



# MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH, BLACKTOWN

## Our Parish Mission Statement

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish is a welcoming, diverse, multicultural, Catholic community. We seek: to live, teach and share the joy of the Gospel; to grow as disciples of Jesus through prayer, witness and action and to respond to the needs of the family in the Blacktown community and beyond.

*We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.*

**Sunday, 14 Jan 2018: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

## WHAT DO YOU WANT?

These days seem anything but *ordinary* with a heat that saw Penrith as the hottest place on earth last week. Increasingly hot summers slow us all down and tend to put us into spectator mode with cricket, tennis or the like. Add to that, lots of families are in holiday time. It is as though our culture changes gear in January. However, this weekend our liturgical year has changed gear. We have left the celebrations of Advent and the Christmas season and returned to *ordinary time*.

The great challenge put by our God who *pitched his tent among us* and became flesh, is to find Him in the *ordinary* events of life. To see the mystery and purpose of God in what life puts before us each day.

With the beginning of the new year there are promises made and goals set. The question that Jesus put to his followers two thousand years ago - *what do you want?* - he puts to us in these days. We are invited into the world of our own wants, desires and longings. Great spiritual guides like St John of the Cross put great emphasis on being in touch with our own desires. However, what we want and what we really need might be two very different things.

When shopping in the supermarket I often hear the plaintive call of child to parent .... *but I want it!* Courageous parenting demands that children need to hear that word NO. Of course life soon teaches us that we can't have everything we want. It also teaches us, albeit somewhat later, that we need to distinguish between what I want and what I need.

So as we begin this new year, with or without new year's resolutions, we are asked to enter that inner world of desire, wants and needs. Furthermore, the Lord asks his disciples to *come and see* where he lives and so measure our plans for this new year against the reality of a commitment to grow as disciples.

**So what do you want of this new year and where is God in your wants, longings and desires?**

Peter

## CONTACT US

## LITURGY TIMES

## CONNECT

### PARISH TEAM

Fr Peter Confeggi

Fr Dénes Ledecz

Fr Luis Herrera

Deacon George Bryan

Lisa Bright

Antoinette Mangion

Jacqueline Castillo-Anchique

Georgia Scott

Aaron Pinto

**Parish Team Meetings each Monday  
from 12.30pm - 2.00pm**

### St Michael's Church

58 Orwell St

Blacktown

Office Hours:

Sunday 8.30am - 11.30am

### St Patrick's Church

51-59 Allawah St,

Blacktown

Office Hours:

Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### St Michael's

Mass 8:00am Mon, & Fri & 7.30pm Wed

Communion Service 8.00am Tues & Thurs

#### St Patrick's

Mass 9.00am Tues & Thurs & Sat

Communion Service 9.00am Mon, Wed, Fri

First Friday 7.30pm St Patrick's

### SUNDAY MASSES

5.30pm Saturday Vigil (St Patrick's)

7.00am Sunday (St Patrick's)

8.00am Sunday (St Michael's)

9.30am Sunday (St Michael's)

10.00am Sunday (St Patrick's)

12.00pm 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday - Syro Malabar Mass

(St Michael's)

11.30 am 4th Sunday - Filipino Mass (St Michael's)

2:00pm Sunday - Sudanese Mass (St Patrick's)

5.30pm Sunday (St Patrick's)

6.00pm Sunday (St Michael's)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday 7.00pm—7.25pm (St Michael's)

Saturday 9.30am - 10.25am (St Patrick's)

### Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday during 9.00am Mass (St Patrick's)

or by appointment contact Parish Office

### HOLY HOUR:

6.30pm - 7.30pm Wednesday @ St Michael's

6.30pm - 7.30pm First Friday @ St Patrick's

### Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals

by appointment. Please contact office for details

### PARISH SCHOOLS

St Michael's Primary 9622 9910

St Patrick's Primary 9621 4122

Nagle College 8887 4501

Patrician Brothers College 9671 3000

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# YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

### FIRST READING: 1 SM 3:3-10.19

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. VV. 8,9

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

### SECOND READING: 1 COR 6:13-15. 17-20

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah:  
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Jn 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We remember and pray for those who are ill at home or in hospital at this time, may they know the healing presence of Christ



If you would like to include, in the bulletin, the name of a loved one who is ill, please contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125 or email admin@mqofblacktown.org.au.

Names will appear in the bulletin from February.

M 15 Jan: 1 Sam 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22  
T 16 Jan: 1 Sam 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28  
W 17 Jan: 1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6  
Th 18 Jan: 1 Sam 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12  
F 19 Jan: 1 Sam 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19  
S 20 Jan: 2 Sam 1:1-4, 11-12, 17, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21



## Frankly Speaking...

"Today I ask you in the name of Christ and the Church, never tire of being merciful."  
Pope Francis



### Assisted living, rather than assisted dying.

A meaningful life is one where I know that I am loved and one where I can still love, no matter how frail, no matter how much pain, no matter how much dependence I experience. "To feel myself Beloved" will not magically appear at the end of life if loving relationships are not nourished and sustained now.

It occurs to me that we need more help in assisted living, rather than assisted dying. Reflecting on our mortality can assist us in living our life now so that we truly prioritise our relationships and ensure that our hearts are full of love, forgiveness and gratitude. And when death encroaches, we need more help in prioritising quality of life rather than prolonging life by extraordinary medical means. We need better palliative care with the ultimate goal of, not so much a good death, but living a good life to the very end.

Sr Patty Fawkner

### HEALING MASS

You all are invited to the healing mass on 29th January 2018 at 7pm at St Michael's Church, Orwell St Blacktown. It will be celebrated by Fr Joseph Edattu VC from the Divine Retreat Centre, UK.



## Following Jesus

Following the example of Jesus' life isn't always easy. For each of the following things that Jesus asks us to do, write down why you find it either easy or difficult to do.

Love your enemies

Be a peace maker

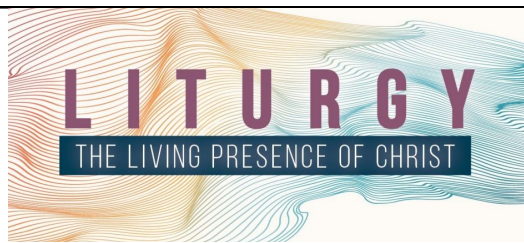
Help people in need

Forgive those who do wrong by you

Be kind to others

Lead others to Christ





I was privileged to attend the Liturgy Conference “**THE LIVING PRESENCE OF CHRIST**” at St. Andrew’s College Marayong on 04 November 2017. The Keynote Speaker was Rev Fr. Peter Williams, VG VE. Fr. Peter spoke about the book **WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND WHAT WE HAVE FAILED TO DO** by Kevin Irwin that deals with the implementing and praying of the liturgy as reformed after the second Vatican Council.

*Christ is always present in his Church, especially in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.*

I attended the following three workshops:

**WORKSHOP 1 : MAKING CHRIST PRESENT THROUGH A CULTURE OF HOSPITALITY**

Sometimes people feel that the Church is a Locked Door, they are not made to feel welcome. Welcoming is not only about people attending Church, but also about their relationship with Jesus.

*“We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love we must know each other.” Dorothy Day, The Long Loneliness*

**WORKSHOP TWO : PROCLAIMING THE WORD – THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE WORD**

Deacon George spoke about some strategies we should use when proclaiming the Word of God. We are not news readers. We are the voice of God talking to His people through his Word. We need to speak clearly, loudly and with conviction. We should read and understand the passage. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide us. Accept criticism and consider how you can improve your preparation.

**WORKSHOP THREE : SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION – A FIELD PERSPECTIVE**

Our sessions are times for sharing our faith and deepening our relationship with Jesus. Facilitating faith sharing is a ministry of service to the group that assists members to become more aware of their personal and communal experience of God in their lives. It’s not about coming to Mass, but working towards our relationship with God.

*Louisa Xavier*



**PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

For the month of January the parish office opening hours will be from 9am - 12pm. From Monday 29th January, opening hours will be from 9am - 4pm.

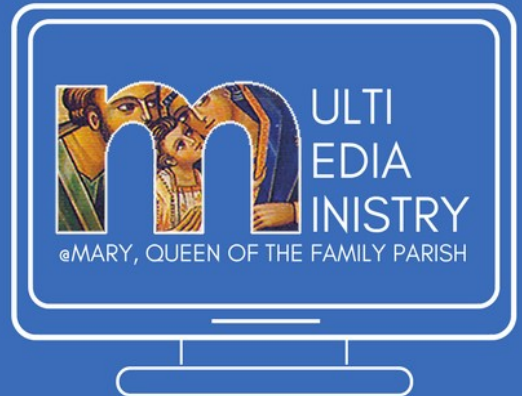
The office at St Michael’s Church will be closed from Christmas Day and will re-open on Sundays 8.30am - 11.30am on Sunday 4th February 2018.

**Pastoral Council Meeting**

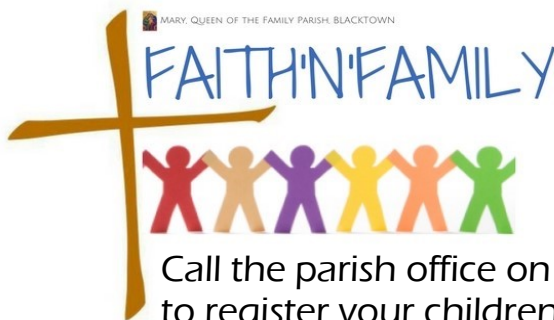
The next Pastoral Council meeting is to be held on Thursday 18th January 2018 at 7PM. It will be a joint meeting with the Parish Team and Finance Committee to discuss our Parish Vision. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to speak to any member of the PPC.

Franchesca Tenedora  
PPC Chairperson [ftenedora@gmail.com](mailto:ftenedora@gmail.com)

**JOIN OUR MULTI-MEDIA MINISTRY**



Contact the Parish Office if you would like to be part of growing our use of technology at MQOF.



**HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE**

23rd, 24th, 25th JANUARY 2018 : 9am - 3pm  
For children aged 5-12 years old : St Patrick’s Church

Call the parish office on 9622 1125 or email [sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au) to register your children or to express your interest in volunteering.

# Youth Ministry @ MQOF

Friends, families, parents - lend us your ears. MQOF is launching a new-look youth ministry in 2018 for youth aged 12-17, and we want you to be a part of it! First of all, we'd like to invite all parents of youth in this age bracket to come along to an information night about what youth ministry will look like in 2018 and beyond.

When: Tuesday 6th February, 7:30pm  
Where: Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown

Please direct enquiries and RSVPs to the parish office at [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au).  
We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Thanks - 2018 Youth Ministry Team

## FAMILY GROUPS

An extended family experience within the community open to everyone with a focus on people caring for, loving and accepting each other.

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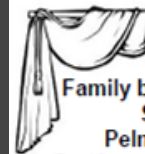
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