



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 Jul 2018: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

IS THE INSTITUTION MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE PERSON?

The world of banking and finance, against the will of conservative forces, has been dragged kicking and screaming to a Royal Commission. The ongoing enquiry has revealed numerous incidents of blatant greed, where people have been signed up to debt they could not service. Some finance brokers have been more interested in the commissions and trails than the needs of individuals. Furthermore, we are seeing leadership in the financial world that overlooked corrupt practices for the sake of *keeping the good name of their bank or institution*.

Today we meet Jesus returning to his home town. As was the custom, also seen in the journeys of St Paul, Jesus enters the Synagogue and begins to teach. Mark tells us that people were astonished, and it would seem, threatened. Did his wisdom outshine that of the synagogue officials and the local rabbi? Was Jesus and his teaching a threat to the status quo? Mark tells us that "they would not accept him". **Was maintaining the institution of the synagogue more important than attending to the person of Jesus?**

In the past week we have seen a milestone in the sentencing of Archbishop Wilson. The court found that he had been guilty of concealing information of a priest abusing children. As the Royal Commission into Institutional Abuse found, many institutions put themselves before the person, victims and survivors. As has been seen in the five years of the Commission, this was something that our Church often did. Archbishop Wilson has been sentenced for twelve months but how he will serve that sentence is yet to be seen. This is being seen as a victory for victims and survivors of sexual abuse. Concealment is no longer an option for any institution, including our Church. Watch this space, for I am sure that this decision will act as a precedent and we will see others convicted for such concealment.

The recurring biblical truth is that wisdom comes from where you least expect it. God acts in unlikely places and through unlikely people. In decades past, who would have thought that some whose lives had been shattered by abuse, financial or sexual, would have the power to bring to justice previously powerful institutions!

Most of Jesus' ministry was with marginalised people and often in domestic settings. He did not have much time for the institutions of the Temple and the Synagogue. **For Jesus, the person was more important than the institution.**

—Fr Peter

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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 (St Michael's)	8814 8406

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YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING: EZ 2:2-5

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 122. R. V.2

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

SECOND READING: 2 COR 12:7-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mk 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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Frankly Speaking...

"Be the first to seek to bring good. Do not grow accustomed to evil, but defeat it with good."
- Pope Francis



NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Our Bricks and Mortar Appeal from last weekend raised \$3,550 towards safety improvements to our church sites. The Parish would like to thank you for your generosity, especially with the different appeals we've had in recent weeks.

End of Financial Year receipts for The Catholic Foundation and Caritas Australia will be available at the church foyers from this week. We remind all parishioners that planned giving is not tax deductible. We will provide receipts on request.

M 9 Jul: Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26
T 10 Jul: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38
W 11 Jul: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7
Th 12 Jul: Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9; Mt 10:7-15
F 13 Jul: Hosea 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
S 14 Jul: Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
S 15 Jul: Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

Daily Readings



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Anna Dazon, Cath Tynan

Anniversaries: Jacques de Chasteigner du Mee, Angela Austria Concepcion, Jose Gordovilla Decalzo Jr, John Miller, Cornelius and Rita Rajayan, Joseph, Najia and Joey Elkhoury

Special Intentions: Maria Frugal

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. 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.



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.



ENROLMENT INTO THE BROWN SCAPULAR CONFRATERNITY Sunday 15th July at 9.30am & 10am Masses

The Legion of Mary would like to invite parishioners to be enrolled into the Brown Scapular Confraternity. A ceremony will take place at the 9.30am and 10am masses on the 15th July with a special blessing to enrol interested parishioners into the confraternity. If you would like to find out more about this devotion, you can speak to a member of the Legion of Mary before and after these masses.



Altar Server Training

We are still accepting registrations for this Altar Server Training session. The training is open to anyone who has made their First Eucharist. If you would like to register or would like to know more about this ministry, call Frank Mangion on 0410 830 877.



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



**COMING
SOON**

Our Parish Shopping Bag is on its way and will be available for purchase. As a parish let us work together to reduce our plastic wastes.

FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

The Josephite Associates of Blacktown together with Mary Queen of the Family would like to announce that the **Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop** will be celebrated at St Patrick's Church on the **8th August at the 9am Mass followed by a Reflection in the Cardinal Clancy Room given by Sr Colleen O'Sullivan and Morning Tea.** All are welcome to celebrate with us Australia's first Saint and Patron of our diocese and our country.

THE FAITHFEED STUDIO AUDIENCE

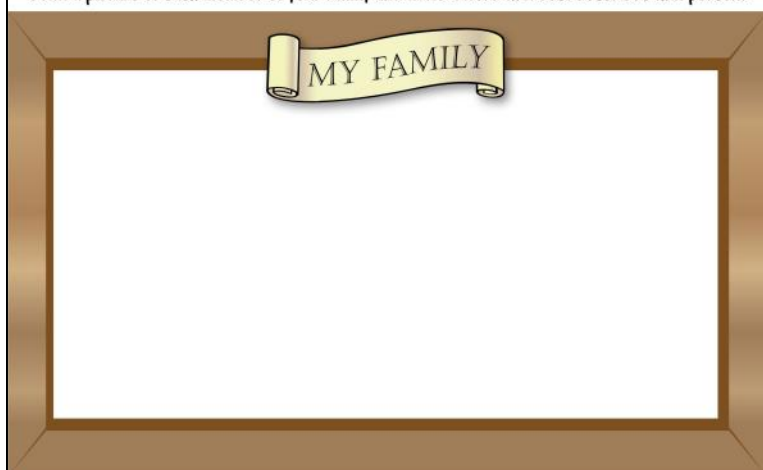
Friday, 27 July @ 6.30PM

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Aged 25-39? Join other young adults at MQOF and experience a night out where you can engage with or simply listen to live speakers sharing some of their stories of life, faith and action in the world. Contact Franchesca Tenedora on 0432 417 883 or ftenedora@gmail.com so we can organise a parish group to attend. Registrations for the event is essential and can be made via www.tinyurl.com/studioaudience.

Draw a picture of each member of your family and write a word that best describes that person.



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

As Alpha:1 draws to a close, we pray for our first Alpha participants as they continue on their faith journey. The Alpha Team would like to especially thank the hospitality volunteers in their wonderful service in providing 'food for the journey'.

We break for the School Holidays then start again for with Alpha:2 on Monday night and Tuesday mornings, so be sure enrol soon. At masses this weekend, we will be handing Alpha cards for you share with anyone who may be interested.

If you can't commit to course, perhaps you could begin your Alpha journey by being involved in the hospitality team or the prayer team.

This is the last Alpha group for this year. Alpha will return to MQOF in Terms 2 & 3 next year. Let's make it a wonderful experience for those wanting to encounter Jesus in a more personal way.

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!).

Full Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

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



save the date! **MQOF YOUTH MINISTRY LAUNCH**
28-29 JULY 2018
JOIN US AS WE:
COMMISSION NEW LEADERS
SHARE THE VISION
BLAZE NEW TRAILS OF DISCIPLESHIP

LITURGY REVIEW SURVEY OPEN FOR 2 MORE WEEKS



Scan me

The Liturgy Review Survey will close in 2 weeks. Have your say and give your feedback on the Standard Operating Procedures for Liturgy. Your response is vital and 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. You can complete the survey online by scanning the QR code above or by paper using the forms left at the church doors.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSING: 'THEMES OF FAITH'

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. To register your interest go to ifm.org.au or have a chat to the IFM Team about it by phoning 9831 4911 or emailing connect@ifm.org.au.



The Parish is interested in starting a small lending library of religious books. We would like to invite people to join the team to set up and care for this lending library. If you are interested, please call Lisa at the parish office.

GHARA
Group Home And Respite Association



Help us build a home for the forgotten...
Join us at the GHARA Charity Ball Saturday July 14!
More information at ghara.events@gmail.com or call Athellia Dias: 0413957379

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Visit www.mqofblacktown.org.au
for all information.



St Vincent de Paul Society PANTRY DONATIONS

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.

When donating to Vinnies, please ensure that all food products are within the expiry date. Please remember that through this ministry we are helping people who are doing it tough and deserve good things.



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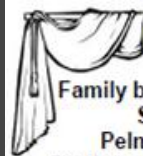
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