

St Joseph's Catholic Church Riverwood

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Coronavirus schedule of Masses

Saturday	6pm Vigil not during lockdown
Sunday	7:30 am not during lockdown 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)

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	

29 August 2021: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 28 August 2021

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

- 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.
- 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
- Archdiocesan coronavirus website:
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/>
 - This site provides continually updated details about the lockdown.
 - There is a link to a page with details of livestreamed Masses, including from Riverwood.
 - There are links to prayer resources as well as the Archbishop's Pastoral Letters and other directions.
- 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.

- Pastoral Letter about Vaccinations:** Archbishop Fisher has written to all Sydney clergy encouraging them to be vaccinated and encouraging all Catholics to strongly consider vaccinations. His letter is available by clicking on https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lrbOtN0ythdl7k9fX_4E5vQN-9otcdn/view

Masses and prayers: Please pray for Fr John Neill OP (died 21/8), Fr Romuald Josko, (died 23/8), Paul Martin Bateman, OAM (died 9/8), Joseph Felice (ann. 29/8), Joseph Boutros (ann. 24/8), Jean Irvine (ann. 24/8), Henri, Yolande & Yves Zacaropoulos and the sick or those who need our prayers including Ron Xuereb, Toni Stevens, Anita Santarelli, Anecitas Tolibas Salcedo & Edna Bantoft.

Farewell Bijoy Joseph. Last Sunday we farewelled Bijoy Joseph, our Rome based seminarian who was with us on Pastoral Placement for about 5 weeks. Bijoy was unable to meet many parishioners because of lockdown but enjoyed a Zoom session with some of the parishioners a few weeks ago. Bijoy was a wonderful help in running the First Communion Program online. We wish him well for his return to Rome and upcoming ordination to the Diaconate.

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

Archbishop's Afghan Refugee Appeal. Sydney Catholic Archbishop, Anthony Fisher OP, has launched the Archbishop'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. These dark times remind all of us that we really are our brother and our sisters' keeper. We urge you to donate here: <https://www.ourfaithhourworks.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.

Catholic Weekly. During Lockdown the Catholic Weekly is producing a free digital flipbook edition. Sign up for updates directly to your email inbox here: www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/ In this week's edition:

- Tony Abbott urges campaign against NSW euthanasia
- Frank Brennan SJ dissects the Pell legal tragedy
- Daniel Ang explores how the Church can help ease anxiety around COVID vaccines

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Church Roof Fund: \$767,508			