

St Joseph's Catholic Church Riverwood

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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Riverwood

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms	By appointment
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	9am		
Thursday	7:30 am in the Convent		
Friday	9am		
Saturday	9am (Rosary 8:40)		

11 February 2018: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

P618 in St Paul's Sunday Missal

Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent

- Masses this week: Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Masses will be at **6.30am** and also at **9am** to allow St Joseph's school to mark the beginning of Lent.
- Lenten fast and abstinence. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat. The law of fasting binds those from 18 to 60; the law of abstinence binds those who are 14 or older. As we imitate our Saviour, we confront our own human weakness and remind ourselves of the brevity of life and our need for salvation which only comes through imitation of Christ.
- The Law of Fast and Abstinence for Lent: These laws are on the noticeboard of the Church and copies are available from the table in the foyer.
- Stations of the Cross: We will be having the Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent at 7pm in the Church (starting Fri 16 February). Come walk the journey in memory of Christ crucified. Adoration will follow the Stations until 8.30pm.
- Project Compassion promotes peace by pursuing justice. Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or set of envelopes and give generously this Lent. Your donations allow Caritas Australia to work with communities to reduce poverty and hunger around the world. Collection boxes will be in the foyer.
- Lenten Group: The Lenten Program commences Tuesday 13 February from 7pm – 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room in the Presbytery. If you would like to join the group, please contact Margaret in the office as soon as possible.
- Last year's palms to be used for Ash Wednesday can be left in the foyer.

Fr John away. While I am away (after Ash Wednesday), Fr John Stork is staying in the Presbytery and celebrating Mass until I return on Saturday 3 March.

Masses and prayers: Please pray for Peter Cummins (died 8/2), Emile Garas (ann. 11/2), Irene O'Shannessy (ann.), Robert Francis Sisson (ann. 6/8), Henri & Yolande Zacaropoulos, Veronica Hudson (ann. 15/2), Theo Milledge (ann. 17/2), the sick or those who need our prayers including Gim O'Brien and Clare van Oploo.

Rosary Statue: Betty Lynch, 5 Knock Cres, Beverly Hills.

Catechist Training: All Catechists are asked to meet at 12.30pm on Tuesday 13 February in the Parish Centre to attend a compulsory CCD course on Safeguarding.

Catechist helpers needed: With some very large scripture classes at our public schools, we need helpers to assist the catechists in the classroom. If you could spare half an hour each week to assist on a Tuesday morning, please contact Fr John or Norina (M 0427 468 909). And you will receive blessings doing this work for the Lord!

Divine Mercy Lenten Reflection with St Faustina Relic on Tour. Saturday 3 March 2018 9am – 4pm at St Michael's Parish, 10 Croydon Road, Hurstville. (Fr Ron Harden Hall)

Collections Last Week

1st: \$879	2nd: \$384	Envelopes: \$1,176
Money Counters Roster	Sun 11 Feb Christina Coogan, Tricia Haren	
	Sun 18 Feb John Owen, Karl Helene	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat 10 Feb 6:00pm	James Dixon	Maureen Carters Steffi Peter	Adam D, Noah D, Jennifer-Tyler L, Alexander N
Sun 11 Feb 7:30am	William Fernandes	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Jacinta A, Kira B, Teana B, Joseph T
Sun 11 Feb 9:30am	Sr Assunta	Christine North Mona Ekawati	Zachary D, Christian L, Nicholas O, Chris P
Sat 17 Feb 6:00pm	James Dixon	Sue Shepherd	Harrison C, Jennifer- Tyler L, Zachary N, Alexander N
Sun 18 Feb 7:30am	William Fernandes	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Jacinta A, Kira B, Teana B, Joseph T
Sun 18 Feb 9:30am	Sr Assunta	Norina Fincato	Zachary D, Margaret O, Nicholas O, Chris P

Readings for 17/18 Feb Jan: P622 in St Paul's Sunday Missal

Altar Society

Sat 10 Feb	Jennifer Emanuel, Gail Meredith
Sat 17 Feb	Mary Glen, Judith Connolly, Colleen Goddard

Upcoming Parish Events

13 Feb	Tue	10.30am	Leigh Place Aged Care Mass
16 Feb	Fri	7pm	Stations of the Cross
16 Feb	Fri	7.30 – 8.30pm	Exposition and Benediction