



# 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, 8 Apr 2018: Second Sunday of Easter - Year A**



*JESUS, I trust in YOU*

## THE STORY OF ST FAUSTINA & DIVINE MERCY

St. Faustina Kowalska was a young Polish nun born at the beginning of the 20th century. Over the course of several years she had visions of Jesus, whereby she was directed to create an image and to share with the world revelations of Jesus' love and mercy.

St. Faustina received her first revelation of the merciful Jesus in Plock, Poland in February 1931. With the help of Fr. Sopocko, St. Faustina found a painter to fulfill the request Jesus had made to her in one of the visions – to “paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You” – and in 1934 the painter Eugene Kazimierowski created the original Divine Mercy painting under St. Faustina's direction (*pictured left*).

The image shows Christ with his right hand raised as if giving a blessing, and the left touching his chest. Two rays, one pale, one red – which Jesus said are to signify water and blood – are descending from his heart.

St. Faustina recorded all of her visions and conversations with Jesus in her diary, called *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. Here she wrote the words of Jesus about the graces that would pour out on anyone who prayed before the image: “I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend [that soul] as My own glory.”

When the image was completed, it was first kept in the corridor of the convent of the Bernardine Sisters, which was beside the Church of St. Michael where Fr. Sopocko was rector.

In March 1936 St. Faustina became sick, with what is believed to have been tuberculosis, and was transferred back to Poland by her superiors. She died near Krakow in October 1938, at the age of 33.

*Left: Original painting of the Divine Mercy, by Eugeniusz Kazimirowski in 1934.*

*Original article published 26 November 2017, written by Hannah Brockhaus*

*<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/the-original-image-of-divine-mercy-its-not-where-you-might-think-70393>*

## CONTACT US

### PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Confeggi  
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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  
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### WEEKDAY MASSES

**St Michael's**  
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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

## 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)

**Institute for Mission** 9831 4911  
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# YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### FIRST READING: ACTS 4:32-35

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. V.1

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

### SECOND READING: 1 JN 5:1-6

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Jn 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name..

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Anniversaries:** Pacienza Piscopo, Michelle Sabo, Dezider Nemeth

**We pray for the special intentions of our parish community.**

**We remember and pray for those who are ill at home or in hospital at this time:** Melanie Randa, Carlos Braithwaite, Lois Roy, Paul Clemson, Tony Clarke, 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 or you are going into hospital and would like to be anointed,, please contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125 or email [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au).**



**M 9 Mar:** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**T 10 Mar:** Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15

**W 11 Mar:** Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

**Th 12 Mar:** Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

**F 13 Mar:** Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

**S 14 Mar:** Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

**S 15 Mar:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

Daily Readings



### PROJECT COMPASSION 2018



Caritas AUSTRALIA



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2018. Through your generosity our parish raised \$6,619 which will go towards empowering our most vulnerable neighbours worldwide to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. ***If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week and place them in the white baskets in front of the altar.***

**The Holy Places Appeal was taken up on Good Friday and we were able to raise \$3,534. This appeal promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing assistance to welfare, health, education and employment to local Christians. Thank you for your generosity!**



### HEARTFELT THANKS

I would like to thank all those who contributed to our faith-filled celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. To our liturgy committee, ministry leads and ministers very public and behind the scenes. It has been good to see the growth of ministries of parking and ushering, with are an important part of our commitment to welcome. As well as preparation, attendance at rehearsals has become part of the culture of our parish. Good liturgy doesn't just happen and your time and work is a gift for welcome, growth and action in faith. **- Fr Peter**

### Celebrate the birthday of the Church!



# PENTECOST PARTY

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Mass Times for The Annunciation of the Lord

**Monday, 9th April 2018**

**8.00am** St Michael's Church; &  
**9.00am** St Patrick's Church



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### MUSIC MINISTRY FORMATION

All involved in Music Ministry are invited to attend a Formation Session on the **Friday 20th April, 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).

### Monthly Trip: 9th - 13th April 2018

**5 Day Trip to Yass Valley.**

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### VINNIES PANTRY

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.

### Frankly Speaking...

"Starting with Thomas' disbelief the Lord led him to profess not only his belief in the Resurrection, but above all, his belief in the divinity of the Lord."

- Pope Francis



### 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)



If you are continuing the journey towards First Eucharist, please complete the re-enrolment form and return to the Sacramental Team by **Monday, 9th April**.

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#TryAlpha

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### MQOF ALPHA

Our Parish Alpha will be starting Friday, 4th May.

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore life and the basics of the Christian faith. Whether you're just checking it out, new to faith, or coming back to church, you are invited.

**If you would like to take part, please complete this slip below and return via the collection plate.**

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# Sullivan calls for major review of church governance

*In his final public appearance as Truth Justice and Healing Council chief, Francis Sullivan has called on Catholics to support the Church's efforts to address the recommendations of the child sexual abuse royal commission. (Source: TJHC)*

Speaking at a public forum in Canberra last Thursday, Mr Sullivan said many of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse relate to the future policies and administration of all institutions.

"Interestingly, [the commission] did not find any significant problems with how Catholic Church schools, welfare or other social services operate today. There were no adverse findings against how these organisations deal with abuse allegations, complaints or how they educate staff in prevention and protection measures," he said.

"In fact, the commission made the point that the Church leadership could learn from the way these services are run.

"This is a direct result of the effort that the Church has gone to over the past 20 years to get its act together on the welfare and protection of children."

He echoed the commission's recommendation for Church leaders to instigate a major review of diocesan structures and governance.

"Governance must reflect the identity, ethos and purpose of what it is to be Church, or things can and did go very badly wrong," Mr Sullivan said.

"The Church must not fall into the trap of maintaining a rigid, defensive focus where its mission, as articulated by the Gospel, is undermined by expediency and self-preservation.

"The leadership of an organisation, including the Catholic Church, shapes the assumptions, values, beliefs and norms of its culture. This in turn influences how individuals behave, particularly with vulnerable people.

"Most, if not all Church leaders, are now prepared to call the abuse crisis for what it is.

"But we will only know if anything has really been learnt when we see how the Church leadership responds to the royal commission's recommendations over the next couple of years.

"A well-resourced body, charged with an independent brief, must oversee the Church's implementation of the royal commission's recommendations."

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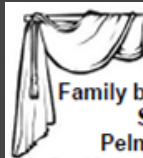
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