



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, 19 Nov 2017: Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

WELL DONE....I WILL TRUST YOU

As we approach the end of the Church's year it is time to look back in appreciation and thanksgiving, to take time to say, **WELL DONE!**

In the last year or two I have been asking the question of those in ministry, *who will be exercising your ministry in 2025?* Many have come forward and undertaken courses of formation for ministry. Ministries have been coordinated to foster further growth and to help us to *welcome, grow and act.*

Every parent knows that to have growth you have to step back and trust your children, even allowing them to make mistakes. I often say that if you want someone to learn how to cook, you have to get out of the kitchen! We have to stand back and trust others if there is to be growth. The same is true in growing people in ministry. We need to be able to say, **I WILL TRUST YOU!**

Today Matthew speaks to us of talents. We may well have a talent or gift that has been fine-tuned over the years in one particular ministry. Perhaps we feel that no one can do my ministry as well as I can. There is risk in standing back and allowing the multiplication of gifts and growing our talents for the good of the Church and it's mission.

The multiplication of gifts might simply involve *tapping people on the shoulder* and inviting them into ministry. Down the track in can be a question of mentoring those who are new in ministry. Those who know that they are appreciated in small things will grow to do greater things.

So to the some three hundred parishioners who are in active ministry, it is time to say WELL DONE. We give thanks for the multiplication of ministries that is happening among us and thanks the Lord for the grace of growth as we welcome, grow and act.

Fr Peter

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PARISH TEAM

Fr Peter Confeggi
Fr Dénes Ledeczi
Fr Luis Herrera
Deacon George Bryan
Sr Grace Roclawska CSFN
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,
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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)
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
Catholic Early Learning Centre 8814 8406
(St Michael's)

Institute for Mission 9831 4911
Fr Paul Roberts (Director)
paul.roberts@ifm.org.au

Diocesan Ministry Centre 8838 3460

Catholic Care 8822 2222
Blacktown@ccss.org.au



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YEAR OF MATTHEW - YEAR A

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING: PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 127:1-5. R. V.1
Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 THES 5:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Claude Galopin
Special Intentions:



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: Yufang Dong, Paul Clemson, Fr George O'Mara, Doreen Stanslaus, Vic Farrugia, Cristina King, Sofia Rodriguez, Charity Thompson, Charlie Taouk, Alain Asmar, Antonio Lareza, Lourdes Lareza, Pat Byrne, Mary Mendes

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 20 Nov: 1 Macc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Lk 18:35-43
T 21 Nov: 2 Macc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
W 22 Nov: 2 Macc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28
Th 23 Nov: 1 Macc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
F 24 Nov: 1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48
S 25 Nov: 1 Macc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40



Frankly Speaking...

"Be the first to seek to bring good."
Pope Francis



MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY
PARISH, BLACKTOWN

YOU'RE INVITED

Ministry Thanksgiving Mass

1 DECEMBER 2017

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, ALLAWAH ST

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*looking forward to seeing
you there!*

RSVP: 26 NOVEMBER 2017
TO: ADMIN@MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU

Notice of Meeting Parish Pastoral Council 23rd November, 7pm



In today's gospel, Jesus tells the story of a Master who gives each of

his servants responsibility for a large amount of money.

Draw a picture that shows you being responsible for an important job.



VINNIES PANTRY : THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

The Pantry is in need of Cereals, Baked Beans, Longlife Milk, Soap, Noodles, Spreads (Jam, Honey, Vegemite). Your donations can be left at the church doors.



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

MOVING ON...

After nine years of service to Blacktown Catholics, Sr Grace will be moving on to other ministry in 2018. She will finish on the 6th December and the Ministry Thanksgiving Mass on Friday December 1st will provide an opportunity for farewell.

Since Grace began at St Michael's, Blacktown Catholics have seen a great deal of change that has often not been easy. In the journey of twinning and amalgamating two parishes Grace has been a great source of wisdom and support. She has touched the lives of many families particularly through the sacramental process and has great authority in the community.

Let's join with Sr Grace in giving thanks for these year of ministry as we gather at our Ministry Thanksgiving Mass.

Fr Peter



CHRISTMAS LUNCH : GIVING YOUR TIME

On Saturday, 23rd December the Social Justice Group invites parishioners to volunteer their time to help set-up, welcome, serve and clean up for the Christmas Lunch.

If you can offer an hour or a few hours on this day, please call Antoinette at the parish office on 9622 1125 to offer your availability.

Thanksgiving for the Sisters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

The vigil Mass on Saturday 9th of December will be an opportunity to farewell the OLSH sisters. When I came to Blacktown ten years ago the sisters were some of the first people I met.

I remember Srs. Moya and Elaine had a wonderful ministry of welcome to the Sudanese community. Later Sr Yvonne brought her musical gifts, Sr Margaret I came to know through sharing her visits to the women's prison. In recent years Sr.Terrie has been an important part of our parish life. It is now time for Terrie to move to a community where she will have the support of others.

Let's give thanks for the prayerful presence, the missionary spirit of these women and all they have given to the Blacktown community.

Fr Peter

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

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Last weekend, the Diocese of Parramatta launched The Catholic Foundation as the new central charity for the good works of the Diocese, and our Parish held a special collection to commemorate its launch.

Thank you to everyone who gave – your generous contributions to The Catholic Foundation, will help support our seminarians, provide Christian education in public schools, empower our disabled with job training, support our deaf and will assist single mothers facing homelessness.

If you were unable to donate last week, you can still fill out an Appeal Envelope and place it in the Collection Plate.

It's important that you place your donation in the Envelope so that it isn't confused with the Parish Collection.

Please make sure to fill out your details so you can be personally thanked for your generous support, and that you provide your address or email so that you can be receipted for your tax deductible donation of \$2 or more.

Finally, please also consider joining The Catholic Foundation's Regular Giving Program. Regular monthly gifts allows the Diocese to plan for the future, build additional programs, and reliably sustains our works of faith, hope and charity across the Diocese of Parramatta.

Again, thank you for your time, and your generosity.

Piety Stall

Christmas Cards and 2018 Religious Calendars on sale this weekend at all Masses. Also available are beautiful Nativity sets and other gifts. If you wish to purchase something and the piety store is not open please, contact the parish office. Please consider volunteering to have the stall open at all Masses every weekend. Contact Pat Regan via the parish office if you would like to be part of this ministry.



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Let's Make an Advent Wreath

You are invited to prepare for
Advent by making your own
Advent wreaths.

Antoinette will share different ways we can pray during Advent.

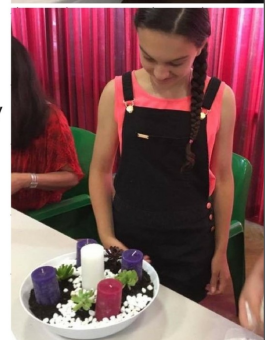
Vicky will show us how to make a variety of Advent Wreaths.

Bring what you have from home:
candles | leaves | pebbles
glass jars | string | ribbon
anything crafty!

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE FOR A
DETAILED "WHAT TO BRING" LIST
Advent Wreaths will be blessed on the
First Sunday of Advent at all Masses.

Friday, 24th November, 7pm
Cardinal Clancy Room
St Patrick's Church
51-59 Allawah St Blacktown

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MQOF EVENINGS

1. Colour-In Advent!
a larger group reflecting on the
Advent focus of the week and
colouring large advent posters.
Mondays 7pm, MPA
* St Patrick's Primary School
beginning 27th November

2. Advent Reflections
a larger group with readings and
small group discussion.
Tuesday nights 7pm
Cardinal Clancy Room,
St Patrick's Church
beginning 28th November
ALL AGE GROUPS ARE WELCOME
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and grandparents,
and everyone in between!

MQOF MORNINGS

small groups meeting
using provided resources.
Tuesdays, 9.30am
Cardinal Clancy Room
beginning 28th November

MQOF HOMES

a small group meeting
in YOUR home using
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ADVENT



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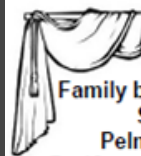
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