

St Joseph's Catholic Church Riverwood

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

17 December 2017: Third Sunday of Advent

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Masses and prayers: Please pray for Robert Molnar (died 28/11), Roy Hogan (died 6/12), Henri & Yolande Zacaropoulos, Josephine Bajada (ann.), Margaret Breen (ann. 17/12), Terry Paterson (ann. 18/12), Bob Oakes (ann. 19/12), Alberto Conte (ann. 17/12), the sick or those who need our prayers including Sheena Dela-Vadova and Daniel Wijaya.

Congratulations to William Fernandes who has now been formally accepted as a candidate for the permanent diaconate in the Archdiocese.

Helpers are needed to assist the St Vincent de Paul Riverwood Conference deliver Christmas Hampers. If anyone is available, please contact Maryann on 0418 228 474.

Rosary Statue: Andrew & Michele D'Cruze, 3 Hannans Rd, Riverwood.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION FINAL REPORT

Archbishop Anthony Fisher will have released a statement on Friday following the release of the final report. Copies are available in the Church. Some points from the Archbishop:

- The Church respects and thanks all those survivors of Child Sexual Abuse who have had the courage to come forward to the Royal Commission and tell their harrowing stories at great emotional and psychological cost to themselves. Tragically, across countless institutions, especially the Church, victims were largely ignored by those in leadership positions who had a duty to protect them.
- While the sexual abuse of children and other vulnerable people is prevalent across society, in families and institutions, people are rightly appalled that innocent ones have been abused while in the care of Church personnel.
- Every few centuries, the Church undergoes a massive experience of purification which makes us confront the many ways in which we have failed to live up to the standards of the Gospel. We live in such a time. For the Catholic community, the Royal Commission has been a deep humiliation, and we hope that this will give

birth to a greater humility in our Church so that we become willing to listen and learn, especially from survivors of abuse whose voice is surely prophetic.

- We have not been idle over the past five years, but have already introduced many of the proposals aired in the Royal Commission. Like many dioceses and religious congregations, the Archdiocese of Sydney now has a Safeguarding Office whose chief responsibilities are to ensure the protection of the young, and to respond to the needs of survivors. Formation programs for clergy, seminarians and Church workers have been strengthened.
- We all need to join in the work of renewal that lies ahead.

Christmas Liturgical Celebrations at St Joseph's Riverwood:

Christmas Eve: Sun 24 Dec - Vigil Mass 6pm (hopefully there will be an emphasis on children) with carols commencing at 5.30pm. **Midnight Mass** with carols commencing at 11.30pm.

Christmas Day: Mon 25 Dec at 9.30 am

Confessions: Sat 23 Dec after 9am Mass and Sat 23 Dec from 5.00pm - 5.45pm.

Choir Practice for Christmas: Thu 21 Dec 6.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Collections Last Week

1st: \$773	2nd: \$331	Envelopes: \$927
Money Counters Roster	Sun 17 Dec	John Owen, Karl Helene
	Sun 24 Dec	Geoff Stevens, Darijo Cakarun

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat 16 Dec 6:00pm	James Dixon	Sue Shepherd Norina Fincato	Harrison C, Jennifer-Tyler L, Zachary N, Alexander N
Sun 17 Dec 7:30am	Ben Saliba	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Jacinta A, Kira B, Teana B, Joseph T
Sun 17 Dec 9:30am	William Fernandes	Tony Estep Edita Estep	Jovan L, Nicholas O, Margaret O, Chris P
Sat 23 Dec 6:00pm	James Dixon, Ben Saliba	Nico Wijaya Michelle Mattar	Harrison C, Noah D, Zachary N, Alexander N
Sun 24 Dec 7:30am	William Fernandes, Ben S	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Jacinta A, Kira B, Teana B, Joseph T
Sun 24 Dec 9:30am	William Fernandes	Paula van Oploo Lydia Atmadja	Zachary D, Jovan L, Christian L, Nicholas O
Sun 24 Dec 6:00pm Christmas Eve	Ben Saliba	Maureen Carters Sue Shepherd	Harrison C, Jennifer-Tyler L, Jovan L, Alexander N, Joseph T
Sun 24 Dec Christmas Midnight	Ben Saliba	Darijo Cakarun Charles Limpus	Servers required
Mon 25 Dec 9:30am Christmas Day	William Fernandes, Ben S	Catherine Sisson Mona Ekawati	Zachary D, Jacinta A, Nicholas O, Margaret O, Chris P
Readings for 23/24 Dec: Page 514 in St Paul's Sunday Missal			
Altar Society			
Sat 16 Dec	Mary Glen, Judith Connolly, Colleen Goddard		
Sat 23 Dec	Denise Orazi, Christina Coogan		

Upcoming Parish Events

19 Dec	Tue	10.30am	Aged Care Mass at Banks Lodge
22 Dec	Fri	7.30 – 8.30pm	Exposition and Benediction