455	Tap & Go donations: \$110
<b>Money Counters Roster</b>		Sun 4 Feb Colleen Goddard, Tony Monaghan	Sun 11 Feb John Bourke, Catherine Sisson

### Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes & Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat 3 Feb Vigil	James Dixon	Tony Elchaar Kevin Seymour	Justine A, Janemarie A, Jovan L, Jeriah L
Sun 4 Feb 7.30am	Kate Fenerty	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Sean F, Lincoln S, Joseph To
Sun 4 Feb 9.30am	Dcn William	Catherine Sisson Paula van Oploo	Kristan D, Jayden H, Nathan H, Nicholas O, Catherine S
Sat 10 Feb Vigil	James Dixon	Maureen Carters Steffi Robin	Justine A, Janemarie A, James G, Matthew M
Sun 11 Feb 7.30am	Dcn William	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Sean F, Lincoln S
Sun 11 Feb 9.30am	Sr Assunta	George Battikha Catherine Sisson	Chelsea A, Nathan A, Jayden H, Nathan H, Manaia W

### Altar Society

Sat 3 Feb	Michele D'Cruze, Dorothy Fernandes
Sat 10 Feb	Jennifer Emanuel, Catherine Yoo
Vacuuming Church	Weekly – Glenda

### Upcoming Parish Events

	Tue-Sun	after Mass	Exposition
9 Feb	Fri	7.30 – 8.30pm	Exposition and Benediction