



# 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, 27 May 2018: The Most Holy Trinity - Year B**



## **I WILL BE WITH YOU!**

Even if you didn't watch the wedding of Meagan and Harry last weekend - *and I must confess that as staunch republican, I did* – you could hardly have missed the discussion that has continued during the past week. So many of the comments has been about the dynamic sermon. Last Sunday morning Deacon George said he was rather nervous about preaching after the sermon he had heard the night before at the royal wedding!

Bishop Michael Curry is an Afro-American preacher, his words which would normally be calling for the amen of the congregation, left the stiff upper lip of the largely English congregation bemused. This wide-ranging sermon spoke of slavery and freedom, of the protestant pastor, martyr and social activist Martin Luther King and the mysticism of French Jesuit Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. However, the resonating antiphon of his preaching was **God is love and love is power.**

Today's feast of the Trinity takes us to the very heart of the inner life of God, reminding us that God is love: the love of the three persons in community. The feast also reminds us that we who have been baptised into the life of the Trinity are called to relationship. In the end, most of life is about relationship! Our families and communities of faith are called to reflect, albeit dimly, the inner life of God.

**Thus the God of love empowers us, for love is power.**

The Gospel this weekend assures us that *I am with you*. As we begin the journey towards the Plenary Council of 2020 and as we face this time of transition in the leadership, it is important to affirm our faith in the presence of the Lord in the changes that are ahead for our parish and for the Catholic community across this land. There is increasing strength in our parish ministry groups and their leaderships. Increasingly our Australian Church will be lay-led, as it was in its foundation in colonial times.

So as we prepare to make this new journey as Blacktown Catholics and Australian Catholics, we need to hear anew the Lord's promise **I WILL BE WITH YOU.**

— Fr Peter

## CONTACT US

### PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Confeggi  
Assistant Priest: Fr Luis Herrera  
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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**  
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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  
**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

## The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only Begotten Son of God,  
and also the Holy Spirit,  
for he has shown us his merciful love.

### FIRST READING: Dt 4:32-34. 39-40

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20.

#### 22. R. v.12

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own .

### SECOND READING: Rom 8:14-17

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Rv 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Gal 4:6

Since you are children of God,  
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,  
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Anniversaries:** Elizabeth McMahon, Rex Scott, William Peppin, Nigel Anthony, Harry Levett

**Special Intentions:** Dorothy Grosset, Salud Cubelo, Serena McMurray, Mike Mitz, for the poor souls in purgatory

**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, 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.**

**M 28 May:** 1 Pet 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27

**T 29 May:** 1 Pet 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

**W 30 May:** 1 Pet 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45

**Th 31 May:** Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56

**F 1 June:** 1 Pet 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26

**S 2 June:** Jude 17, 20-25; Mk 11:27-33

**S 3 June:** Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Daily  
Readings



### Frankly Speaking...

"The Eucharist is like the 'burning bush' in which the Trinity humbly dwells and communicates Itself."

- Pope Francis



### 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.**

### 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](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).

### Between the mountain and the desert

because God walks with us every day and we find Him everywhere – not just on the mountains or in the desert.

*A space for sharing our stories and insights.  
A space for contemplation and growth.  
A space for conversation.*

This blog is written by a group of passionate young-at-heart Catholics to share our joys and struggles of everyday life as we work towards becoming discerning and intentional disciples.

Visti <https://betweenthemountainandthedesert.wordpress.com>

### Jean & Betty's Tours - Tuesday 12 June 2018

#### A-TROOP: 1st Australian Light Horse

Pick up 9am St Pat'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.**



### 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.

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



The feast of Pentecost marked the official launch of the Plenary Council 2020. Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. All people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?" Find out more at: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au).

## PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

**Amen.**

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



**PARRAMATTA  
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION**

Today, The Catholic Foundation will launch its May appeal which supports our works of Faith, particularly our seminarians and their good works within the wider community.

Meet Seminarian Tom Green. He joined the seminary in 2016, and embodies a generous spirit of charity and service, committed to serving God and others. Throughout 2017, Tom visited students in state schools and provided catechises, scripture studies and taught children how to pray. Every Friday, Tom also visits the local refugee centre and provides food hampers to the less fortunate. His team also provides financial and medical support to those in desperate need.

A gift for our seminarians is also a gift to the wider community. Please become an Ambassador of Faith today and donate a \$7 monthly gift – that's less than \$2 per week. Donate today and sustain our works of Faith across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

For more information, or to donate online, please visit [www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au](http://www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au) or call 02 8838 3482.

## 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.*

# 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

Liturgy Ministry Formation Courses at the Office of Worship start in August and are held locally at the IFM.

If you answered **YES!** to any of the questions above, call Lisa on 9622 1125 at the Parish Office to take the next step towards being part of these rewarding ministries.

## Sharing the Gospel with your Children © Creative Ministry Resources

Colour in the Trinity stained glass windows.



Last weekend was a buzz with activity and a word of thanks is due. The Parish Team would like to say thank you to everyone who contributed to the Pentecost Party. From staffing the BBQ, to serving food and drinks, to hosting a ministry stall, to performances, it was wonderful to see the different ways our parishioners were being bold with the Holy Spirit.

The Blacktown City Lantern Club would also like to thank the generosity of our parishioners. Their stall raised \$1,265 over the weekend for the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children.



## 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](http://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.



## Parish Photography & Filming Policy

At Parish Events we are often taking photos of our parish community to share on social media about how at MQOF we can welcome, grow and act. We have four guidelines to keep children and the wider community safe, as well as ensure respectful practices concerning the use of social media:

- 1) **Seek permission** from Parish Priest or parish staff to photograph or record their activities within the parish.
- 2) **Respect requests** from others if they do not wish their photo or photos of their children to be circulated. If you see people taking photos of you and would not like these to appear on social media, please inform the person who is taking the photo.
- 3) **Don't tag** or include identifying information on social media without their permission or the permission of their parent/carer.
- 4) **Crop** photos of other children or seek permission from their parent/carer before posting online.

**Thank you for your consideration of these matters.**

If you would like more information about this policy, you can contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125 & [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au) or the Communications Office on 8838 3400 & [comms@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:comms@parra.catholic.org.au).



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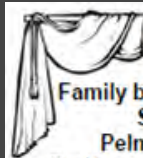
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