



# 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, 26 Nov 2017: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A**

## HERE AND NOW

The first disciples of Jesus expected his return to be imminent. There was a delight in speculation as to the time of that return. People looked for signs of the coming of the *Day of the Lord*, and the establishment of the Kingdom of God. St Paul confronted people who were so intent on the imminent return of the Lord, that they had stopped working. His response was simple; *if you don't work you don't eat!*

This weekend, with the Feast of Christ the King, we come to the end of the Church's year and the year of Matthew. In recent weeks the Gospel of Matthew has been preparing us for the *end time*. We have had bridesmaids waiting for the return of the bridegroom (Christ) and people giving an account of the use of their talents on the return of their master.

So many of the scripture texts that have been chosen for this *end-time* of the Church's year, reflect an early Church trying to help people to not only seek the Kingdom of God at the end of time but to recognise that the Kingdom and God is among us. We don't simply wait for the Kingdom of God at the end of time but we have to get on with building the reign of God **HERE AND NOW!**

As the years pass the end-time and judgement are more real in our lives. Many older people just pray that they *die in the state of grace*. They may well pray earnestly for a happy death, of which St Joseph is often seen as the patron. But in the end, on what will we be judged? For Matthew it is pretty clear.

An old friend of mine used say: ***What are you doing on earth, for heaven's sake?*** St Matthew would say there is only one thing on which we will be judged – how much we have been able to see the face of Christ in the most marginalised in our society and Church – the sick, the prisoner, etc - and how much we have been able to be present to those people. The kingdom of God is **HERE AND NOW.**

*Fr Peter*

## CONTACT US

## LITURGY TIMES

## CONNECT

### PARISH TEAM

Fr Peter Confeggi  
Fr Dénes Ledeczi  
Fr Luis Herrera  
Deacon George Bryan  
Sr Grace Roclawski 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,  
Blacktown  
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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)  
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# YEAR OF MATTHEW - YEAR A

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**FIRST READING: EZ 34:11-12. 15-17**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 22:1-3. 5-6. R. V.1**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**SECOND READING: 1 COR 15:20-26. 28**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: Mt 25:31-46**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Special Intentions:** Janet Marshall, Raoul Jumeau, Roland Bouquet, Carmen & Lewis Sterlini, Sophie Nastaly, Jean & Joseph Gallagher, David Uncillo, Emmanuela Coleiro, Anthony Spiteri, Veronidia Scalia, Rex Scott, William Peppin



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

**M 27 Nov:** Dan 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

**T 28 Nov:** Dan 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

**W 29 Nov:** Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19

**Th 30 Nov:** Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

**F 1 Dec:** Dan 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

**S 2 Dec:** Dan 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36



## Frankly Speaking...

"Where there is truth, there is also light, but don't confuse light with the flash."  
Pope Francis



MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY  
PARISH, BLACKTOWN

**YOU'RE INVITED**

# Ministry Thanksgiving Mass

**1 DECEMBER 2017**

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, ALLAWAH ST

REFLECTION LED BY SR CATHERINE RYAN  
AT 6.00PM

MASS OF THANKSGIVING AT 7.30PM  
COCKTAIL FOOD AND DRINKS TO FOLLOW

*looking forward to seeing  
you there!*

RSVP: 26 NOVEMBER 2017

TO: [ADMIN@MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU](mailto:ADMIN@MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU)



Jesus says when we do  
something good for others  
we also do it for him.

Draw a picture of yourself  
performing an act of  
kindness.



### 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**



Dear Parishioners & Ministers,

A couple of months ago, the Liturgy Team discussed and agreed on introducing the practice of reciting the Antiphons for each Mass if there is no choir or cantor to lead the music.

The General Instruction to Roman Missal (GIRM) states:  
*If there is no singing at the Entrance, the antiphon in the Missal is recited either by the faithful, or by some of them, or by a lector; otherwise, it is recited by the priest himself, who may even adapt it as an introductory explanation (cf. no. 31). GIRM#48 & 87.*

Following the above guidelines and continuing the custom which already exists on some Sunday Masses, the following will be introduced and implemented from the FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT on ALL MASSES (Weekends and Weekdays) if there is no choir or cantor to lead the music.

#### SUNDAYS:

##### AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MASS:

As the priest start ENTRANCE PROCESSION, the **COMMENTATOR** will proclaim **from the ambo** the words "LET US PRAY THE ENTRANCE ANTIPHON" to which the whole assembly will respond with the words which the liturgy dedicates for that day.

##### AT THE TIME OF COMMUNION:

As the priest CONSUMES the Body of Christ, the **COMMENTATOR** will proclaim **from the ambo** the words:  
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All antiphons will be read from people's private MISSALS or/and FLYERS prepared by the office and available on the tables at the foyers of the church. This practice will start on **Monday 4 December**.

As we do with any new process, we will review in a couple of months.

Fr Peter Confeggi,  
Parish Priest

### 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.

# PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

## 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  
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### 2. Advent Reflections

a larger group with readings and small group discussion.

Tuesday nights 7pm

Cardinal Clancy Room,

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beginning 28th November

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suits you.



PATHWAYS: **prepare**

ADVENT



Contact the Parish office to express interest : 9622 1125 : admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

### Family Group "Many Blessings"

Are you interested in meeting other families from the MQOF parish and forming enduring friendships? We meet in an outdoor setting every few months on a weekend, usually on Sunday, where most people bring some food or drink to share, generally have fun while getting to know each other, allowing kids & adults to be as active or passive as they like while having some fresh air. The next meeting will be at the Blacktown Showground on Sunday 3rd December, starting at 11.30am. For details, phone Ivan on 0414208449



### JEAN & BETTY'S TOURS TUES 12 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Waterview Restaurant, Berowra 9.00am from Church

Price: \$70 pp, includes coach travel, morning tea, Christmas lunch and entertainment.

Please let Jean know ASAP your attendance as there is a waiting list.  
**For further information contact Jean: 99203401 or 0425251754**



### 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.

# Blessing of Advent Wreaths

Bring your Advent Wreaths/Candles to any Mass on 2nd/3rd December (1st Sunday of Advent) to be blessed during our celebration.



## WILL YOU BE PART OF THE MQOF WELCOME TEAM?

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish would love to welcome all people to each and every Mass. There are a few areas, in particular, we would like to focus on.

- Would you like to greet people with a "Hello" and a smile? And again, when they leave? Be a Greeter.
- Are you able to guide people? Be an Usher.
- Are you able to guide traffic before and after Masses? Be a carpark attendant.
- Join the hospitality team if you like to engage with others in conversation.
- How about being part of our growing community? Our community building group looks at activities to grow and celebrate together.

Contact Conrad Gabriel via the parish office to be part of the welcome team or list your details on the clipboards in Church foyers.

**WELCOME - GROW - ACT**

## Children's Christmas Masses

Each year the children of Mary Queen of the Family retell the story of the first Christmas. Your children are invited to take part in these Children's Masses.

**St Michael's Church:** Practices are Saturday, 9th, 16th & 23rd December at 3pm at St Michael's Church. Meet with Silvana.

Each practise will run for approximately one hour. We will be looking for a Joseph; wise men (or women); Narrator; Herod; Drummer Boy; some soldiers; shepherds and angels. Costumes are provided for each child. All children are welcome.

If you cannot come to one of the practises that is fine just let us know. Children's Christmas Mass on the 24th December will be at 6pm at St Michael's Church and children need to be in the Sid Mosley Room by 5:40pm.

**St Patrick's Church:** Practices are Sunday 3rd & 17th December at 11am (straight after Mass) at St Patrick's Church. Meet with the Children's Liturgy Leaders. We will be looking for Mary, Joseph, wise men (or women), shepherds and angels.

Children's Christmas Mass on the 24th December will be at 5.30pm at St Patrick's Church and children need to be in the Cardinal Clancy Room by 5:00pm.

Any questions, please call the office on 9622 1125.



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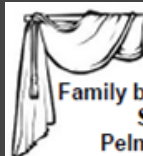
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