

# 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
<b>Saturday</b>	6 pm (Vigil for Sunday)	<b>Marriages</b>	By appointment
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am, 9:30 am	<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday after 9am Mass & 5:00 - 5:45 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 am	<b>Exposition</b>	Friday, 7:30 to 8:30pm (with benediction)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 am		
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 am in the Convent		
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 am		
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am (Rosary 8:40)		

## 3 March 2019: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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 8 March). 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 5 March 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.

**Church structure crisis update:** The ceiling plastering is finished. The painting will be completed over the next week. The external scaffolding is coming down. The Archdiocese has finally approved the DA submission.

**Masses and prayers:** Please pray for Angela Whittingham (died 23/2), Aileen McAlister (ann. 3/3), Carmel Shou (ann. 25/2), Louie Patricia Wood (ann. 7/3), Henri, Yolande & Yves Zacaropoulos and the sick or those who need our prayers, including Kim Stewart.

**Cardinal Pell:** There will be an informal gathering for those who want to stay back after the 9.30am Mass this Sunday to discuss the Cardinal Pell case. We have access to articles that might help balance what you hear in the media:

*The Pell Affair – Australia is now on Trial* by George Weigel

*Beyond Reasonable Doubt* – by John Silvester in the Age

*The Cloud of Doubt over Pell's Conviction* by James Franklin in Quadrant

*Cardinal Pell felled by abuse claims – but are they credible?* by Michael Cook in Mercatornet

*Truth and Justice after the Pell Verdict* by Frank Brennan in Eureka Street

Please email Margaret in the Presbytery if you would like us to email the articles to you.

**Rosary Statue:** Christine North, 20 Clarendon Rd, Peakhurst.

### Collections Last Week

1st: \$778	2nd: \$343	Envelopes: \$1,146
Church Roof Replacement Fund: \$238,932		
<b>Money Counters Roster</b>	Sun 3 Mar	Colleen Goddard, Tony Monaghan
	Sun 10 Mar	Christina Coogan, Tricia Haren

### Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat 2 Mar 6:00pm	James Dixon	Tony Elchaar Kevin Seymour	Adam D, Noah D, Margaret O
Sun 3 Mar 7:30am	Dcn William Fernandes	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Janemarie A, Zara B, Kira B, Teana B, Tom B
Sun 3 Mar 9:30am	Sr Assunta	Charles Limpus Catherine Sisson	Zachary D, Nathan H, Jovan L, Marceline O, Nicholas O
Sat 9 Mar 6:00pm	James Dixon	Maureen Carters Steffi Robin	Jacinta A, Adam D, Noah D
Sun 10 Mar 7:30am	Dcn William Fernandes	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Zara B, Isabella Cl, Joseph T
Sun 10 Mar 9:30am	Sr Assunta	Christine North Mona Ekawati	Nathan A, Isabella Ch, Zachary D, Michelle M
Altar Society			
Sat 2 Mar	Gim O'Brien, Tricia Haren		
Sat 9 Mar	Jennifer Emanuel, Gail Meredith		

### Upcoming Parish Events

5 Mar	Tue	10.30am	Peakhurst Lodge Aged Care Mass
8 Mar	Fri	7pm	Stations of the Cross
8 Mar	Fri	7.30 – 8.30pm	Exposition and Benediction
10 Mar	Sun	10.30am	Parish Morning Tea

