



# 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, 18 Feb 2018: First Sunday of Lent - Year B**

## THE TIME HAS COME!

The language used for the writing of the original texts of the New Testament was Greek, a language which had two words for time: *chronos* and *kairos*. The former referred to the day, hour and minute, while the latter spoke of a **time of new possibility**.

It was here in Blacktown's Bowman Hall in 1972, where the soon to be Prime Minister, Gough Whitlam announced his campaign theme, *It's Time*. His proclamation was *kairos* rather than *chronos*! Nearly fifty years later, social historians argue that period was a turning point in Australian life and culture.

Our Church is very much in a *kairos* time at the moment. Some would say our Church is in a *make or break time*. Recent years and the scandal of sexual abuse have placed us in the desert where we have seen more *wild beast* than *angels*. The gospel today calls us to the desert, that place of silence and healing. Here, there is a **time of new possibility**.

Some three or more years ago a friend, who is a respected academic said that beyond the sexual abuse scandal and there was another challenge on the horizon that would shake our church. As the issue of financial transparency for the Church has appeared in the media in the past week, I have been reminded of his words.

The editorial of the Sydney Morning Herald, ironically on Ash Wednesday wrote: *The Church ...has a spiritual mission and must be allowed to continue that work. But insofar as it moves into secular activities, in schools, hospitals, aged care homes, youth organisations, charities and anything else, it must be subject to all secular rules, including taxation.*

As our society calls us to honour the recommendations of the Royal Commission, there are new voices calling for greater financial transparency in our Church. The days of clerical and ecclesial privilege and exemption from taxation may well be coming to an end. Our Church will be a poorer church – perhaps the tragedy is that we have not chosen it!

The shadow side of all of this is that we are living in no ordinary time, no *chronos* time. This is a *kairos* moment which will reshape our church. The time has come!

Fr Peter

## CONTACT US

## LITURGY TIMES

## CONNECT

### PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Confeggi  
Assistant Priest: Fr Dénes Ledecz  
Assistant Priest: Fr Luis Herrera  
Deacon: George Bryan  
Business Manager: Jacqueline Castillo- Anchique  
Pastoral Associate: Lisa Bright  
Pastoral Care Coordinator: Antoinette Mangion  
Parish Assistant: Aaron Pinto  
Parish Assistant: Franchesca Tenedora  
Parish Assistant: 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

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### 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)  
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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# YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B

## First Sunday of Lent

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

### FIRST READING: GEN 9:8-15

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 24:4-9. R. SEE V.10

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth  
to those who keep your covenant.

### SECOND READING: 1 PT 3:18-22

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word  
that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to  
you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### GOSPEL: Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness  
and he remained there for forty days, and was  
tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts,  
and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went  
into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good  
News from God. 'The time has come' he said  
'and the kingdom of God is close at hand.  
Repent, and believe the Good News.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

One does not live by bread alone, but by every  
word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Anniversaries:** Elsie Lobo, Nello Bradizza, Thereza Vella  
**Special Intentions:** Lucie Ricard, Perpetua Burgos, Adelina Bagadion

**Recently Deceased:** Romeo Biniahan, Louis (Gigi) Portelli,  
**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, Michael Hiriwo

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).



**M 19 Feb:** Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

**T 20 Feb:** Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

**W 21 Feb:** Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

**Th 22 Feb:** 1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

**F 23 Feb:** Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

**S 24 Feb:** Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

**S 25 Feb:** Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

Daily  
Readings



### Altar Society

*Help care for the sacred vessels and linen for the Mass by being part of the Altar Society.*

The main objectives of the Altar Society are to look after the altar and sanctuary, and items in the sacristy. The Society serves to benefit the work of the church by ensuring that the liturgical vessels and cloths are kept clean and well prepared for use at the Mass and, in doing so, members of the Altar Society play a most important role in enabling our liturgies to be conducted with dignity and care. If you would like to be part of this vital behind-the-scenes team, contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125.



### MUSIC MINISTRY FORMATION

All involved in Music Ministry are invited to attend a Formation Session on the **Friday 20th April** at **St Patrick's Church at 7pm**. Please ensure that at least one member of your choir/group attends. RSVP to Parish Office on 9622 1125 or via email [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au).

**Nagle College Blacktown, will be holding their Open Afternoon/Evening for Year 7, 2018 on Tuesday 6 March from 3.30 pm until 7.30 pm.**



Enrolment packages will be available on the afternoon and tours of the school will be conducted. Prospective parents and students are warmly invited to attend.



**Growing  
ministry**

Our first Reflection Session for review and supervision of our ministries will be on the

**21st February 10:00am or  
23rd February 7:30pm**

You are invited to attend one session in the **Parish Office** 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](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)

### 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](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au) and then by clicking on the Sacraments tab, or contact Parish Office on 9622 1125, [sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au)



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!**



## Project Compassion 2018



In Nepal, a Caritas Australia supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business and has become a role model in her community.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.**

**A Just Future starts with your support!** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

## WHAT IS A PASTORAL ASSOCIATE?



The role differs according to each parish. Lisa Bright, who is wonderful at *hands on* ministry, is now assuming a role of *oversight, promotion and coordination* of ministries.

With degrees in human resources and theology, and a good deal of pastoral experience, this promotion reflects my commitment to raising up lay leaders for our Church. Clearly, women and men will be future leaders (cf. Code of Canon Law 517.2).

-Fr Peter

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us every Friday night during Lent at **St Patrick's Church:**

**6:30pm-7:00pm**

Adoration & Reconciliation

**7:00pm-7:25pm**

Stations of the Cross

**7:30pm** Mass



Can you help by donating the following food items to the Vinnies Pantry: Two-minute noodles, Pasta Sauce, Sugar, Tinned fish (tuna or salmon), Soap, Toilet paper. Your donations can be left in the baskets at the church doors. Thank you.

# LENTEN PATHWAYS

## MQOF EVENINGS

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Cardinal Clancy Room,  
St Patrick's Church  
beginning 13th February

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## MQOF MORNINGS

small group meeting.  
Tuesdays, 9.30am  
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beginning 13th February

## MQOF HOMES

a small group meeting in YOUR home ANYTIME!  
Wherever it suits you.

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

## World Day of Prayer 2018

Since 1887, on or near the first Friday in March every year, millions of Christians have gathered worldwide to pray for the issues of family violence, child abuse, human trafficking, and other forms of injustice.



**In 2018 that prayerful support will be directed at the 540,000 inhabitants of the Republic of Suriname, on the north-eastern coast of South America.**

You are invited to join us in prayer for the needs of Suriname and its people at a World Day of Prayer service at **Blacktown Salvation Army, 2 Kempsey St, Blacktown, starting at 10AM.** Phone 0428 314 291 for all enquiries.

## 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...

"Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience."  
*Pope Francis*







The season of Lent is a special time when we prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter. What things can you do to try and be more like Jesus during the forty days of Lent?

### 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.

### 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.

### CatholicCare Solo Parent Services YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age whether or not you are a parent. First Gathering for the Year will be held next **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Please note new venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** \$5.00.

**Registration:** Rita Ph. 8843 2530 or Email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

### STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

This Support group is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those going through a separation or divorce. We will be speaking about "Identifying Challenging Emotions and strategies for dealing with them."

**Next Gathering:** 27<sup>th</sup> February

**Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta **Time:** 7pm – 9pm.

**Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration**

**Essential:** Rita Ph. 8843 2530 or email

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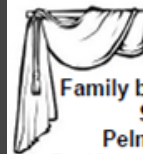
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