



# 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, 28 Jan 2018: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

## A SECULAR SOCIETY IN SEARCH OF CELEBRATION

Our Sydney secular year begins with a splash of fireworks, the rival of cities around the world. Long gone is the day of obligation when we gave thanks for the year past and prayed blessing for the year to come. The secular has eclipsed the sacred.

Curiously this year Ash Wednesday and Valentine's day fall on the same day. I suspect the latter will gain the attention of most. Curiously Easter Sunday falls on April Fool's day. Hopefully the former will eclipse the later.

In many ways we are a secular society in search of celebration. The secular year is peppered with events for worthy causes. We saw a sea of pink at the cricket for Jane McGrath Foundation and later in the year there will be *the Seven Bridges Walk* for the Cancer Council. In recently years we have seen of monthly feasts emerging like *Dry July* and *Mow Vember*. There is a great creativity in our Australian DNA.

This weekend we celebrate the increasingly contested Australia Day. My days of serving in Mount Druitt parish, where there are more indigenous people than in Alice Springs, listening the stories of people sharpened my sensitivity to the day. For many it is *Invasion Day* or *Survival Day*. Being invited to be in Parliament House on the 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2008, the day of national apology to indigenous people of the stolen generation, was an experience I will never forget. Like many Australians, my conversations and engagement with indigenous people have left me with a deep uneasiness about celebrating the 26<sup>th</sup> of January.

There is no doubt that we need a day or days that bring us together as a nation. It might be when the first peoples call us at last to have a treaty that we are able to celebrate *Treaty Day*, as our New Zealand neighbours celebrate *Waitangi Day*. Perhaps when we have an Australian as Head of State we might celebrate *Republic Day*. When all is said done, I have a great faith in the progressive and creative spirit of Australians to produce that which is inclusive.

*Fr Peter*

## CONTACT US

### PARISH TEAM

Fr Peter Confeggi

Fr Dénes Ledeczi

Fr Luis Herrera

Deacon George Bryan

Lisa Bright

Antoinette Mangion

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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

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## LITURGY TIMES

### 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

## CONNECT

### PARISH SCHOOLS

St Michael's Primary 9622 9910

St Patrick's Primary 9621 4122

Nagle College 8887 4501

Patrician Brothers College 9671 3000

Catholic Early Learning Centre 8814 8406

(St Michael's)

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# YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

**FIRST READING: DT 18:15-20**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 94:1-2. 6-9. R. V.9**  
If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**SECOND READING: 1 COR 7:32-35**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Mk 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.  
In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your merciful love.  
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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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](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au).

Names will appear in the bulletin from February.

**M 29 Jan:** 2 Sam 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20  
**T 30 Jan:** 2 Sam 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30 – 19:3; Mk 5:21-43  
**W 31 Jan:** 2 Sam 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6  
**Th 1 Feb:** 1 Kg 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13  
**F 2 Feb:** Malachi 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40  
**S 3 Feb:** 1 Kg 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34



## Frankly Speaking...

"We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family."  
*Pope Francis*



### Community of Schools

As we begin the new school year, there will be a Mass for all teachers and staff of our Catholic primary and High Schools at St Patrick's Church on Monday 29th January at 2pm. All Welcome.

### Monthly Trip : Tuesday 13th February

Small cruise departing Woy Woy to Davistown.  
Lunch at own expense at Davistown RSL. Then to Terrigal.

**Departs 8am St Patrick's Church**

**Cost \$50 per person, includes morning tea**

For further information contact Jean: 99203401 or 0425251754



### BIBLE STUDY

*Do you wish to deepen a personal relationship with God by reflection and discussion of the Scriptures?*

*Bible Study resumes on Thursday 1st February in the Fr Sid Mosley Meeting Room at St Michael's at 7.30pm. Call the Parish Office for more information. All Welcome!*

### 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.

**Jesus showed that he is the one to be listened to. What are some things people would have heard Jesus say?**



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### Become a Catechist, a Special Religious Education teacher!

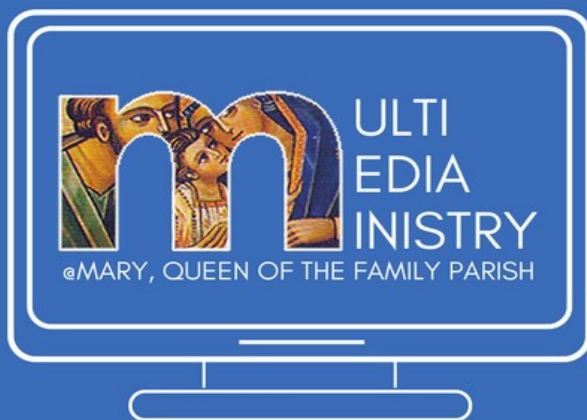
What is an SRE or Catechist?  
Special Religious Educators (SRE's) also known as Catechists are parish volunteers who:

- ◇ Teach and share the Catholic faith with children of their parish who attend government schools.
- ◇ Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
- ◇ Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
- ◇ Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

In this parish Special Religious Educators, SRE's, (previously known as Catechists) go into 5 state primary schools and 2 High Schools in school hours. New volunteer SRE's will be given support, training, authorised teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper.

To register your interest or make further enquiries visit or contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125 or [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au) to be put in contact with Sandra Baker who is the SRE Coordinator for Mary, Queen of the Family Parish.

## JOIN OUR MULTI-MEDIA MINISTRY



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

Thinking about doing something adventurous  
in 2018?

Join this awesome pilgrimage to Italy and  
Malta with Fr Luis Herrera.

**It's time to book now!**

Contact Lisa at the parish office for a booking  
form and for the full itinerary or visit the  
Parish Facebook Page.

Prayer for the Sick Prayer Cards available from the  
Piety Stall for 50c. Let us always remember those  
who are unable to be with us weekly at Mass.



### LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2018

Would you like to serve  
our community as a  
Reader, Minister of Holy Communion, taking  
Communion to the Sick and Dying or as a Senior  
Server and/or Acolyte? Now is the time!  
Formation Courses begin in February at the  
Institute for Mission. There is no cost for these  
formation courses. If you would like to take part in  
this short course please contact Lisa at the parish  
office on 9622 1125 for an application form.

### WEDNESDAY NAGLE MASS

Beginning Wednesday 8th February there will be an  
8.30am Mass at St Michael's for students and Staff.  
Parishioners are of course welcome. Nagle staff will  
take responsibility for preparation, ministries etc.

With Fr Denes leaving shortly our planning for the year  
ahead has its uncertainties. As previously stated, I will  
see that we give a priority to be with young people in  
scheduling Masses.

Fr Peter



## FAMILY MINISTRY @MQOF



We love to see families join us at Mass. We know  
sometimes children can become distracted for all sorts of  
reasons. You will notice a new bookshelf - one at St  
Michael's near the glass prayer space and one at St Patrick's  
in the back section of the Church. These bookshelves have  
children's books based on bible stories or stories of God that  
children may like to borrow and read during Mass. There are  
many ways that children can hear the Word of God during  
Mass and we hope this is a small way in which they are able  
to do so.

If you have any children's books that are based on bible  
stories or religious based and would like to donate them to  
the parish, please drop them off the parish office so that we  
can label them and place them on the shelves.



As School goes back this  
week we pray for a  
prosperous school year. Let  
us remember to drive  
carefully around schools and  
to respect our neighbours  
when parking to drop off and pick up children.



# 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.

Call Ivan on 0414 208449 or email [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au) to be connected.



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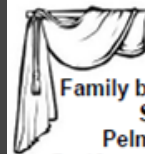
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