



# 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, 17 Jun 2018: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

### THE SMALLEST OF ALL GROW INTO THE BIGGEST

Michael Ramsay, a keen gardener, was elected Archbishop of Canterbury in 1961, just the year before St John XXIII surprised the Catholic community by calling the Second Vatican Council. As head of the Anglican Church, Michael Ramsay had had a strong interest in ecumenism and fostering relations across the Churches. In 1966 he went to Rome and met Blessed Paul VI. It was the first such meeting of the heads of the Anglican and Catholic community since the Reformation, some four hundred years earlier. There developed a rich friendship between the two leaders and a serious dialogue that looked towards unity.

As the second Vatican Council continued, there was considerable attention given to the dialogue with the ancient Orthodox Churches, as well as the Anglican and Protestant Churches. A commission on Anglican/Catholic dialogue continued for some years, albeit losing some of its first fervour. When hope of deeper unity seemed to fade and a certain despair set in, Michael Ramsay assured people with the words; ***the most important things happen in a garden in winter!***

As autumn sheds its mantle of colour, composting the earth below, seeds rest awaiting the warmth of a spring sun. We know that the smallest of seeds can thrust upwards to become the richest of plants. New seeds planted, even in the bleakest of times can bear fruit.

In recent years I have asked, some would say too often, *who will be exercising your ministry in 2020 and 2025?* We have seen many seeds of ministry, much growth and now some three hundred people in parish ministries. In recent weeks we have seen the "Say Yes" campaign to grow ministries further. Can you *tap someone on the shoulder and say have you thought of...?* If not you might say to the leadership team, *I think so and so would be good in this particular ministry!* Some might call that dobbing people in, something that is seen as very un-Australian. I prefer to see it as engaging in discernment of one another's gifts.

For those in ministries there is the "Growing in Ministry" reflection opportunities to share our experiences in ministry. Details are on page 2 of bulletin. Winter may well be a good image for our Post-Royal Commission Church but we know too that ***the most important things happen in a garden in winter*** and **THE SMALLEST OF ALL GROW INTO THE BIGGEST.** -Fr Peter

## CONTACT US

## 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: 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

#### St Patrick's Church

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

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### 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

### 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](mailto:paul.roberts@ifm.org.au)

**Diocesan Ministry Centre** 8838 3460

**Catholic Care** 8822 2222  
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# YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 26:7,9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

### FIRST READING: EZ 17:22-24

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 91:2-3. 13-16. R. SEE V.2

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

### SECOND READING: 2 COR 5:6-10

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Mk 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 17:3

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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### Frankly Speaking...

"Find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world."  
- Pope Francis



### BRICKS & MORTAR APPEAL 30th June & 1st July

The Parish is raising funds to make safety improvements to our church sites. **Our first appeal will be held at masses on the weekend of the 30th June and 1st July.** The money raised will go towards repairs (and some well-needed TLC) to the footpath around the Allawah Office Building, as well as the speed hump in the St Michael's Church carpark.

**M 18 Jun:** 1 Kg 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42  
**T 19 Jun:** 1 Kg 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48  
**W 20 Jun:** 2 Kg 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Th 21 Jun:** Sirach 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15  
**F 22 Jun:** 2 Kg 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23  
**S 23 Jun:** 2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34  
**S 24 Jun:** Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

### Daily Readings



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Recently Deceased:** Paolo Lorenzo, Rosita Tumolac

**Anniversaries:** Anthony Spiriteri

**Special Intentions:** Rosalina Buendia

**We remember and pray for those who are ill at home or in hospital at this time:** Ana Dazon, 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](mailto: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.**



### TAKING LEAVE

Fr Luis will be in Columbia for the next five weeks and will return home definitively on Christmas Day. We wish Fr Luis a restful break.

Fr Dado will shortly take three months sabbatical and will not be available for Blacktown Hospital. If you are going to hospital, you might ask for anointing at the parish prior to going. Please call the Parish Office on 9622 1125 to arrange a time.

I will be retiring on the 31st December. In coming months there will be plans for priestly presence in our leadership team for 2019.

Fr Peter



### ... to becoming an Acolyte or Adult Server

What is an Acolyte? Adult Server?

**Come and See Night**

Wednesday, 27th June 7.30pm

St Patrick's Church

Open to women & men over 18 years.

### Jean & Betty's Tours - Tuesday 10 July 2018 Joadja Historic Town-Southern Highlights

Pick up 8am at Greystanes & 8.30am at St Patrick's Church. Cost is \$75 per person, includes coach travel, morning tea, tour and lunch.

**Call Jean for more information on 99203401 or 0425251754.**



### 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.**



**GROWING MINISTRY**  
AT MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH

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



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

## ADULT CONFIRMATION CATECHESIS & FORMATION DAY

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

This day is for adult 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.



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Please pray for our Alpha:1 participants who are attending the Holy Spirit weekend.

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Full Name: .....

Telephone: .....

Email: .....

### Other ways you can be involved in Alpha

**Join our hospitality team.** Prepare a meal, or help the team serve and clean up after dinner. Your service would be greatly appreciated in the coming weeks.

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

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



## St Vincent de Paul Society PANTRY & WINTER APPEAL

Can you help by donating the following food items to the Vinnies Pantry this week?

**Pasta Sauce, Sugar, Cereal, Tinned Fruit, Biscuits.**

Your donations can be left in the baskets at the church doors.

Help the St Vincent de Paul Society rebuild lives this winter and donate to their Winter Appeal at masses on 23rd and 24th June. Your support goes towards providing vulnerable people with clothing and essentials, food in tough times, and a place to rest and recoup. The St Vincent de Paul Society will also be hosting a thank you BBQ for your generosity towards this appeal. Come and join them after the 8am and 9.30am Sunday masses at St Michael's Church—donations for the BBQ are welcome!

## PLANNED GIVING

*commit to the mission of the parish*

The regularity of Planned Giving allows us to commit to many ongoing ministries. Fill in our Planned Giving Form (available in the church foyers or online via our website) to receive your envelopes in time for the new financial year.

Envelopes are to be placed in the collection plates each weekend at mass.

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

The Piety Stall has been restocked just in time for the of First Eucharist celebrations. Purchase a gift to commemorate this special occasion, including prayer journals, 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.



### OUR NEW WEBSITE HAS LAUNCHED!

It has been updated to ensure that all the information you need about our Parish (from our leaders to the Sacramental Process, and everything in between) is right in the palm of your hand! Scan the QR code to visit our new website.



### FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES

Let us pray for the children and families who will be journeying to know God more deeply through the sacrament of First Eucharist in the month of June.

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.

Yet it grows to become the biggest of all shrubs, with large branches for birds to make their nests.

Draw some birds making their nests in the tree.



## LITURGY REVIEW SURVEY



It is time to review our **Standard Operating Procedures for Liturgy** and we **seek your feedback**. We invite everyone to take part in the Liturgy Review Survey 2018 by scanning the QR code on the right. The link is also available via the Parish Facebook Page. All responses will be respected and presented to the liturgy committee for review and discussion at the end of July 2018.

Scan me

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.

### 'THEMES OF FAITH'

#### A guided exploration of key components of Catholic life

Participants meet together with a mentor for 10 Monday evening gatherings (starting from 23 July) and one relaxed Saturday morning (Oct 20) to listen, talk, learn and enjoy. The program is designed for people who are keen for some personal reading and reflection in preparation for an engaging conversation with their group. No prior formal studies in faith are required. Complete program cost: \$70.00

To register your interest go to [ifm.org.au](http://ifm.org.au) or have a chat to the IFM Team about it by phoning 9831 4911 or emailing [connect@ifm.org.au](mailto:connect@ifm.org.au).



The Parish is interested in starting a small lending library of religious books. We would like to invite expressions of interest for a person/group of people to coordinate and be responsible for this lending library. If you are interested, please call Lisa at the parish office.

**Wednesday Mass**

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