# St Joseph's Catholic Church Riverwood

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| **Coronavirus schedule of Masses** | |
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| **Saturday** | 6pm Vigil not during lockdown |
| **Sunday** | 7:30 am not during lockdown<br>9:30 am (livestreamed) |
| **Tuesday** | 6:30 am (livestreamed) |
| **Wednesday** | 6:30 am (livestreamed) |
| **Thursday** | 6:30 am (livestreamed) |
| **Friday** | 6:30 am (livestreamed) |
| **Saturday** | 9:00 am (livestreamed) |

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| **Baptisms** | By appointment |
| **Marriages** | By appointment |
| **Confessions** | Please call the parish line for confessions |
| **Exposition** | Friday, 7:30 to 8:30pm (livestreamed) |

LIVESTREAMED MASSES **ONLY**

## 12 September 2021: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 11 September 2021

The Church is closed until at least 30 September 2021, but it may be longer. The following may help you during this time.

1. **Private Home Visits.** The Archbishop has reminded priests that the lockdown exemptions allow priests to visit parishioners at home for any pastoral need, including the sacraments of anointing and confession. Please do not hesitate to call Fr John if you would like him to visit. These visits are only for the person in the house with a pastoral need, not a wider group.
2. **Riverwood St Joseph's livestreamed Masses.** During lockdown we will livestream Masses at the following times:
   Sunday: 9.30am
   Tuesday-Friday: 6.30am
   Saturday: 9am
   The Masses can be accessed at bit.ly/stjriverwood
3. Archdiocesan coronavirus website: https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/
   a. This site provides continually updated details about the lockdown.
   b. There is a link to a page with details of livestreamed Masses, including from Riverwood.
   c. There are links to prayer resources as well as the Archbishop's Pastoral Letters and other directions.
4. **Supporting The Parish During The Coronavirus.** You can help the parish survive by donating online either through our website by credit card or through setting up a regular monthly transfer via internet banking. We can't publish our banking details but if you would like to donate by EFT please email the parish at stjosephriverwood@outlook.com and we will be happy to email our details.

**Masses and prayers:** Please pray for Ron Xuereb (died 28/8, funeral St Joseph's 10/9), Alfred Hamilton (died 1/9), Rita North (ann 25/8), Veronica Fitzgerald (died 26/7), Michael Matthews (ann 11/8), Mary Reilly (ann. 6/9), John Bantoft (ann. 10/9), Anna Ayad (ann. 18/9), Henri, Yolande & Yves Zacaropoulos and the sick or those who need our prayers including, Toni Stevens, Anita Santarelli & June Roebuck.

**Friday Night Adoration.** Adoration is being livestreamed on Friday nights at 7:30pm.

**Sign the No Euthanasia Petition to prevent state-sanctioned killing in NSW.** Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is urging all Catholics to sign an e-petition to prevent the NSW parliament passing laws that sanction the killing of vulnerable human beings. There is never a good time to introduce laws such as this, but to do so in the middle of a pandemic and amidst lockdowns adversely affecting the lives and livelihoods of millions is unconscionable. Please sign this petition, calling on the Government to keep us focussed on the present challenges and once they have been met, let us focus on medicine at its best and not its most lethal. https://www.noeuthanasia.org.au/protect_life_nsw

**Volunteer in Australia and Overseas** - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close 30 October. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au

**Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP's Afghan Refugee Appeal.** The appeal will raise desperately needed funds and commit the Archdiocese resources of education, health and welfare to Afghan families and individuals fleeing their homeland in the wake of the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan. The UN and aid agencies are preparing for a Syria scale refugee crisis. The appeal means that those who find their way to Australia will have support and resources waiting for them. Donate at https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/ara/ For further information go to: http://justiceandpeace.org.au/ Thank you on behalf of the Archbishop and those most vulnerable people for your support.

**The Upper Zoom – The Life of St Padre Pio**. Join us on the Feast of St Padre Pio, where Fr Bernard Mary will be reflecting on this great saint – his stigmata, his suffering, his incredible life – and teaching us how we can learn from Padre Pio for our own lives. DON'T DO IT ALONE! The Upper Zoom is your reminder that you are not alone, and faith + ministry shouldn't be done alone. Date: Thursday, 23 September. Time: 7:00PM – 8:30PM. Register in advance for this meeting at https://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/event/the-upper-zoom-the-life-of-st-padre-pio/

### Collections Last Week

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| 1st: $46 | 2nd: $34 | Envelopes: $1,248 | Tap & Go donations: NIL |
| Church Roof Fund: $768,818 | | | |