

St Joseph's Catholic Church 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	7.30am	Exposition	Friday, 7:30 to 8:30pm (with benediction)
Wednesday	9am		
Thursday	7.30am in the Convent		
Friday	9am		
Saturday	9 am (Rosary 8:40)		

3 December 2017: First Sunday of Advent

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Masses and prayers: Please pray for Elizabeth McLaren (died 25/11), Fr Glen Walsh (recently deceased), Ong Mong Tjie (died 11/11), Fr Vincent Ryan OFM Cap (ann. 5/12), Henri & Yolande Zacaropoulos, Josephine Bajada (ann.), the sick or those who need our prayers including Ruth Owen and Daniel Wijaya.

The Parish Morning Tea is on this Sunday 3 December after the 9.30am Mass in the Parish Centre. All welcome!

Altar Society: Volunteers are needed for our Altar Society Ministry in the Parish. This involves cleaning and/or flower arranging as the Altar is beautified for the coming week. Please contact Margaret in the Presbytery if you can help with this important Ministry.

Volunteers' Christmas Luncheon is on next Saturday 9 December at 12pm at Club Rivers. Please add your name to the list on the table in the church foyer if you will be attending or email/phone Margaret in the Presbytery ASAP.

St Vincent de Paul Riverwood Conference is seeking non-perishable food for the Christmas Hamper Appeal. There will be a box at the back of the church to put the food in. The St Vincent de Paul Riverwood Conference thanks you for your generosity for this appeal and throughout the year.

A Christmas Celebration 2017 – Friday 15 December 2017: Celebrate the beauty and wonder of Christmas with the St Mary's Cathedral Choir and the Orchestra of the Antipodes including congregational carols and music to lift your spirits in the joy of the season! For tickets and more information please visit www.achristmascelebration.com.au

Rosary Statue: Elizabeth & Adrian Perkins, 4 Bonaparte St, Riverwood.

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 7.30am, 9.30am

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

Choir Practice for Christmas: Thu 14 and Thu 21 Dec 6.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Remembrance Service – 17 December 2017 at 7:30pm

All are welcome to join in St Mary's Cathedral as we remember and pray for all those who have died and whose memory we cherish over the Christmas season.

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held 8 – 13 April, 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407 704 539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

Collections Last Week

	1st: \$798	2nd: \$296	Envelopes: \$1,161
Money Counters Roster	Sun 3 Dec	Colleen Goddard, Tony Monaghan	
	Sun 10 Dec	Christina Coogan, Tricia Haren	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat 2 Dec 6:00pm	James Dixon	Tony Elchaar Tristan Rodrigues	Harrison C, Adam D, Noah D, Jennifer-Tyler L,
Sun 3 Dec 7:30am	William Fernandes	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Jacinta A, Kira B, Teana B, Joseph T
Sun 3 Dec 9:30am	Sr Assunta	Charles Limpus Catherine Sisson	Zachary D, Nicholas O, Margaret O, Chris P
Sat 9 Dec 6:00pm	James Dixon	Maureen Carters Steffi Peter	Adam D, Noah D, Zachary N, Alexander N
Sun 10 Dec 7:30am	William Fernandes	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Jacinta A, Kira B, Teana B, Joseph T
Sun 10 Dec 9:30am	Sr Assunta	Christine North Mona Ekawati	Zachary D, Jovan L, Christian L, Chris P
Readings for 9/10 Dec: Page 506 in St Paul's Sunday Missal			
Altar Society			
Sat 2 Dec	Gim O'Brien, Connie Alonso, Paula van Oploo		
Sat 9 Dec	Jennifer Emanuel, Grace Fracarossi, Gail Meredith		

Upcoming Parish Events

5 Dec	Tue	10.30am	Aged Care Mass at Peakhurst Lodge
8 Dec	Fri	7.30 – 8.30pm	Exposition and Benediction

NEED TO LOOK AT THE LECTORS ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS – LOOK AT
LAST YEAR'S AND MAYBE CONTACT THOSE PEOPLE AS A STARTING POINT??