



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, 11 Feb 2018: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

While we celebrate this 6th Sunday in this Year of Mark, we can also be aware that, if it was not a Sunday, we would be celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on this 11th of February. These are the days throughout the Catholic world when we focus particularly on the sick and house-bound and our ministry with them.

Providentially this weekend we meet a person living with leprosy, something that is outside the experience of most Australians. My own experience here is very limited. I have met only a few, often sitting begging in the streets of Uganda, East Africa. Hands minus fingers, feet minus toes and isolated for fear of contamination in a world without Centrelink. They are the poorest of the poor in their communities.

Even today, as in the times of Jesus, there are restrictions around relating to those with this highly contagious leprosy, in order to protect the health of the community. While the Church remembers extraordinary personalities like Damian of Malaki who lived with lepers and so died as one, there are many nurses who have shown such unconditional love in caring those with infectious diseases like diphtheria and tuberculosis only to become infected themselves.

While Jesus cures the leper he meets today, he himself becomes a "leper" - no longer able to go openly into a town but had to stay outside where no one lived. Jesus assumes the social position of the leper by virtue of this healing. **Such unconditional love!**

At this time of the year when we remember the sick, let us also honour the nursing profession and those whose lives have been affected by the unconditional love they have shown in their care. While nurses are notorious for the back pains from lifting patients, there are others who have given their own lives in caring for those with infectious diseases like diphtheria and tuberculosis. Those who risk their own health in caring for others witness to the unconditional love we meet in Jesus who cures the leper.

Peter

NURSES ... What would we do without them? Thank you for all you do!

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LITURGY TIMES

CONNECT

PARISH TEAM

Fr Peter Confeggi
Fr Dénes Ledeczki
Fr Luis Herrera
Deacon George Bryan
Jacqueline Castillo-Anchique
Lisa Bright
Antoinette Mangion
Aaron Pinto
Franchesca Tenedora
Georgia Scott

**Parish Team Meetings each Monday
from 1.00 - 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

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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)
11.30 am 4th Sunday - Filipino Mass (St Michael's)
2:00pm - Sudanese Mass (St Patrick's)
3.30pm - Syro Malabar Mass (St Michael'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
Catholic Early Learning Centre 8814 8406
(St Michael's)

Institute for Mission 9831 4911
Fr Paul Roberts (Director)
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Diocesan Ministry Centre 8838 3460

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Blacktown@ccss.org.au



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YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: LV 13:1-2. 44-46

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. V.7

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 COR 10:31 – 11:1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jn 1:35-42

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Librada Macabulos, Fausta Paule

Recently Deceased: Domingo Ramos, Isabella Miruzzi

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: Paul Clemson, Doreen Stanslaus, Dr Cherry Ann Wy

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.



M 12 Feb: James 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

T 13 Feb: James 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

W 14 Feb: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Th 15 Feb: Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

F 16 Feb: Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15

S 17 Feb: Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32

S 18 Feb: Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3: 18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Daily
Readings



CHANGING SHAPE OF LEADERSHIP AND PARISH OFFICE STAFF

I am delighted to announce some significant and youthful changes to our parish team and office staff.

Lisa Bright, who has been well known to the parish for some time, moves into to the role of Pastoral Associate. This means that Lisa's role will be more one of oversight, animation and initiation.

Francesca Tenedora will be employed for 8 hours per week, along with Aaron Pinto for 2 days per week and Georgia Scott is looking after the parish office on Sunday mornings at St Michael's church.

This represents a wonderful opportunity to involve younger people in the leadership of the parish.

We are blessed to have a number of volunteer wisdom figures. So if you phone the parish office on Monday you may well be greeted by Grethel Simon, on Tuesday, Rhonda McKechnie, Wednesday, Terri Sebastian or Cate Gabriel, on Thursday by Terri and Friday by Grethel.

In coming months we hope to add to the team with the Family Life Coordinator. You might encourage applications for this position from those you think might be suited to the position. Contact the parish office for a position description.

Fr Peter

What did Jesus say to the man after he cured him of leprosy? Use the words below to find out!

Say _____ of this to anyone;
but go and _____ yourself to the
_____, then make an offering
at the _____ as Moses
_____, then all will know
you are _____.



**temple show
commanded
healed nothing**



At Mary, Queen of the Family Parish we WELCOME, GROW and ACT



Mary Queen of the Family Parish Social Justice Group has registered to "Clean-up Flushcombe Rd" with two teams. Sunday 4 March meeting at 7.45am.

Team 1 meets at the Reserve on corner of Western Highway and Flushcombe Rd

Team 2 meets Outside Patrician Brothers corner of Flushcombe and Newton Roads

Call the Parish Office to register yourself, or family or a group of friends. Let us use this opportunity to go out and help the Blacktown Community and beyond!

For more information Contact: Kathie Collins 0414194052 or the parish office. More information next week.

Register today!

The Baldaccino family would like to invite parishioners to the **Funeral Mass for Stella Buttigieg** St Patrick's Church 15th February, with Mass starting at 12pm. *We pray for Stella's family at this time.*

RELIEF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you those who responded to the request to fill the vacancies in one of the St Michael's Clean Teams. There is always a need for a few more volunteers to fill in when a team member is unable or unavailable to clean when rostered on. The church is cleaned weekly either on Thursday, Friday or Saturday so, if you are able to be on "standby" for when the need arises on any of those days, please contact me on 9621-6135/0425235050 or leave your details in the Sacristy or at the Parish Office.

Vicky Sammut, Clean Teams Co-ordinator

ASH WEDNESDAY

14TH FEBRUARY 2018

MASS TIMES

8.30AM ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

9AM ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

12PM ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

7.30PM ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Take a selfie with your Ash Wednesday cross and tag yourself **#ashtag**

St Michael's Church: 58 Orwell St Blacktown South
St Patrick's Church: 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown



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There will not be Adoration on Ash Wednesday at St Michael's

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us every Friday nights during Lent at St Patrick's Church

6:30pm-7:00pm Adoration & Reconciliation

7:00pm-7:25pm Stations of the Cross

7:30pm Mass



LENTEN PATHWAYS

Contact the Parish office to express your interest 9622 1125

admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

A donation of \$5 towards the Lenten Resource Books would be greatly appreciated.

MQOF EVENINGS

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Become a Catechist, a Special Religious Education teacher!

What an exciting opportunity to share the faith in our State Schools! As well as hearing some great stories on the video last weekend, hopefully you have been able to speak to some Special Religious Educators.

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

The SRE Commissioning Mass will be held on Saturday, 17th February at 5:30pm.

FAREWELL MASS FOR FR DENES

The Farwell Mass for Fr Denes will be celebrated at the 5:30pm mass on Saturday, 24th February. Please bring a plate of food to share afterwards!

Frankly Speaking...

"We need to include the excluded and preach peace."
Pope Francis



APPLICATIONS CLOSING AT 5PM 18TH FEBRUARY FOR FAMILY LIFE COORDINATOR

The position is a casual position and entails 15 hours per week and involves evening and weekend work. A job description can be obtained by emailing admin@mqofblacktown.org.au.

All applications are to include a cover letter and resume with two references, one of which is to be a parish priest. These can be sent to Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown 2148 or email admin@mqofblacktown.org.au. For further information please contact the parish office on 9622 1125.



JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES

The Josephite Associates will gather for a Reflection Morning on the 19th February.

Meet at 10:30am till 12pm at the Cardinal Clancy Room at St Patrick's Church.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Ministers should have received an email requesting availabilities during Holy Week. For those who have not received that email there will be a form in the sacristy to indicate your availability to serve for these Sacred Liturgies.



Continuing the conversation about review and supervision of our ministries, we will be hosting reflection sessions 3 times in the new year:

Our first will be on the
21st February 10:00am or 23rd February 7:30pm

You are invited to attend one session in the

Parish Meeting Room at St Patrick's Church.

These sessions will be an opportunity for you to share your experiences of ministry, be motivated and learn from others. Send your RSVP to the Parish Office by phone on 9622 1125 or via email at admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

Let's become better together!

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2018

The Sacramental Team Look forward to journeying with you in this time of preparation with your family as they come to know God deeper through the Sacraments:

Reconciliation : First Eucharist : Confirmation

Information about each Sacrament can be found via our parish website www.mqofblacktown.org.au and then by clicking on the Sacraments tab, or contact Parish Office on 9622 1125, sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au



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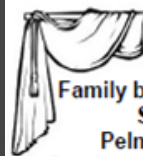
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