

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	9:00 am		
Thursday	7:30 am in the Convent		
Friday	9:00 am		
Saturday	9:00 am (Rosary 8:40)		

23 February 2020: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

ROOF DONATIONS

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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 28 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 25 February from 7pm – 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room in the Presbytery.
- Last year's palms to be used for Ash Wednesday can be left in the foyer.

Masses and prayers: Please pray for Anthony Chang (Sr Assunta's brother, died 15/2), Agnes Li (ann. 7/2), John Wei (ann. 15/2), Mary Eileen Doherty (ann. 28/2), Natale Tesoriero, Carmel Shou (ann. 25/2), Henri, Yolande & Yves Zacaropoulos, and the sick, including Simon Lau & Emma Vieira.

Church structure update: The carpet was laid during the week. The new front doors will be installed later.

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

Car Blessings: After 9.30am Mass this Sunday 23 February 2020.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Riverwood will be accepting applications for enrolment for 2021 from the beginning of March. On Tuesday 3 March and Thursday 5 March tours of the school with the Principal will be available at 9:30 and 12:15. To book a place on the tour, or to ask any questions about the enrolment process, please call the school office on 9533 3341.

Collections Last Week

1st: \$873	2nd: \$437	Envelopes: \$1,135
Church Roof Fund: \$674,001		
Money Counters Roster	Sun 23 Feb	Geoff Stevens, Darijo Cakarun
	Sun 1 Mar	Colleen Goddard, Tony Monaghan

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat 22 Feb 6:00pm	James Dixon	Nico Wijaya Terri Tiojanco	Jacinta A, Janemarie A
Sun 23 Feb 7:30am	Dcn William Fernandes	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	Kira B, Teana B, Tom B, Joseph T
Sun 23 Feb 9:30am	Sr Assunta	Aleksandra Gorka-Stolzman Lydia Atmadja	Nathan H, Zachary D, Marceline O, Nicholas O
Sat 29 Feb 6:00pm	James Dixon	Tony Elchaar Kevin Seymour	TBA
Sun 1 Mar 7:30am	Dcn William Fernandes	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	TBA
Sun 1 Mar 9:30am	Sr Assunta	Catherine Sisson	TBA
Altar Society			
Sat 22 Feb	Denise Orazi, Christina Coogan		
Sat 29 Feb	Tricia Haren, Michele D'Cruze, Jenease Xuereb		

Upcoming Parish Events

27 Feb	Thu	7pm	Becoming Catholic Session in Presbytery Meeting Room
28 Feb	Fri	7.30-8.30pm	Exposition and Benediction

