

St Joseph's Catholic Church Riverwood

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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)

14 February 2021: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 12 February

Masses. 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. Everyone attending Mass will need to provide contact details when they arrive, so it is IMPORTANT TO ARRIVE EARLY.

The Sunday Obligation Dispensation Revoked. Now that the 2m² rule has been reinstated, Archbishop Fisher has lifted the dispensation from our Sunday Mass obligation. The Catholic faithful are once again obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation when this is reasonably possible. 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 the Sabbath holy.

QR Code Registration. We still need to count attendees so the Covid Marshall will check and record your QR registration. If you don't have a smart phone, please sign in as usual.

Face Masks are recommended but are no longer mandatory.

Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent

1. Masses this week: Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Mass will be at **6.15am** (please note that there is a school Mass but due to Covid restrictions, parishioners cannot attend).

2. 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 comes through imitation of Christ.

3. The Law of Fast and Abstinence for Lent: These laws are in the Archbishop's 2017 Lenten letter which will be emailed to our subscribers.

4. Stations of the Cross: We will be having the Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent at 7pm in the Church (starting Fri 19 February). Come walk the journey in memory of Christ crucified. Adoration will follow the Stations until 8.30pm.

5. 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.

6. Weekly Online Lenten Group - Receive the Grace to Go Make Disciples: A Lenten Companion. Join Fr Noel Custodio, as he leads an online Lenten Group which will use Receive the Grace to Go Make Disciples: A Lenten Companion. Dates: Wednesdays of Lent, commencing 17 February (Ash Wednesday) from 7:30pm – 8:15pm. Register: www.gomakedisciples.org.au. For more information: contact the Parish Renewal Team at parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org or on (02) 9390 5330.

7. Last year's palms to be used for Ash Wednesday can be left in the foyer.

Masses and prayers: Please pray for David Hagan (died recently), Ersilia, Bartolo & Pietro Tesoriero (ann.), Veronica Hudson (ann. 15/2), Theo Milledge (ann. 17/2), Gladys Anderson (ann. 19/2), Angela Orazi (ann. 16/2), Noreen Watkins (ann. 20/2), Henri, Yolande & Yves Zacaropoulos and the sick or those who need our prayers including John Bourke, Mark Perich, Kevin Kendrick, Mark Andrews & Connie Andrade.

Collections Last Week

1st: \$233	2nd: \$433	Envelopes: \$992
Church Roof Fund: \$759,873		
Money Counters Roster	Sun 14 Feb	Christina Coogan, Catherine Sisson
	Sun 21 Feb	John Owen, Karl Helene

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Society
Sat 13 Feb 6:00pm	James Dixon	Maureen Carters Steffi Robin	Jennifer Emanuel Maria Cakarun
Sun 14 Feb 7:30am	Dcn William Fernandes	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	
Sun 14 Feb 9:30am	Sr Assunta	Mona Ekawati Catherine Sisson	
Sat 20 Feb 6:00pm	Dcn William Fernandes	Pamela Moreira Norina Fincato	Mary Glen, Judith Connolly, Colleen Goddard
Sun 21 Feb 7:30am	James Dixon	Darijo Cakarun Dominic Roy	
Sun 21 Feb 9:30am	Sr Assunta	Tony & Edita Estep	