



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, 13 May 2018: The Ascension of the Lord - Year B

THE SACREDNESS OF CHILDHOOD

As we celebrate the nurturing role of Mother's today, it is also good to reflect also on the sacredness of childhood. In these post-royal commission days, the Church has giving added attention to the care of children. On 27 April the Catholic Church professional standards body released a draft statement. For more details go to www.cpsltd.org.au

The underlying principles of a child safe organisation include:

- creating an environment where children's safety and wellbeing are at the centre of thought, values and actions;
- understanding the nature of abuse and risk factors;
- placing emphasis on genuine engagement with, and valuing of, children and young people;
- creating conditions that reduce the likelihood of harm to children and young people;
- creating conditions that increase the likelihood of identifying any harm; and
- responding appropriately to any concerns, disclosures, allegations or suspicions of harm.

The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are designed to ensure Catholic Church entities have a child safe culture and practices that are in accordance with legislative requirements, the Australian community's expectations and Gospel values.

The Standards will be implemented by all Church entities to promote a more comprehensive and consistent approach within the Australian Church. These Standards are designed to be applied to all Church ministries in every state and territory of Australia. Every child must be protected by the same rigorous standards.

These Standards apply regardless of where the children live or what part of the Church they encounter, be it their local parish, a Catholic school, welfare or health service, a youth group, a camp, a sacramental program or any one of the many other Catholic services and activities that reach into the community. Consequently the reforms of these post-royal commission days will affect all our ministries.

We hear in the Gospel today the call to Proclaim the Good News to all creation as Jesus ascends into heaven. May we all play our part in sharing the Good News of God's love to others through the advocating of safety and care for all those who are vulnerable in our community.

Fr Peter

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LITURGY TIMES

CONNECT

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Confeggi
 Assistant Priest: Fr Luis Herrera
 Deacon: George Bryan
 Business Manager: Jacqueline Castillo-Anchique
 Pastoral Associate: Lisa Bright
 Pastoral Care Coordinator: Antoinette Mangion
 Family Life Coordinator: Erin Kennedy
 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

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)
 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
Catholic Care 8822 2222
Blacktown@ccss.org.au



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YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B

Ascension of the Lord

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 46:2-3. 6-9. R. V.6

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING: EPH 1:17-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mk 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them,
'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News
to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is
saved; he who does not believe will be condemned.

These are the signs that will be associated with
believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they
will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes
in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink
deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick,
who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them,
was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of
God he took his place, while they, going out, preached
everywhere, the Lord working with them and
confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Kathleen McNamee

Special Intentions: Mark McKenzie

We remember and pray for those who are ill at home or in hospital at this time: Kevin Clout, Melanie Randa, Carlos

Braithwaite, Lois Roy, Paul Clemson, Tony Clarke, Doreen Stanslaus, Dr Cherry Ann Wy, Michael Hiriwo, Sr Margaret Picone, Charles Xuereb

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.



M 14 May: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
T 15 May: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11
W 16 May: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19
Th 17 May: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
F 18 May: Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19
S 19 May: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
S 20 May: Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27

Daily
Readings



SAFETY FIRST

To everyone at St Patrick's Church, in the interest of safety, please leave the green chairs where they have been placed. Please do not re-stack chairs in storage areas or move chairs to make new rows. Please keep the exits at the back of the church clear for cases of emergency. **If there is a reason for chairs to be moved on a more permanent basis, please call the Parish Office to inform them of your suggestions. Thank you.**

Lights, camera, action!



Thank you to those people who responded to three questions about the Holy Spirit and agreed to be filmed. We would still love to hear your written response to the following questions.

We would like to know:

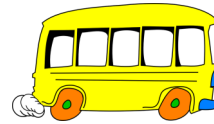
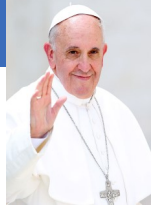
- 1) *How would you describe the Holy Spirit?*
- 2) *How is the Holy Spirit active in your life?*
- 3) *How is the Holy Spirit active at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish?*

Send them to the Parish Office at admin@mqofblacktown.org.au. Your responses will be shared during Pentecost and for Confirmation preparation sections with families.

Frankly Speaking...

"With the Ascension of Jesus, we participate in the fullness of life with God. Let us carry this in our hearts in our daily lives."

- Pope Francis



Jean & Betty's Tours
Tuesday 12 June 2018
A-TROOP - 1st Australian Light Horse, Richmond

Pick up 9am St Pat's Church.

Cost is \$55 inc. Coach Travel, Morning Tea, Tour and Lunch.
Call Jean for more information on 99203401 or 0425251754.

VINNIES PANTRY

Can you help by donating the following food items to the Vinnies Pantry: **Sugar, Tinned Fish (Tuna/Salmon), Tinned Spaghetti, Rice, Soap and Toilet Rolls.** Your donations can be left in the baskets at the church doors.

Recently we have had items donated that expired in 2015.

When donating to Vinnies, please ensure that all food products are within the expiry date. Please remember that through this ministry we aren't giving away our rubbish, **we are helping people who are doing it tough and deserve good things.**



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

BE BOLD WITH THE *holy spirit*

In our very multi-cultural parish, we invite everyone to join us and bring a plate to share for our International Morning Tea ... food from around the World!! Bring your dishes to the primary school before the 10am Mass.
You might even like to dress in a native attire from your country of origin.

PENTECOST PARTY 20 MAY 2018 11AM - 1PM

St Patrick's Primary School
51-59 Allawah St Blacktown 2148

**JUMPING CASTLE : FACE PAINTING : BBQ
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BIRTHDAY CAKE**

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2018

Let us pray for the children and families who will be journeying to know God more deeply through the sacraments.

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.

CRAFT STALL NEXT WEEKEND

After Saturday 5.30pm Mass and Sunday Morning Masses at St Patrick's and at the Pentecost Party. Hosted by the Lantern Club raising money for the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, North Rocks.

Communion to the Sick

Are you an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and take Communion to the Sick? Have you been in contact with Antoinette in the past 6 months? If not, please contact Antoinette on 9622 1125 to ensure that the parish office has a complete register of ministers who take part in this wonderful ministry.

Say Yes!

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO DO SOMETHING MORE?

Like Mary said 'Yes' to God, maybe we can say Yes to the call to be more involved in the Mass.

You are invited to become

- a Proclaimer of the Word
- a Eucharistic Minister
- someone who shares communion with the sick
- an Acolyte or Adult Server

If you would like to say Yes, call Lisa at the parish office on 9622 1125 to take the next step.

PRAY FOR OUR FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILIES



The Sacramental Process continues with the preparation for First Eucharist. Let us pray for the children and families who will be journeying to know God more deeply through the sacraments.

Join us and Oz Rosary 53 on **Sunday 13 May 2018** to

PRAY FOR AUSTRALIA, ITS PROTECTION, FUTURE & YOUTH

at Mary, Queen of the Family.

Pray the Rosary at MQOF and join other parishes around the country on **Sunday 13th May (Fatima Day)**, praying together.

**St Michael's Church,
10.30am (after Mass)**

**St Patrick's Church,
5pm (before Mass)**

Memorial: Mary, Mother of the Church, 21st May Masses 8am St Michael's Church & 9am St Patrick's Church

The readings for this memorial are proper: Gen 3:9-15. 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 86:1-2. 3 and 5. 6-7. R. v.3 and Jn 19:25-34.

Missal Texts are taken from the Votive Masses: 10. Blessed Virgin Mary, B. Our Lady, Mother of the Church.

We Pray for Mothers ...

Loving God, we ask your blessings on all mothers. May they be inspired with your mercy, wisdom, strength and selfless love. For new mothers with new responsibilities; For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; For those who are tired, stressed or depressed; For those who balance the tasks of work and family; For those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; For those who raise children on their own; For those who struggle to feed their children due to poverty; For those who selflessly place their child for adoption; For those who adopt a child into their family; For those who have lost a child; For those who care for the children of others; For those whose children have left home; For those whose desire is to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

BLESS ALL MOTHERS, THAT THEIR LOVE MAY BE DEEP AND TENDER, AND THAT THEY MAY LEAD THEIR CHILDREN TO KNOW AND DO WHAT IS GOOD.

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Alpha



What are some special things we can do for others because of our belief in Jesus?

MQOF ALPHA

Join our hospitality team. Prepare a meal, or help the team serve and clean up after dinner. Visit the Parish Website www.mqofblacktown.org.au to indicate your gift of service.

Join our prayer team. Prayer is this the heart of our mission, let Alpha:1 be no different!

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions about Alpha or how you can be involved.

We pray for our parish, Mary, Queen of the Family and the sharing of faith through the Alpha Course. May everyone who is involved grow in their relationship with Christ.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Registrations are now open for the June intake for Altar Server Training. The training is open to anyone who has made their First Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office to register.



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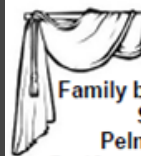
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