

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	7:30 am	Exposition	Friday, 7:30 to 8:30pm (with benediction)
Wednesday	9:00 am		
Thursday	7:30 am in the Convent		
Friday	9:00 am		
Saturday	9:00 am (Rosary 8:40)		

19 January 2020: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

ROOF DONATIONS

Online donations via credit card are available. Go to our website and click on "SUPPORT US" button on the top right-hand side of home page.

Masses and prayers: Please pray for Spiro Bajada (ann.18/1), Lawrence Lynch (ann. 22/1), Henri, Yolande & Yves Zacaropoulos, and the sick, including Fr Emmanuel Seo.

Church structure update: Work recommenced last week.

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

Lenten Program 2020: The Lenten Program will commence during the first week of Lent (week starting Monday 24 February). We are seeking expressions of interest from anyone willing to lead the program. It will be held in the Presbytery Meeting Room, either during the day or in the evening. Alternatively, if you would like to be part of a group, please contact Margaret in the Presbytery as soon as possible.

Red Mass: The Red Mass will be celebrated at 9am on Monday 3 February at St Mary's Cathedral by Bishop Richard Umbers. Judges and counsel may robe in the Crypt below from 8.30am. The Red Mass has been celebrated since the Middle Ages (in Sydney since 1931) and invokes the grace of the Holy Spirit on lawyers-parliamentarians, judges, barristers, solicitors, students, law lecturers-and all whose lives are touched by law. Enquiries: Anthony Herro 9247 0100.

Upcoming Parish Events

21 Jan	Thu	11am	Banks Lodge Aged Care Mass
24 Jan	Fri	7.30-8.30pm	Exposition and Benediction

Collection at all Masses next weekend (Australia Day) for the St Vincent De Paul bushfire appeal

Friends, the sad tragedy of the bushfires has impacted upon our Catholic community across the Archdiocese of Sydney in a very real way. A brave Rural Fire Service volunteer Andrew O'Dwyer was fawelled at a Requiem Mass this month at Our Lady of Victories Parish in Horsley Park. The parish is providing ongoing support to his widow Melissa and 19-month-old daughter Charlotte and our prayers are with them. Amidst the devastation of the fires, it has been encouraging to witness the support of so many ordinary Australians, including so many men and women of faith. While much of the response must be at a local parish and diocesan level, such a great crisis also requires a national response. Alongside my brother bishops across the country, I encourage you to donate to a special parish collection at Masses over the Australia Day weekend (25 and 26 January) through the St Vincent De Paul Society. Through this bushfire appeal, you can make a tangible difference in the lives of those affected, whether that be to cover basic clothing or the food bill for a family evacuated from their home. The support may also come through psychological counselling services for families left traumatised by the disaster or financial counselling as they struggle to pay unexpected bills. Together we can offer real comfort and long-term support to families left struggling after the bushfires.
+ Anthony Fisher OP

Collections Last Week

1st: \$977	2nd: \$351	Envelopes: \$1,171
Church Roof Fund: \$670,391		
Money Counters Roster	Sun 19 Jan	John Owen, Karl Helene
	Sun 26 Jan	Geoff Stevens, Darijo Cakarun

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat 18 Jan 6:00pm	Dcn William Fernandes	Pamela Moreira Norina Fincato	Jacinta A, Janemarie A, Jeriah L, Jovan L
Sun 19 Jan 7:30am	James Dixon	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Kira B, Teana B, Tom B, Joseph T
Sun 19 Jan 9:30am	Sr Assunta	Tony Estep Edita Estep	Nathan A, Zachary D, Michelle M, Annabelle S
Sat 25 Jan 6:00pm	James Dixon	Nico Wijaya Terri Tiojanco	Jacinta A, Janemarie A,
Sun 26 Jan 7:30am	Dcn William Fernandes	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Kira B, Teana B, Tom B, Joseph T
Sun 26 Jan 9:30am	Sr Assunta	Aleksandra Gorka-Stolzman Lydia Atmadja	Zachary D, Nathan H, Marceline O, Nicholas O

Altar Society

Sat 18 Jan	Mary Glen, Judith Connolly, Collen Goddard
Sat 25 Jan	Denise Orazi, Christina Coogan