

St Joseph's Catholic Church Riverwood

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13 December 2020: Third Sunday of Advent

Coronavirus schedule of Masses

Saturday	6 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
Sunday	7:30 am & 9:30 am (livestreamed)
Tuesday	6:15 am
Wednesday	6:15 am
Thursday	6:15 am
Friday	6:15 am
Saturday	9:00 am

Baptisms	By appointment
Marriages	By appointment
Confessions	Saturday after 9am Mass & 5:00 - 5:45 pm
Exposition	Friday, 7:30 to 8:30pm (with benediction)

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 11 December 2020

- Masses.** Restrictions are easing but we still have to sign in so it is important that you arrive 10 – 15 minutes early as the door must be closed when Mass starts. We are now allowed 220 people in the Church, which complies with the recently announced 2m² rule (with the exception of people from the same household)
- Please take a sanitising wipe to clean your seat before Mass and ensure you sit where the X is marked. Those pews without X's should be left vacant.
- Face masks** are recommended, Holy Communion will be administered in silence
- Come home to Mass:** With the easing of restrictions, Archbishop Fisher has **rescinded his decree** of 20 March 2020 dispensing the faithful of Sydney from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and the Holy Days of Christmas and the Assumption. Those who are of great age, have health conditions or are otherwise anxious about the risks of COVID-19 are free to remain at home and find another way of keeping holy the Sunday Sabbath. Archbishop's letter regarding this can be found online at <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/casys/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Come-Home-to-Mass-13.12.20.pdf>
- For the time being we cannot leave the Erskine street doors unlocked so anyone going to the toilet must come back into the church via the front door.

Sydney Mission Plan: Please see the video message from Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP on the launch of the new Archdiocese of Sydney Mission Plan, Go Make Disciples at <https://vimeo.com/488759183/fb488a9a7c>

SUPPORTING THE PARISH DURING THE CORONAVIRUS

You can help the parish survive by donating online either through our website by credit card (click on the "SUPPORT US" button on the top right-hand side of home page) or through setting up a regular monthly transfer via internet banking. Please phone (Tues, Thu or Fri) or email the Parish for our bank account details.

Masses and prayers: Please pray for Helen Smith (died 9/12), Ido Fincato (died 10/12, funeral Wed 16/12 at 2pm at St Joseph's Church Riverwood), Mary Azzopardi (died 6/12, funeral Woronora Crematorium 18/12 at 10am), Manuel Andrade (died 28/11), Fr Kevin Mark Young MSC (ann. 21/12), Peter John Davis (ann.), Peter Kleist (ann. 14/12), Margaret Breen (ann. 17/12), Terry Paterson (ann. 18/12), Bob Oakes (ann. 19/12), Alberto Conte (ann. 17/12), Henri, Yolande & Yves Zacaropoulos and the sick or those who need our prayers including Mark Andrews & Connie Andrade.

Christmas Liturgical Celebrations at St Joseph's Riverwood:

Christmas Eve: Thu 24 Dec - Vigil Mass 6pm (with an emphasis on children) with carols commencing at 5.30pm. Midnight Mass with carols commencing at 11.30pm

Christmas Day: Fri 25 Dec at 9.30am

Confessions: Sat 19 Dec after 9am Mass and Sat 19 Dec from 5.00pm - 5.45pm

Choir Practice for Christmas: Thu 17 Dec at 7pm

WE URGE YOU TO ARRIVE AND SIGN IN EARLY TO BE SURE OF A SEAT IN THE CHURCH

Donations of fresh flowers for Christmas: If you would like to donate flowers for Christmas please phone Denise on 0412 916 961 or Christina on 0447 076 317 to arrange pickup or delivery. Alternatively, there will be buckets on the Presbytery porch all day on Wednesday 23 December and you can leave any donations of flowers in these on the day.

St Vincent de Paul Riverwood Conference is seeking non-perishable food for the Christmas Hamper Appeal. There are boxes 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.

Collections Last Week

1st: \$260	2nd: \$456	Envelopes: \$1,578
Church Roof Fund: \$758,241		
Money Counters Roster	Sun 13 Dec	Christina Coogan, Catherine Sisson
	Sun 20 Dec	John Owen, Karl Helene

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Society
Sat 12 Dec 6:00pm	James Dixon	Maureen Carters Steffi Robin	Jennifer Emanuel
Sun 13 Dec 7:30am	Micheal Kasiita	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	
Sun 13 Dec 9:30am	Dcn William Fernandes Sr Assunta	Mona Ekawati	
Sat 19 Dec 6:00pm	Dcn William Fernandes	Pamela Moreira Norina Fincato	Mary Glen Judith Connolly Colleen Goddard
Sun 20 Dec 7:30am	James Dixon	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	
Sun 20 Dec 9:30am	Sr Assunta	Tony Estep Edita Estep	

