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, 12th August 2018: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

INVITATION AND RESPONSE

Bishop Kevin Manning once told me that he could be sure that on Monday mornings he would be confronted with complaints from the weekend. God alone knows how much of his time and energy went into responding to these issues. He would speak of the *culture of complaint.* School principals tell me a similar story. They speak of *helicopter parents* who hover over every aspect of their children's education, often with a critical comment.

In the first reading this weekend we meet the prophet Elijah, despairing and at the point of death. There he is visited by an angel who invites him to *get up and eat*. His response was to get up and eat and drink and thus he was strengthened to journey forty days to reach the mountain of God. The second reading warns against carrying grudges against others. Paul invites the Ephesians to respond, leaving behind their negativity and embrace friendship and forgiveness. In the Gospel we meet people *complaining to each other about Jesus.* They cannot accept that he is bread come down from heaven, believing that he can be no more than the son of Joseph.

The Word of God addresses despair, grudges and complaints and issues an invitation to respond with human development and spiritual growth.

We have all met people in whom the *culture of complaint* is alive and well. Like the Scribes and Pharisees who were waiting to jump on Jesus, they are looking for something to complain about and seem to get some pleasure from it. We know too those who carry grudges, sometimes of their own making and seemingly unable to sense the Holy Spirit who desires that we are set free. We also know those who are so locked into their own view of who someone is, that they cannot see the incarnate presence of God in the person.

The invitation of the Word of God this weekend invites us to move, like Elijah, from despair to engagement, to journey towards God. It also calls us to leave behind grudges replacing them with friendship and freedom. Finally, there is the invitation to move beyond our own limited view of the other to recognition of the incarnate presence of God in the person of Jesus and the people in our own lives.

THAT IS THE INVITATION – WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE? - Fr Peter

CONTACT US

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:	Fr Peter Confeggi
Assistant Priest:	Fr Luis Herrera
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Finance Officer:	Jennifer Gillman
Pastoral Associate:	Lisa Bright
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Family Life Coordinator:	Erin Kennedy
Parish Assistant:	Aaron Pinto
Parish Assistant:	Christina Rodricks
Parish Assistant:	Cate Gabriel
Parish Assistant:	Kaitlyn Vergano

Parish Team Meetings each Monday from 1.00 - 2.00pm

St Michael's Church
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Sunday 8.30am - 11.30am

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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
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YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING: 1 KGS 19:4-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 33:2-9. R. V.9
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: EPH 4:30 – 5:2

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

GOSPEL: Jn 6:41-51
The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.
'No one can come to me
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,
and I will raise him up at the last day.
It is written in the prophets:
They will all be taught by God,
and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it,
is to come to me.
Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.
I tell you most solemnly,
everybody who believes has eternal life.
I am the bread of life.
Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;
but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.
I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Beulah Frances Smith

Special Intentions: Esther Carmel Portelli, Cameron Oosterhoff, Susana Cosico Rectin, Violet Miruzzi, Carmelo and Grazia Cassar, Nelly. R. Matienzo

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: Nancy Shami, Melanie Randa, Carlos Braithwaite, Lois Roy, Paul Clemson, Tony Clarke, Doreen Stanslaus, Dr Cherry Ann Wy, Michael Hiriwo, 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.

Frankly Speaking...

""Being with" Christ does not mean isolating ourselves from others. Rather, it is a "being with" in order to go forth and encounter others."
- Pope Francis

St Vincent de Paul Society
PANTRY DONATIONS

Can you help by donating the following food items to the Vinnies Pantry this week?
Toilet Paper, Tea/Coffee, Sugar, Cereal, Tinned Fruit.
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.

Daily Readings

M 13 Aug: Ezek 1:2-5, 24-28; Mt 17:22-27
T 14 Aug: Ezek 2:8 – 3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
W 15 Aug: Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56
Th 16 Aug: Ezek 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 - 19:1
F 17 Aug: Ezek 16:1-15, 60, 63
S 18 Aug: Ezek 18:1-10, 13, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
S 19 Aug: Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

BE INVOLVED WITH ALPHA
Join our Hospitality Team!

This team provides the food for the Alpha journey. They ensure that the focus of the night stays on the conversations about life and God by preparing and serving meals. This team also sets up and packs up the Alpha space. You can also help out with child-minding to give the opportunity to parents to experience Alpha.

Join our hospitality team by scanning the QR code above or contacting the Parish Team on 9622 1125 or at admin@mqofblacktown.org.au.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

WEDNESDAY 15TH AUGUST 2018

MASS TIMES

9.30AM, 11.30AM,
12.30PM, (SCHOOL MASSES),
7.30PM
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
THERE WILL NOT BE AN 8.30AM MASS
AT ST MICHAEL'S ON
WEDNESDAY 15TH

9AM, 12PM (SCHOOL MASS)
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

St Michael's Church: 58 Orwell St Blacktown South
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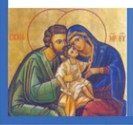

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Jean & Betty's Tours - Tuesday, 14 August
Scenic World: A Day in the Blue Mountains

Pick up 8am at Greystanes & 8.30am at St Patrick's Church. Cost is $75 per person, includes coach travel, Scenic Railway, Cable Car or Skyway (or all 3 rides for the same cost). ***Call Jean for more information on 99203401 or 0425251754.***

Fr Peter will be away on retreat from the 16th –22nd August.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CATECHESIS & FORMATION DAY

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

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.

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

MARY QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MPA | SUNDAY 26th AUGUST 11.30am

If you have any items that you would like to submit for the Annual General Meeting, please submit them in writing to admin@mqofblacktown.org.au or drop them to the Parish Office.

Circle of Friends Candle Holders for sale at the Piety Store.
Christ our Light in the centre of a gathered people. A beautiful symbol of relationship.
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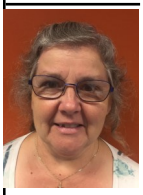
CONFIRMATION 2018

We pray for our young candidates and their families as they prepare for the sacrament confirmation.

Welcome to the new members of the Parish Team.

Christina



Jenny

As we farewell Jacqueline this week, we welcome the following members to the Parish Team.
Christina Rodricks will be in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays.
Kaitlyn Vergano will be in the office on Wednesdays.
Jenny Gillman, our Finance Officer, will be in on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
Come and say hi, and welcome to our new parish team members!

Kaitlyn

St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Vinnies NSW Drought Appeal

Your donation will rebuild lives.

A special collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend 18/19th August to donate to the Vinnies Drought Appeal.

All people are invited to reflect on the question: ***"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?"***
Find out more at:
plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

PlenaryCouncil2020
'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' REV 2:7

AVAILABLE NOW!

PARISH SHOPPING BAGS HAVE ARRIVED!

Show your support for more environmentally-friendly ways of doing your grocery shopping *and* show some Parish Pride while you're at it.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE
22 SEPT 2018

SAVE THE DATE

Reflect on the theme for the Year of Youth, "Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy"

Jesus gives us many things

He gives us bread to eat.
Where do we eat his bread?

He gave us his life.
Where did he give us his life?

He gives us love. How do we feel Jesus' love in our lives?

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2. 15 Days Splendours of Europe River Cruise: 5 - 20 May. A fabulous River Cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam. It is a very relaxing experience for all to enjoy! After the cruise you can either fly to Malta or Rome and back to Sydney. Call Monica Ledger on 9896 0712 or 0414 859 386.

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