

St Joseph's Catholic Church Riverwood

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Coronavirus schedule of Masses		Baptisms	By appointment
Saturday	6pm Vigil not during lockdown	Marriages	By appointment
Sunday	7:30 am not during lockdown 9:30 am (livestreamed)	Confessions	Please call the parish line for confessions
Tuesday	6:30 am (livestreamed)	Exposition	Friday, 7:30 to 8:30pm (livestreamed)
Wednesday	6:30 am (livestreamed)	LIVESTREAMED MASSES ONLY	
Thursday	6:30 am (livestreamed)		
Friday	6:30 am (livestreamed)		
Saturday	9:00 am (livestreamed)		

5 September 2021: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 4 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.

- 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 Ron Xuereb (died 28/8, funeral at St Joseph's Riverwood Fri 10/9 at 10.30am, livestreamed at <https://youtu.be/vuCd6nshkRQ>), Richard Carters (ann. 11/9), Vincent O'Shannessy (ann. 5/9), deceased members of the Beljo family, the Holy Souls, Henri, Yolande & Yves Zaccaropoulos and the sick or those who need our prayers including, Toni Stevens, Anita Santarelli & Anecitas Tolibas Salcedo.

Zoom Parish Talk after Mass: We will be having a Parish chat online via Zoom this Sunday 5 September at 10.15am. Please join the conversation: Meeting ID: 732 9259 9922, password: Joseph

Caritas Australia: Humanitarian crises unfolding in Afghanistan and Lebanon

As the situations in Afghanistan and Lebanon deteriorate, you can help to support families caught up in the crises. In Afghanistan, people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection. In Lebanon, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Even hospitals are facing massive fuel shortages and will soon have to turn off the lights. Visit caritas.org.au/lebanon or www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.

SmartLoving Newlywed Date Nites. *Newlywed Date Nites* is an email program to support couples in their first year of marriage. Sent every second week, each Date Nite includes topic information, reflection questions and a discussion guide for a 30 minute relationship activity that can be easily incorporated into a regular couple date. Compiled by the founders of SmartLoving, Dr Byron and Francine Pirola, it addresses common challenges facing newlyweds with wisdom, insight and humour. Subscribe now – FREE for a limited time. www.smartloving.org/newlywed

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: Education of Catechists – ACN supports the formation and training of catechists so that where there are no priests or sisters, catechists are trained and sent forth to nurture the Christian community. Can you help provide support and formation to catechists to help spread the Faith? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/catechists.

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/

Collections Last Week

1st: \$63	2nd: \$7	Envelopes: \$1,550	Tap & Go donations: \$30
Church Roof Fund: \$767,618			