

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)		

26 January 2020: Third 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 Daniel Beljo (ann. 20/1), Natale Tesoriero, Madeleine Nelson (ann. 27/1), Mark (ann. 26/1) & Mary Pereira, Anthony Pereira, Henri, Yolande & Yves Zacaropoulos, and the sick, including Fr Ray Farrell & Austin King-Gee.

Church structure update: The foyer has been prepared in readiness for the new carpet.

Rosary Statue: Robert & Lollie Devitt, 117 Belmore Rd, Riverwood.

Australia Day Bushfire Appeal: Archbishop Anthony Fisher and the Australian Bishops have asked that special collections be taken up on the Australia Day weekend to support bushfire-affected communities. Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at www.catholic.org.au/bushfires. We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis.

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.

Catechists Urgently Required for 2020: As scripture classes for 2020 will be resuming soon, we now have a *pressing* need for more Catechists. Full support and teaching resources are provided by the CCD. If you can help, please contact either Fr John or Norina Fincato (Catechist Coordinator) at norinaf@bigpond.com or on 0427 468 909. Any

assistance will be greatly appreciated. And you will receive blessings doing this work for the Lord!

We will celebrate Candlemas at the 7.30am and 9.30am Masses next Sunday 2 February. This will involve the blessing of candles at both Masses and a procession at the 9.30am Mass. Candlemas also known as the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Christian Holy Day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple 40 days after his birth. You are invited to bring your special candles to the Mass to be blessed. If you are unable to attend one of the Sunday Masses, you can leave your candle at the back of the Church with your name written on it so it can be blessed.

Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita: Sydney Catholics are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, at St Mary's Cathedral at 12pm on Saturday 8 February to celebrate the Feast Day of St Bakhita. Mass at 12pm, lunch at 1pm in the Cathedral College Hall. St Bakhita is the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.

Collections Last Week

1st: \$856	2nd: \$334	Envelopes: \$1,031
Church Roof Fund: \$671,641		
Money Counters Roster	Sun 26 Jan	Geoff Stevens, Darijo Cakarun
	Sun 2 Feb	Colleen Goddard, Tony Monaghan

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
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
Sat 1 Feb 6:00pm	James Dixon	Tony Elchaar Kevin Seymour	TBA
Sun 2 Feb 7:30am	TBA	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	TBA
Sun 2 Feb 9:30am	Dcn William Fernandes	Catherine Sisson Paula van Oploo	TBA

Altar Society

Sat 25 Jan	Denise Orazi, Christina Coogan
Sat 1 Feb	Tricia Haren, Paula van Oploo, Michele D'Cruze, Jenease Xuereb

Upcoming Parish Events

31 Jan	Fri	7.30-8.30pm	Exposition and Benediction
4 Feb	Tue	10.30am	Peakhurst Lodge Aged Care Mass

