

St Joseph's Catholic Church Riverwood

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| Schedule of Masses | | Baptisms | By appointment |
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| Saturday | 6 pm (Vigil for Sunday) | Marriages | By appointment |
| Sunday | 7.30 am, 9.30 am | Confessions | Saturday after 9am Mass & 5:00-5:45 pm |
| Tuesday | 7.30 am | Exposition | Friday, 7:30 to 8:30pm (with benediction) |
| Wednesday | 9 am | | |
| Thursday | 7.30am in the Convent | | |
| Friday | 9 am | | |
| Saturday | 9 am (Rosary 8:40) | | |

20 August 2017: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Masses and prayers: Please pray for Clem Mitchelmore (died 15/8), Vincenzo Leto (died 16/8), Leo van Oploo (ann. 17/8), Molly Glen (anniversary), Cecilia Maria Nadile, Natale Tesoriero, Grazia Lauricella, Henri & Yolande Zacaropoulos, the Holy Souls and those in need and those who are sick or who need our prayers including Angela Willoughby, Kitty Marshall, Michael Taffa, Fr John Shallvey msc, Rita Wendt, Bridie Cosby, Anastasia Zahra and Stephen Sinclair.

Feast of St Mary MacKillop Appeal: *In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to bring life to "the poorest and most neglected parts of God's vineyard."* Your donation to Mary MacKillop International will support thousands of people in Timor-Leste, Peru and Papua New Guinea in education, health and livelihoods opportunities, bringing hope to communities for generations to come. Appeal envelopes are available on the table in the Church Narthex. You can bring them back next week. If you would prefer to donate online please go to the website: www.mmi.org.au

"Let us show love in our acts." Mary MacKillop 1890

Nick Weir will be speaking at Masses this weekend about the upcoming Inside Outside Youth Camp and the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher continues to respect the Seal of Confession: Archbishop Fisher has written a letter to Sydney priests defending the Seal of Confession. Copies of the letter are available on the table in the Church Narthex. The Catholic Weekly has printed an article regarding the letter which can be viewed online at:

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/archbishop-anthony-fisher-defends-seal-confession/>

Postal Plebiscite on "same-sex marriage" announced: The Australian Government has announced there will be a postal plebiscite on whether the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 should be changed to include "same-sex marriage". Ballot papers will be sent out to households on Tuesday, 12 September and all votes must be received back

by Tuesday, 7 November. If you are not enrolled to vote, or if you need to update your postal address, go to www.aec.gov.au/enrol/ before the cut-off date of Thursday 24 August. Vote No, to keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man.

Alive Youth Group: This Friday 25 August, from 6pm - 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. Year 5 & 6 students welcome to come and spend time together. Bring \$5 for pizza and a friend! Call Nick Weir on 0452208151 or email aliveym.riverwood@gmail.com

Volunteers needed to join our Parish Altar Society: Please contact either Fr John or Margaret in the office if you can help please.

The Annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn will be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP on Wed 30 August at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the lives lost to abortion and in solidarity with the women and men who grieve this profound loss. During the Mass 77 candles will be brought forward to represent the 77 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre: LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org or call 9307 8404.

Rosary Statue: Russell & Nicky Rodrigues, 91 Clarke St South, Peakhurst.

Collections Last Week

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| 1st: \$804 | 2nd: \$436 | Envelopes: \$1,116 |
| CWF (received to date): \$2,440 | | |
| Money Counters Roster | Sun 20 Aug | John Owen, Karl Helene |
| | Sun 27 Aug | Geoff Stevens, Darijo Cakarun |

Parish Liturgy Roster

| | Acolytes and Ministers | Lectors | Altar Servers |
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| Sat 19 Aug 6:00pm | James Dixon | Sue Shepherd Norina Fincato | Harrison C, Jovan L, Zachary N, Alexander N |
| Sun 20 Aug 7:30am | William Fernandes | Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy | Jacinta A, Kira B, Teana B, Joseph T |
| Sun 20 Aug 9:30am | Sr Assunta | Tony Estep Edita Estep | Zachary D, Nicholas O, Margaret O, Chris P |
| Sat 26 Aug 6:00pm | James Dixon | Lectors needed | Adam D, Noah D, Jennifer-Tyler L, Alexander N |
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| Readings for 26/27 Aug: Page 443 in St Paul's Sunday Missal | | | |
| Altar Society | | | |
| Sat 19 Aug | Denise Orazi, TBA | | |
| Sat 26 Aug | Mary Glen, Judith Connolly, Colleen Goddard, Sr Mary Ephrem | | |

Upcoming Parish Events

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| 25 Aug | Fri | 7:30 – 8:30pm | Exposition and Benediction |
| 27 Aug | Sun | 8.20am | First Communion Preparation Lesson 3 |

