



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, 19th August 2018: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

DRAWING LIFE AND GIVING LIFE

Over past weeks, my friend and confrere Fr Luis made the comment, that when reflecting on chapter six of the Gospel of John, the *Bread of Life* was seen exclusively as referred to the Sacred Host of the Eucharist. The reflections of the parish team have given a broader and richer vision of this Eucharistic chapter of John's gospel. We have found that it is, not just eating the *Bread of life* but *consuming* the person of Jesus. As St Paul would say, *it is not I that live but Jesus Christ who lives within me*. And so we are drawing life from Him to the point of Him living within me. However, Jesus eaten and *consumed* is not simply for my personal salvation! **So how do we give the Jesus' life we have received, to the society in which we live?**

In recent years we have heard a lot about the *new evangelisation*. Much of this is borne out of the decline in numbers and the Church's loss of influence in the secular domain. One very pastoral bishop, weary with all the discussion, said *just be a Gospel person and show the face of Jesus*. One other prelate preaching here in Blacktown said there were only two types of people in this world: those who were Catholics and those who should be. Thus, evangelisation for him was about all becoming Catholic. Christendom revived!

In the past week the media has noted the increased "no religion" findings in our schools, including our Catholic schools. Clearly, people are more interested in *spirituality* than *religion*. Not surprising, the institutional Church has little appeal. However, the person of Jesus and causes of social justice continue to attract young people.

My reading of experience and history, is that the Church is strongest when we return to the person of Jesus, the Gospel texts and embrace the reality of the society in which we find ourselves. I am increasingly convinced that our Church will not be reformed by the clergy who are broadly speaking, aged and weary and young, conservative and fearful of embracing the contemporary world.

The forthcoming Plenary Council of the Australian Church provides a unique opportunity for the voice of the People of God to be heard. The future depends on relationship with the person of Jesus, constant reference of the Gospel and a capacity to engage with the contemporary world. **Then we will be drawing life and giving life.**

- Fr Peter

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LITURGY TIMES

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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Confeggi
Assistant Priest: Fr Luis Herrera
Deacon: George Bryan
Finance Officer: Jennifer Gillman
Pastoral Associate: Lisa Bright
Pastoral Care Coordinator: Antoinette Mangion
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

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 9296 6369
Fr Paul Roberts (Director)
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Diocesan Ministry Centre 8838 3460

Catholic Care 8822 2222
Blacktown@ccss.org.au



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**YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING: PRV 9:1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 33:2-3. 10-15. R. V.9

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: EPH 5:15-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jn 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd:

‘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.’

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said.

Jesus replied:

‘I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’”

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS**



Anniversaries: Nelly . R. Matienzo, Louisa Lobo

Recently Deceased: Serge Leechee, Paul Sinclair, David Watson, Beth Aguas-Non (Sister of Len Cruz)

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 Stanlaus, 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...

“Situations can change; people can change. Be the first to seek to bring good. Do not grow accustomed to evil, but defeat it with good.”
- 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.

- M 20 Aug:** Ezek 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22
- T 21 Aug:** Ezek 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30
- W 22 Aug:** Ezek 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16
- Th 23 Aug:** Ezek 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14
- F 24 Aug:** Apoc 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51
- S 25 Aug:** Ezek 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12
- S 26 Aug:** Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

Daily Readings



**MARY QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH AGM
MPA | SUNDAY 26th AUGUST 11.30am
EVERYONE IS INVITED**



SAVE THE DATE

PARISH PILGRIMAGE
22 SEPT 2018

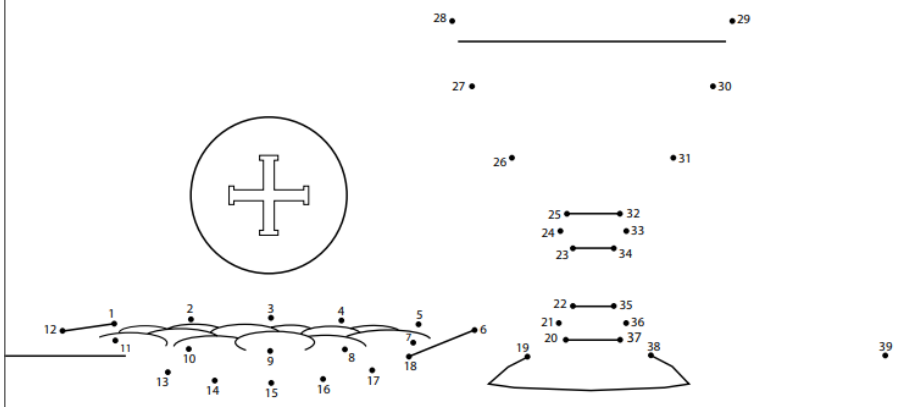
Reflect on the theme for the Year of Youth.
“Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy”



BRICKS & MORTAR APPEAL

Thank you for your generous donations to this appeal a few weeks ago. We can confirm that the work of fixing the speed hump and ramp at St Michael's Church and the walkway around the church at St Patrick's will be carried out in the first week of October (weather dependant and all factors going well). This will be during school holidays to allow minimal disruption to the large numbers of people that use these properties each day.

Join the dots to reveal the picture.



MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH FEAST DAY



22ND AUGUST

THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY

Mass Times: St Patrick's Church 9am & St Michael's Church 8.30am & 7.30pm



ONE MEAL IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

One Meal – It Makes a Difference is a not for profit, 100% volunteer community organisation that helps to feed, clothe and support the homeless and underprivileged. They need our help!

The One Meal mission is to provide healthy nutritious meals and a range of human services to the homeless, destitute, impoverished and underprivileged people in the community and to assist in advancing the well-being, outlook on life and prospects for future independence of their Patrons – and to do so with strong ethics and integrity.

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish is looking to join forces with One Meal – It Makes a Difference to support One Meal's Blacktown meal service, held on Saturday afternoons. We are seeking volunteers to join teams to take part in this program.

In short, volunteers will be required to prepare and serve food (once every 10-12 weeks). There are opportunities for those who would prefer to prepare food and not attend the services (and vice versa). Please contact Terri Sebastian via the parish office (9622 1125) for more information about how to get involved.

More to mission than meats the eye!

Right now, a Butcher is needed in Madang, Papua New Guinea

Meet this challenge: contact Christine on 02 9560 5333.

For more opportunities, visit palms.org.au/volunteer

Can't commit just yet? Check out palms.org.au/encounters

Jean & Betty's Tours - Tuesday, 11 September

Monarchs in the Hunter and Marthville Historic House - Cessnock (Maximum 50)

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St Patrick's Church 8.00am

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Vinnies NSW Drought Appeal

Your donation will rebuild lives.

A special collection will be taken at all Masses THIS 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



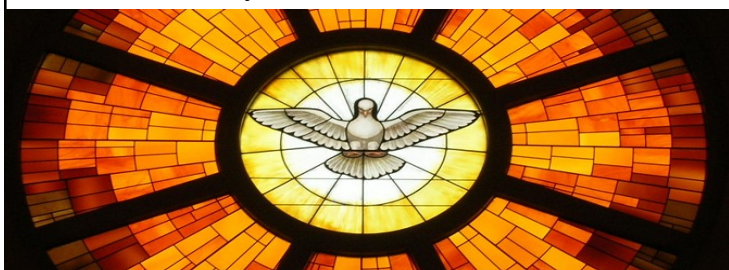
Plenary Council 2020

“Listen to what the Spirit is saying...” REV 27

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Next Saturday, 80 children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray these children and their families feel the strength of the Holy Spirit in their lives on this day and everyday.

If you would like to purchase a special gift to remember this day, there are many beautiful gifts and momentos at the Piety Stall. Visit the Piety Stall this weekend.



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.



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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

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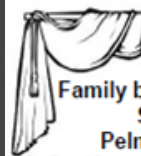
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