

# 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, 3 Jun 2018: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - (Corpus Christi) - Year B

### DO... IN MEMORY

In 1945 English Benedictine monk, Dom Gregory Dix published what was to become a classic account of the development of the Eucharist. He notes that the earliest sacramentary or missal (8th Century Gelasian) speaks of the Eucharistic action. Furthermore, he found that every known text for celebration of Eucharist has been built around the four actions of Jesus: taking, blessing, breaking and giving (Mark 14:22ff). Thus, taking is preparation of the gifts, blessing eucharistic prayer, breaking the fraction rite and giving communion. It is that fourfold action of Jesus that gives shape to ours and every known celebration of Eucharist.

In the past fifty years since the Second Vatican Council, there has been a profound shift in Catholic Eucharistic worship. Returning to biblical and early Church sources, the first document of the Council drew on the writings of Saints Augustine and Cyril, and has influenced scholars of the 20th century liturgical movement like Gregory Dix. You might describe the reforms of the past half century as a journey from silence to participation.

As with all great reforms there is often a reaction. Presently for some, Eucharistic adoration seems more important than participative celebration of the Eucharist. I have even seen people come to adoration and walk away before the celebration of Eucharist! It saddens me that we have recoiled from much of the reform so firmly grounded in scripture and our ongoing Catholic tradition.

While we know that from earliest times the Bread of the Eucharist has been reserved for the sick, the biblical emphasis on the Body of Christ has been on the community and the celebration of Eucharist. St Paul saw an interplay between the Body of Christ which was the community and the Eucharistic action: "You are the body of Christ, member for member (1 Cor. 12.27). " If you, therefore, are Christ's body and members, it is your own mystery that is placed on the Lord's table! Bread is broken that we might be the Body of Christ for our

This action of memorial, this Christian dreamtime event, draws on the past and anticipates future in the present moment. This is the biblical sense of memorial. We remember that we might be re-membered and made members again. We celebrate Eucharist as "food for the journey" to be sent to build the Kingdom of God. As St Augustine said, "Go and become what you have received".

This action of memorial draws on the past and anticipates future in the present moment and calls us to action in building the Kingdom or Reign of God in our world. A call to DO... IN MEMORY.

-Fr Peter

### CONTACT US

### PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Confeggi Assistant Priest: Fr Luis Herrera Deacon: George Bryan

Jacqueline Castillo-Anchique Business Manager:

Pastoral Associate: Lisa Bright

Pastoral Care Coordinator: Antoinette Mangion

Family Life Coordinator: Erin Kennedy Parish Assistant: Aaron Pinto

Franchesca Tenedora Parish Assistant:

Parish Assistant: Cate Gabriel

### **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

51-59 Allawah St. Blacktown Office Hours Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm

St Patrick's Church

9622 1125 9621 3146 9671 6425 A/H: Fax:

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### LITURGY TIMES

### 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

### **CONNECT**

### **PARISH SCHOOLS**

St Michael's Primary 9622 9910 St Patrick's Primary 9621 4122 8887 4501 Nagle College **Patrician Brothers College** 9671 3000 Catholic Early Learning Centre 8814 8406

(St Michael's)

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# YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B Corpus Christi Sunday

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

FIRST READING: EX 24:3-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 115:12-13. 15-18. R. V.13

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

SECOND READING: HEB 9:11-15

SEQUENCE FOR THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST This week we will listen to a musical reflection for the sequence before the Gospel Acclamation.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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### **Daily Readings**

M 4 Jun: 2 Pet 1:2-7; Mk 12:1-12

T 5 Jun: 2 Pet 3:11-15, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17 W 6 Jun: 2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27 Th 7 Jun: 2 Tim 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34

**F 8 Jun:** Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8-9; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

**S 9 Jun:** (Is 61:9-11); Lk 2:41-51

**S: 10 Jun:** Gen 3:9-15; 2 Cor 4:13 – 5:1; Mk 3:20-35

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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Anniversaries:** Jack McMahon, Marko Miskovic, Mary Skudar, Klara Stipcevic, Molly Hall

Recently Deceased: George Zaraka, Lesle Bingham-Rolls, Luciana Costagliola, Rosaria Grossetti, Tommy Webbe

**Special Intentions:** Monique de Clasteigner, Thomas McMurray, Elizabeth McMurray

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: Melanie Randa, Carlos Braithwaite, Lois Roy, Paul Clemson, Tony Clarke, Doreen Stanslaus, Dr Cherry Ann Wy, Michael Hiriwo, Sr Margaret Picone, Charles Xuereb, Leo Iannuzzi

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. You may also write your mass intention on the envelopes provided, indicating the time and date that you would like your intention to be offered.

### PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT

### THE NEW DAWN OF THE CHURCH



You are invited to hear Bishop Vincent Long, an ardent supporter of Pope Francis, speaking about "The New Dawn of the Church" at 'Winbourne", the Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa 11.00

am to 1.00 pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Entry by donation. Registration 10.00 am.

For further information contact Dennis Farrar 0425209840. Organised by the Passionist Family Group Movement.

# ADULT CONFIRMATION CATECHESIS & FORMATION DAY

Saturday 6th October, 9.30am – 2.00pm Institute For Mission, Downstairs Room

Adult Confirmation 2018 The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis. Please register your interest, along with a copy of your Baptism Certificate, with the Parish Office by Sunday, 23rd September 2018.

A contribution of \$25 is suggested from the candidates to assist in the overall task of preparing the candidates for the sacrament. This

can be brought along to the day.



# Frankly Speaking...

"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love."

Pope Francis





### THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

FRIDAY, 8TH JUNE 2018

MASS TIMES

8AM ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH 9AM ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

# THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

SATURDAY, 9TH JUNE 2018

MASS TIMES
9AM ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

St Michael's Church: 58 Orwell St Blacktown South St Patrick's Church: 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown



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# Catholic Women Speak

Thursday, 21 June, 5:30pm Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta (enter Ross St)

On June 21, Catholic women from the Diocese of Parramatta will be given the chance to share their views on the opportunities and barriers to their participation in the Catholic Church at 'Catholic Women Speak,' a special consultation session organised by the Council for Australian Catholic Women. RSVP by June 18, 2018 via director.opw@catholic.org.au or Andrea 0487 388 873. Starts from 5.30 pm at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta (enter via Ross St).

You can also share your thoughts via an online survey at <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParraWomen">www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParraWomen</a>.

# LITURGY REVIEW SURVEY

In March 2017, the Standard Operating Procedures for Liturgy were introduced. As a living document, these Standard Operating Procedures for Liturgy will be regularly revised based on the practice and needs of Mary, Queen of the Family Parish and the direction taken by the wider Church.

It is time to review these procedures and we seek your feedback. We invite everyone to take part in the Liturgy Review Survey 2018 by visiting <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/UFTbS8WeNCe0tx03">https://goo.gl/forms/UFTbS8WeNCe0tx03</a> or scanning the QR code below. All responses will be respected and presented to the liturgy committee for review and discussion at the

end of July 2018.

Your comments and suggestions will help the liturgy team ensure that MQOF liturgies are Welcoming people to the community, enabling people to Grow deeper in their relationship to Jesus and to Act as the face of Christ in the Blacktown Community and beyond.





# WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES, AUGUST 2018

Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018, guided by the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World".

"Dear families, you too should be fearless, ever ready to give witness to the hope that is in you, since the Good Shepherd has put that hope in your hearts through the Gospel." (Pope John Paul II)

Let us pray for the Gabriel Family (Conrad, Natalia, Chris & Cate) who will be representing the Diocese of Parramatta at this event!

### Official Prayer for WMF 2018

God, our Father,

We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care, Especially those for whom we now pray: [We pause and remember family members and others by name].

Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope, Keep us safe in your love,

Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord, **Amen** 

Mary, mother and guide, *pray for us*. Saint Joseph, father and protector, *pray for us*.

Saints Joachim and Anne, *pray for us*. Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, *pray for us*.





### 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.

### **NIGERIAN MASS IN IGBO: 10 JUNE. 11.30AM**

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes.

Contact Fr Akamadu 0451 174 438, or Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

# MESSAGE FROM BISHOP VINCENT

### **HOMILY FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST, YEAR B 2018**

Dear friends,

What an amazing transformation of the disciples of Jesus! We cannot help but marvel at the radical change the Holy Spirit accomplished in them at Pentecost. They, by all accounts, were not a bunch of brilliant people. They were ordinary, unremarkable and disparate individuals. That's not all. They never really understood nor cared about the vision of Jesus. They followed him out of their own agendas, ambitions and interests. At the critical hour, they showed their true colours. They failed the test of discipleship. At least the male disciples did anyway. They all abandoned Jesus in order to save themselves. It was their human nature at its worst.

Then, as they gathered in that upper room on Pentecost Sunday, the unexpected happened. They were transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Everything about them: their outlook on life, their attitudes, their behaviour changed fundamentally. They came to understand who Jesus truly was and what it meant to be his disciple. From then on, they began to live with a passion for the Kingdom and to enliven the world with the values of the Gospel.

God knows we need a fusion of the Holy Spirit into the Catholic Church at this critical time. Only yesterday, every bishop in Chile offered his resignation to Pope Francis after a three-day meeting at the Vatican to discuss the clerical sexual abuse scandal. This is totally unprecedented and it shows the depth of the crisis in the church. The Pope, acting boldly at last on this issue, acknowledged that it would be irresponsible not to go deep in looking for the roots and structures that allowed these evil acts to happen and to go on.

Here in Australia, thanks to the Royal Commission, we know that it is not a matter of a few bad apples in the barrel. The crisis we face in the church is deep seated, perhaps not unlike the financial institutions whose culture of corruption and self-interest has been exposed. Indeed, it is not only the case of a few bad apples. It is more like the apple that is sick at its core. We leaders have drifted from Jesus' vision of humble service, inclusive love and solidarity. Instead of demonstrating that fundamental ethos of care for those who have been harmed, we have been shown to care primarily for the church's own security, reputation and interests at the expense of the vulnerable.

Whether or not we bishops of Australia should make the same radical gesture as our Chilean counterparts remains an open question. However, what is indisputable is the need for deep institutional change that will restore confidence and trust in the church. Nothing less than a root-to-branch reform that will align our minds and hearts to the Gospel will do. It is time for the church, especially its leaders, to listen with great humility and embark upon a journey of radical conversion. I firmly believe that we must seize this time of crisis as a catalyst for change and not as a temporary aberration. We must have the courage to do whatever is needed to bring about the church that is worthy of Christ and his Gospel. We should not fear this

time. For it can be a great opportunity and a tremendous blessing in disguise.

Brothers and sisters,

More than ever before, we need the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit as we engage in the task of renewing and reenergising the church. We need a new Pentecost that will move us from decay to growth, from chaos to harmony, from disillusionment to joy. We need to find new fresh ways of being church that reflect authentically the person and message of Jesus, and empower our people with fresh hope.

To this end, we must become a humble, listening and discerning church. The Plenary Council that is launched today nationally will be an opportunity for us to listen humbly and with open hearts to one another and especially to what the Spirit is saying to us at this time. We are going to build the agenda for the Plenary Council together, through dialogue and prayer. Just as the disciples gathered with Mary in the upper room, we commit ourselves to listening, discerning and acting on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

The journey towards the Plenary Council begins with a two-year preparatory period. Between now and February 2019, there will be Open Dialogue and Listening Sessions where everyone is invited to share their own story, and their hopes for the church, and to hear those of others. There will be opportunities to be part of this process will be available locally, regionally and at a diocesan level. I have appointed Richard McMahon, Director of our Diocesan Pastoral Planning Office to be the main contact for the Plenary Council process. He will work with our parishes, schools and deanery and diocesan pastoral councils to make the engagement process as inclusive and as fruitful as possible.

At Pentecost, Mary and the disciples of Jesus gathered and discerned their future in the light of Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. The Holy Spirit, gave them a breath of fresh air and a source of great hope. As we gather today and discern our life of faith, may we also be bolstered by the fresh energy of the Holy Spirit. May we journey forward and witness to the reign of God, welcoming all peoples and cultures that Jesus called us to embrace.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, 20 May 2018

Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis

I extend cordial greetings and prayerful good wishes as the Catholic community in Australia joins in prayer this Pentecost Sunday to launch the immediate preparations for the forthcoming 2020 Plenary Council. Upon all taking part in the preparatory process, I invoke the Holy Spirit's gifts of wisdom, harmony and openness to the Lord's will for the future of his pilgrim Church in the country. It is my hope that through patient dialogue and faith-filled discernment, the conciliar journey will confirm the Catholics in Australia in a spirit of fraternal unity and missionary discipleship, thus enabling them to be a leaven of holiness, justice and reconciliation in today's rapidly changing society. As a pledge of the sustaining grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, I willingly impart by Apostolic Blessing.

# FAMILY GROUPS

An extended family experience within the community open to everyone with a focus on people caring for, loving and accepting each other.

Call Ivan on 0414 208449 or email admin@mqofblacktown.org.au to be connected.



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### SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH YOUR CHILDREN

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### Mk 14:12-16. 22-26

## Jesus shared his body and blood at a meal

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Passover
prepare
teacher
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# CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

On behalf of Bishop Vincent, The Catholic Foundation and our seminarians, thank you for your generous support over the last few weeks. Last weekend, we have raised over \$6,196 (of our \$20,084 quarter quota) which will go a long way in facilitating the growing number of vocations in our Diocese, and will further sustain the ongoing good works from our seminarians in the wider community – including their own formation and preparation for the Priesthood.

We couldn't do it without you. If you would still like to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au or via the envelopes at the Church doors.

Thank you and God bless.

# Have you seen our new gift display at the Piety Stall?

The Piety Stall has been restocked just in time for the celebrations of First Eucharist. You can purchase a gift to commemorate this special occasion, including a prayer journal, cards, statues, rosaries and crosses. We also have a beautiful selection of religious items suitable for your family prayer space, prayer cards and other commemorative gifts.





# Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

# Are you new to our parish? WELCOME!

We would love to get to know you! Help us extend a personal welcome to you ...

- → Drop into the parish office and meet our Parish Team
- Fill out the welcome form and place it in the letterbox
- → Send us an email to admin@mgofblacktown.org.au

It's great to have you here as part of our Parish Community. We'll see you soon!!



# Supporting Our Community If you would like to make one of the following requests,

please complete the slip below and return via the collection plate or to the parish office.

### **HOME VISIT**

Do you know someone who would like a visit from our Pastoral Outreach Team?

Name: ..... Ph: .....

### SICK OR HOUSEBOUND

Do you know someone who would like Holy Communion?

Name: ..... Ph: .....

### **PLANNED GIVING**

Would you like to support our parish by contributing through our Planned Giving Envelopes?

Name: Ph:

### INTERESTED IN MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH

Would you like to become involved in an area of ministry/service at Mass or in the parish?

Name: ..... Ph: .....

Return your completed slip via the collection plate at Mass or to the parish office. Someone from the team will be in contact with you soon.

### **BAPTISMS**

The Baptism of a child is such a wonderful sacrament! To help in your planning should you wish to have a child baptised this year, please visit our website for general enquires frequently asked questions www.mqofblacktown.org.au and click on the tab Sacraments/Baptism.



### **BAPTISMS - JUNE 2018**

We welcome these young people into our parish family as they are baptised this month at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish.

> Natanya Rose Immanuel Elise Miller Arsheva Swathi Kabilan Jyana Yoshica Aguilar Bailev Hillslev Lvdia Collette Carr Obinnar Jr Lesdei Enyinnaya Chineke

May God Bless you and keep you always. May you always know the love of God in your lives as you grow in faith and love.

**MONTHLY TRIP: 12 JUNE 2018** 

### **A-TROOD: 1st AUSTRALIAN** LIGHT HORSE

Pick up 9am St Patrick's Church, then travel to Richmond. Cost is \$55 inc. Coach Travel, Morning Tea, Tour and Lunch.



Call Jean for more information on 99203401 or 0425251754.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO WELCOME. GROW OR ACT?

Like Mary said 'Yes' to God, maybe we can say Yes to the call

to be more involved in the Mass.

Call Lisa at the parish office on

9622 1125 to take the next step.



You are invited to become

A Proclaimer of the Word A Fucharistic Minister Someone who shares communion with the sick An Acolyte

An Adult Server

### **DODE FRANCIS** A MAN OF HIS WORD

10 and 16 June, Sydney Film Festival

Playing at the Sydney Film Festival this 10 and 16 of June -Pope Francis: A Man of His Word. Wim

Wenders' (Buena Vista Social Club) new documentary is a personal journey with Pope Francis, rather than a traditional biography.

> Selected for the 2018 Cannes Film Festival. Book your ticketsTickets at: www.sff.org.au

# A CHRISTIAN REFLECTION ON RAMADAN

REV DR PATRICK MCINERNEY, DIRECTOR, COLUMBAN CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM RELATIONS

Ramadan is the Muslim month of fasting. This year in Australia it began on 17 May and will end with *Eid al-Fitr* (The Feast of the Breaking [of the Fast]) on or around 15 June.

Muslims fast from dawn till dusk. During this time, they abstain from eating, drinking and sexual activity. Nothing is to *go into* the mouth – no food, no snacks, no coffee, not even a sip of water! Nothing "bad" is to *come out* of the mouth! So Muslims are to refrain from backbiting, gossiping and salacious talk.

Fasting during the month of Ramadan is one of the Five Pillars of Islam. It is an obligation on every adult Muslim. However, the elderly, the sick, the pregnant and travellers are exempt. Those who can are expected to "make up" the days of fasting later in the year; others make compensation by feeding a hungry person for a day. Children, of course, are not obliged to fast.

Ramadan is not just a physical discipline. It is primarily a spiritual discipline. The abstinence purifies the mind and heart. It is a time of obedience and renewed devotion to God. Muslims observe the five daily prayers, another of the Pillars of Islam, with extra fervour. Many read a section of the Qur'an every day, completing the whole book during the month. There is also Quran recitation in mosques and congregational recitation of devotional prayers. Thus, Ramadan is a time of spiritual renewal.

Observing the Ramadan fast requires discipline. At this time of the year, dawn in Sydney is 5.13am and sunset is 5.01pm — that's nearly 12 hours without any food or drink! In the northern hemisphere summer, the prescribed hours of fasting are even longer, in some places more than twenty hours! However, because Muslims follow a lunar calendar, Ramadan "advances" about 10 days every solar year, cycling through all the seasons every 36 years. Muslims consider this one of the signs of God's mercy: that no one bears the brunt of the long summer fasting hours *every year*, but each takes it in turn as Ramadan advances through the seasons.

Experiencing the hardships of fasting is a reminder of the suffering of others: the poor, the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the refugees, those treated unjustly. Accordingly, Ramadan is also a time of almsgiving, another of the Pillars of Islam, of sharing a proportion of one's wealth with those in need.

As the sun sets and the *azan* (Call to Prayer) signals the end of the day's abstinence, Muslims traditionally break the fast with dates and water. After the evening prayer, families and friends gather in homes for the *iftar* (break fast) meal. Often they invite people of other faiths to share in the food and friendship. Muslim organisations host *iftar* meals for religious, civic and community leaders in public halls, sometimes seating hundreds of guests. In turn, some church leaders host interfaith *iftar* meals for Muslims.

We acknowledge the generosity and hospitality of Muslims who host such meals during Ramadan and thank them for the many invitations we have received. Through their initiative, Ramadan has now become a great season of interfaith relations.

In that spirit, we at the *Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations*, wish all Muslims in Australia and around the world, particularly our friends whom we have come to know, love and respect, *Ramadan Kareem*, a generous Ramadan. We assure you of our solidarity with you at this sacred time in your religious calendar.

We will pray for you daily. This is in accord with Pope Francis' repeated exhortations to pray for one another, to implore the gift of peace from the One, Merciful, Compassionate God who is the Creator, Sustainer and Judge of all.

We encourage Catholics and other Christians to offer prayers for Muslims at weekday and Sunday Masses and other church services. The intercession can be as simple as, "Let us pray for our Muslim sisters and brothers who are observing the fast of Ramadan at this time; that they find grace and favour in God's eyes. Lord, hear us."

Although fasting in Ramadan is obligatory only for adult Muslims – there is no obligation on others, least of all on Christians whom the grace of Christ has freed from the law – we freely choose to fast with you as an act of solidarity. We might not rise for the *suhoor*, the pre-dawn breakfast, but we will at least abstain from food and drink during the day.

We encourage Catholics, other Christians and believers from other faiths to do the same, even if only for a day or two. Perhaps the money saved by skipping the midday meal might be donated to a charity of your choosing, thus making a solidarity also in alms-giving.

To all Muslims, we wish you, your families, your mosque congregations, your communities, every blessing from God at this time. *Ramadan Mubarak*. A blessed Ramadan.

### **Rev Dr Patrick McInerney**

Director, Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations



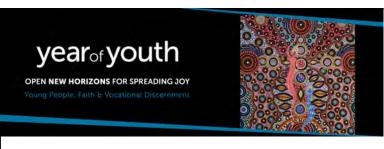
### Mr Ryan Epondulan BA, BEd

Youth & Networking Coordinator, Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations

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# LETS US PRAY FOR OUR MUSLIM BROTHERS AND SISTERS

We pray that this Ramadan will be a time of reflection and renewal of faith, bringing a community closer to each other and to God.



The Youth Ministry Team are looking to empower young people in our parish to explore your faith in our daily lives and to help others discover God's deep love for them.

If you or your parents would like to be contacted by the Youth Ministry Team, please complete this slip below and return via the collection plate.

Parent Name:	
Name(s) of Child/Chi	ldren:
Parent Email:	"Christ of Joy", painted by Amunda Gorey © Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

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### SIGN THE PETITION TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF REFUGEES

The Social Justice Group are petitioning changes to the Government's current refugee policies:

- That the Government abandon temporary visas and that people found to be refugees will be given permanent protection and thereby permanent residence and eventual access to citizenship
- That the "fast track" process be abandoned and people seeking asylum be given legal assistance and the right to argue their claim adequately.

Please pledge your support in seeking justice for the vulnerable by signing the petition sheets at each of the church doors. Our voice can make a difference, as we have seen in the past in our recent involvement with the Timor Sea Justice Forum.

# Have you thought about using the services of The Red Cross?

The Red Cross provides different services to help people in our neighbourhood or provide emergency services to those affected by disaster.

If you would like a phone call to check that you're okay, to have someone visit you to provide friendship and support, or even drive you to an essential medical appointment, consider using the services of The Australian Red Cross. This initiative speaks of the way we can respond to the needs of the family in the Blacktown community and beyond by supporting our growing elderly community. To find out

more about these services, go to https://www.redcross.org.au/get-help/community poweror -services/services-for-older-people.



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Mary. Queen of the Family acts through our service with the St Vincent de Paul Society. In assisting people who are vulnerable or in need, we make a statement about the dignity and equality of all people in God's sight.

### Parish Pastoral Council News

It has been more than year since we launched our Parish Goals to deepen our welcome, enrich faith formation and foster social justice. The story above is one of many examples of how we are working to achieve our goals. The Parish Pastoral council hopes to share these stories each week as we review our goals to Welcome, Grow and Act. If you would like to submit your story, please write to ftenedora@gmail.com or drop it off at the correspondence box at both churches.

— Franchesca Tenedora, PPC Chairperson



# ALPHA: 2 REGISTRATIONS OPEN! BEGINS 23RD JULY, MORNINGS & EVENINGS

We have opened registrations for Alpha: 2, and again there are limited places available in this session. If you miss out, the next Alpha program will run next year.

We are excited to announce that Alpha:2 will run two sessions each week from the 23rd July, on Monday nights and Tuesday mornings.

You can register now by scanning the QR code and completing the online form. Or you can fill in your details below and return it on a collection plate at Mass or to the Parish Office (and we'll follow up with a chat!).

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Remember, whether you're just checking Alpha out, new to faith, regular mass attender, or coming back to church, you are invited.





### **GROWING IN MINISTRY**

Our second Reflection Session for review and supervision of our ministries will be on the 26 June 7:30pm or 27 June 10:00am

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

# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Date and Sunday of the Month	Mass Times	Music Ministry	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Д	Acolyte/Adult Ser	vers
	Vigil 5.30PM	Lord's Choir	Josephine Miruzzi	Peter Curmi	Joyce Aitkins	Paul Garland		
	7.00AM	DVP: Christine	Edelina Lucido	Nancy Dias	Karma Chabchoul	Bill Callaghan	Anne Wait	Gerry Meura
10th June 2nd Sunday	8.00 AM	DVP: Elizabeth	Terri Sebastian	Kathryn Wright		Eddie Peters	Max Rosario	
of the Month Tenth Sunday	9.30 AM	Murphy Choir	Maree Mahony	Nel Nepomuceno	Colista Mullholland-Youngman	Ian Faulkner		
in Ordinary	10.00AM	St Cecilia's Choir	Ashithra Aloysius	Irene Vasey	Judy Bartley	Maurice Bru	Francine Bru	
Time	5.30PM	Youth Band	Franchesca Tenedora	Evelyn Balagtas	Crystal Degollacion	Frank Mangion	John Solivet	
	6.00 PM	C 4 Christ	Donna Uvero	Violetta Bada	Nelda Gopez	Zaldy Pamintuan		
	Vigil 5.30PM	Shepherd's Choir	Cita Correa	Ray Holmes	Paul Ryan	Paul Garland	Zaldy Pamintuan	
	7.00AM	DVP: Christine	John Tanti	Patricia Regan	Jane Abela	Bill Callaghan	Anne Wait	Karma Chabchoul
17th June 3rd Sunday of		DVP: John Calingao	lan Ward	Ron Burgess	Colin Morris	Max Rosario	Eddie Peters	
the Month	9.30 AM	Il Celebrate	Kristy Scott	Colista Mullholland-Youngman	Silvana Murphy	Paul Scott	Natalia Gabriel	
Eleventh Sunday in	10.00AM	Divine Mercy	Perla Biledo	Seselia Garland	Ruth Miranda	Maurice Bru	Francine Bru	Jude Miranda
Ordinary Time	5.30PM	Youth Band	Emmy Milan	John Kurmann	Louisa Xavier	Frank Mangion	Steve Degollacion	
	6.00 PM	Keti Family Choir	Franchesca Tenedora	Pam Faulkner		lan Faulkner		
	Vigil 5.30PM	Divine Mercy	Cecile Ducut	Joyce Aitkins	Peter Curmi	Paul Garland		
	7.00AM	DVP: Tony	Patricia Regan	Christine Nalzaro	Pauline Chappius	Bill Callaghan	Anne Wait	Gerry Meura
24th June	8.00 AM	DVP: Blake	Rhonda McKechnie	Ron Burgess		Eddie Peters	Colin Morris	
4th Sunday of the Month	9.30 AM	Murphy Choir	lan Ward	Eva Cheetley		Ricardo Forteleza	Conrad Gabriel	
The Nativity of Saint John	10.00AM	II Celebrate	Louisa Xavier	Imelda Valve	Rosal Andres	Maurice Bru	Francine Bru	John Cinya
the Baptist	5.30PM	Youth Band	Linda Hogan	Maria Rafael	Crystal Degollacion	Frank Mangion	Steve Degollacion	
	6.00 PM	Christi Fideles Servant Community Choir	Melanie D'Sa	Len Cruz	Ruth Maree Lee	Beato Pudadera	·	
	Vigil 5.30PM	Shepherd's Choir	Marilou Van Asten	Cecile Ducut	Giselle Saba	Paul Garland		
1st July	7.00AM	DVP: Tony	Kathie Collins	Sr Maria Marin	Josephine Miruzzi	Bill Callaghan	Anne Wait	Karma Chabchoul
1st Sunday of	8.00 AM	DVP: Elizabeth	Terri Sebastian	Ron Burgess		Max Rosario	Colin Morris	
the Month Thirteenth	9.30 AM	II Celebrate	Judy Bartley	Kristy Scott	Susie Murphy	Paul Scott		
Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00AM	Unceasing Praise	Mercy Aquino	Stella Nwosu	Deavelyn Besterwitch	Maurice Bru	Francine Bru	Jude Miranda
Cramary rane	5.30PM	Youth Band	Louisa Xavier	Emmy Milan	John Kurmann	John Solivet	Steve Degollacion	
	6.00 PM	VACANT	Evelyn Pelaez	Pam Faulkner	Violetta Bada	Frank Mangion	lan Faulkner	

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# Deepening our Welcome: First Eucharist Masses

In June we celebrate the First Communion of approximately 100 young people in our Catholic Community. What a beautiful time!

### **Dates for First Eucharist Masses**

Saturday 9th June, 5.30pm St Patrick's Church Sunday 10th June, 9.30am St Michael's Church

Saturday 16th June, 5.30pm St Patrick's Church Sunday 17th June, 9.30am St Michael's Church Sunday 17th June, 10am St Patrick's Church Sunday 17th June, 5.30pm St Patrick's Church (High School Students)

Saturday 23rd June, 5.30pm St Patrick's Church Sunday 24th June, 9.30am St Michael's Church Sunday 24th June, 10am St Patrick's Church

There are many ways that ministers can make these special occasions memorable for our your young people, when serving at these masses. Every single effort, smile and movement goes towards creating a special and prayerful Mass.

### **Ushers & Welcomers**

It is so important that we welcome the many guests that visit our parish over these three weeks. If you would like to help out and be part of welcoming and ushering at any of the First Eucharist Masses, please contact the parish office.

### Music Groups

Please choose songs appropriate for First Communion and songs that people can participate in. Some suggestions are listed in this week's ministry newsletter. If you would like to discuss any particular song choice, please contact the parish office.

### **Acolytes/Adult Servers**

Please note the movement for the Distribution of Communion to those who are receiving their First Communion. More details in this week's ministry newsletter.

Thank you to all the Ministers who help make these Masses prayerful and wonderful encounters with Christ for our young people, their families and visitors to the Church.

# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Sunday of the Month	Mass Times		Extraordinary Mir	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	union					Altar Servers (Senior & Junior)	nior & Junior)		
	Vigil 5.30PM	Theresa Azzopardi	Dorothy Angyalfi	Vicky Sultana	Michael Hall	Rose Spiteri	Peter Munro	Cecille Ducut	Liam Cruz	Ashleigh Tabusares	Matthew Saba	Adam Cruz	
10th line	7.00AM	Angela John	Andree Fraser	Pacita Villaver	Dorothy Angyalfi								
2nd Sunday	8.00 AM	Phyllis Portelli	Vicky Sammut	Carmen Borg					Alexis Rossi	Jav Calingao	Jenille Calingao		
of the Month Tenth Sunday	9.30 AM	Marie Verrier	Mary Moneddu	Nancy Shami					Natasha Luiz				
in Ordinary	10.00AM	Lynn Domingo	Aleli Canonizado	Maria Jiminez	Rosal Andres	Guy Vella	Patrick Dako	Michael Hiriwo	Louise Sergio	Josep Sergio	Viviana Abusalah	Norbert Drichi	Rovick Guerrero
<u>v</u>	5.30PM	Gemma Borg		Crystal Degollacion					Cryste Degollacion	Oscar Degollacion	Jonah Sua		
	6.00 PM	Harlane Peterson	Ruth Maree Lee						Ronash Alves	Adam D'Sa	Khang Nguyen	Ly Nguyen	Phi Nguyen
	Vigil 5.30PM	Theresa Azzopardi	Dorothy Angyalfi	Vicky Sultana	Michael Hall	Rose Spiteri	Peter Munro	Giselle Saba	Ashleigh Tabusares	Matthew Saba	Lucy Perry	Thomas Perry	
47sh June	7.00AM	Angela John	Andree Fraser	Pacita Villaver	Dorothy Angyalfi								
3rd Sunday of	8.00 AM	Aureen Mutto	Colin Maxwell	Phyllis Portelli					Alexis Rossi	Jav Calingao	Jenille Calingao		
the Month Eleventh	9.30 AM	Peter Mondeddu	Mary Mondeddu	Nancy Shami					Mitchell Eckersley	Joshua Pinto	Natasha Luiz		
Sunday in	10.00AM	Aleli Canonizado	Maria Jiminez	Tony Cuciardi	Lynn Domingo	Guy Vella	Michael Hiriwo	Patrick Dako	Jonathan Miranda	Gabriella Miranda	Joanna Fernando Joseph Sergio	Joseph Sergio	Louise Sergio
	5.30PM	Pauline Borg	Gemma Borg	Veronica Xavier	Louisa Xavier				James Solivet	CJ Singsen	Patrick Supan	Jessica Jesudasan	Jennifer Jesudusan
	6.00 PM	Harlane Peterson	Nelda Gopez	Violetta Bada					Princess Torralba	Adam Torralba	Angelize Estil		
	Vigil 5.30PM	Theresa Azzopardi	Marilou Van Asten	Vicky Sultana	Michael Hall	Rose Spiteri	Peter Munro	Angelita Berlanga	Liam Cruz	Ashleigh Tabusares	Matthew Saba	Adam Cruz	
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4th Sunday of the Month	9.30 AM	Peter Mondeddu	Mary Mondeddu	Nancy Shami					Samantha Cheetley	Natasha Luiz	Geoffrey Fancisco		
of Saint John	10.00AM	Mercy Aquino	Lynn Domingo	Guy Vella	Michael Hiriwo	Patrick Dako	Aleli Canonizado	Ashithra Aloysius	Stephanie Nwosu	Emmanuela Nwosu	Rames Abu Ganaba Ranye Abu Ganaba		Antoni Arshilo
the Baptist	5.30PM	Gemma Borg	Veronica Xavier	Crystal Degollacion					Cryste Degollacion	Oscar Degollacion	Thomas Hogan	Maxwell Hogan	
	6.00 PM	Harlane Peterson	Phi Nguyen	Donna Uvero	Ruth Maree Lee				Ronash Alves	Adam D'Sa	Angelize Estil		
	Vigil 5.30PM	Theresa Azzopardi	Dorothy Angyalfi	Vicky Sultana	Michael Hall	Rose Spiteri	Peter Munro	Paul Ryan	Ashleigh Tabusares	Matthew Saba	Lucy Perry	Thomas Perry	
1st July	7.00AM	Angela John	Andree Fraser	Pacita Villaver	Dorothy Angyalfi								
1st Sunday of	8.00 AM	Colin Maxwell	Carmen Borg	Aureen Muttoo					Alexis Rossi	Jav Calingao	Jenille Calingao		
Thirteenth	9.30 AM	Geny Cleary	Silvana Murphy	Mary Mondeddu					Samantha Cheetley	Mitchell Eckersley	Joshua Sammt	Geoffrey Fancisco	
Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00AM	Marie Verrier	Patrick Dako	Ruth Miranda	Maria Jimenez	Rosal Andres	Tony Cuciardi	Lynn Domingo	Kirk Acido	Jonah Sua	Shane Almeida	Sancio Almeida	
	5.30PM	Gemma Borg	Louisa Xavier	Crystal Degollacion	Veronica Xavier				James Solivet	Jessica Jesudasan	Jennifer Jesudusan		
	6.00 PM	Harlane Peterson	Ruth Maree Lee	Violetta Bada					Princess Torralba	Adam Torralba	Khang Nguyen	Ly Nguyen	Phi Nguyen

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### Plenary Council 2020

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



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