



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, 22 Jul 2018: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

TIME OUT!

Last Friday week I spent the day with twenty six clergy and religious who have come to minister in Australia. It is something I do each year. We began our day at Parramatta, where Catholics gathered, with the permission of the governor, to celebrate Eucharist for the first time in 1803. We took the ferry to the city to visit Church Hill and the excavations of the house of William Davis, the lay man who held the Catholics together for decades in the absence of priests. We then went to the crypt of St Mary's Cathedral and ended our day by looking at nineteenth century Australian art from the NSW Gallery, looking at a new land through European eyes. It was a lesson in being patient with yourself in moving into a new land. Throughout the day I could not but be aware of the ubiquitous use of social media, with conversations reaching India, the Philippines and Africa!

Having had two pre-social media cross-cultural experiences in my own life and over the years living in Australia with clergy from many parts of the world, I have developed a great respect for those who have come to serve our local Church. In my own cross-cultural experiences, as a student in France where I did not have the money for phone calls home and in Uganda where communication was most often not possible, I had to simply live in that place and that time. For so many of our clergy serving from overseas, there is the sense of constantly living in two worlds. They deserve our deep respect!

Today **Jesus calls his disciples to go away to a lonely place**, something that seems to be profoundly counter-cultural. The same can be said of all of us trying to find a healthy work/life/family balance. In our rush to "get it all done", it's easy to forget that as our stress levels spike, our productivity plummets. Stress can drain our concentration, make us irritable or depressed and harm our personal and professional relationships.

While we all need a certain amount of stress to spur us on and help us perform at our best, the key to managing stress lies in balance. Jesus knew the value of solitude, taking time out, going aside to rest a while. We need such solitude for our health and life/work/family balance. We might even do well to turn off our social media for an hour or two a day to find some **TIME OUT!**

- Fr Peter

CONTACT US

LITURGY TIMES

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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 8814 8406
(St Michael's)

Institute for Mission 9831 4911
Fr Paul Roberts (Director)
paul.roberts@ifm.org.au

Diocesan Ministry Centre 8838 3460

Catholic Care 8822 2222
Blacktown@ccss.org.au



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YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING: JER 23:1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 22. R. V.2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: EPH 2:13-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mk 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Alfred De Hoedt, Joseph Cassan, Anthony and Joan Borg, Raul sto Domingo

Special Intentions: Pelenato Sio, Romar Abad, Jose Cordovilla Descalzo Jr, Beilby Family

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.



M 23 Jul: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42
T 24 Jul: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50
W 25 Jul: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
Th 26 Jul: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17
F 27 Jul: Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23
S 28 Jul: Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30
S 29 Jul: 2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Daily Readings



Frankly Speaking...

"No one can grow if he does not accept his smallness."
- Pope Francis



THANK YOU & WELCOME BACK

Thank you to our visiting priests Fr Domingo, Fr Michael, Fr Marcelo and Fr Bob for their assistance whilst Fr Luis has been away. We also welcome back Fr Luis from his well-earned break!

Let us pray for our Priests and all called to the priestly ministry.

FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

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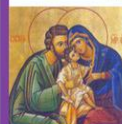
MASS TIMES
WEDNESDAY, 8TH AUGUST 2018
9AM ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Followed by Morning Tea and Reflection in the Cardinal Clancy Room by Sr Colleen O'Sullivan

Hosted by the Josephite Associates of Blacktown

WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES
8:30AM ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
7:30PM ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

St Michael's Church: 58 Orwell Street Blacktown
St Patrick's Church: 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown



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PARISH, BLACKTOWN



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.



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



CONFIRMATION

Is your child ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?



PREPARATION BEGINS ON THE 28TH JULY 2018

If your child has received First Eucharist and is aged 10 years and over (Year 5 or above) and your family is ready to take the next step as they continue their faith journey, then you are invited to enrol for the Sacrament of Confirmation. **For more information, contact the Parish Team on 9622 1125 or sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au or visit our website at www.mqofblacktown.org.au.**



THE FAITHFEED STUDIO AUDIENCE

Friday, 27 July @ 6.30PM

Cnr Grimwood St & Randle St Granville

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 are essential and can be made via www.tinyurl.com/studioaudience.

29 JULY 2018

PATRICIAN BROTHERS LEARNING CENTRE
100 FLUSHCOMBE RD BLACKTOWN

11.30AM - 2:30PM

PARENTS & YOUTH WELCOME



MQOF YOUTH
PRESENTS

ABLAZE LAUNCH

RSVP TO ADMIN@MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU

MQOF Family Group Meeting

The family group of our parish will be meeting at the Blacktown Showgrounds on Sunday 29th July at 11:30am to 2:30pm. Families in our group, of any shape and size, meet once every few months to get to know each other, share their life and faith story and support each other, in a fun atmosphere where everyone can be as active or relaxed as they like, usually bringing some food to share.

Anybody interested in attending is invited to contact Ivan on 0414208449 for further details.



Photo: Gene Ramirez, appeared originally in the Hawkesbury Gazette

Br Bernard Bulfin, aged 81 years, passed away on 17th July 2018

Br Bernard was a principal of Patrician Brothers Blacktown for 24 years, and served as chaplain at Parklea Correctional Centre for 15 years. He was recognised by Blacktown Council in 2015 for his contribution to the Blacktown Community.

Br Bernard's funeral will be held at Holy Cross College Chapel, Ryde at 10.30am on Wednesday, 25th July 2018



EXPLORE ALPHA STARTS 23RD JULY

We will meet for Alpha:2 on Monday evenings at 7pm OR Tuesday mornings at 9.30am—attend the time that suits you. If you can't commit to the course, perhaps you could begin your Alpha journey by being involved in the hospitality team or the prayer team.

You can register now by scanning the QR code and completing the online form.

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



SIGN UP

ALL ARE WELCOME

THE LIFE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY OFFICE PRESENT THE 2018 "FAITH IN MARRIAGE" SEMINAR

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Friday 3rd August 7:30pm

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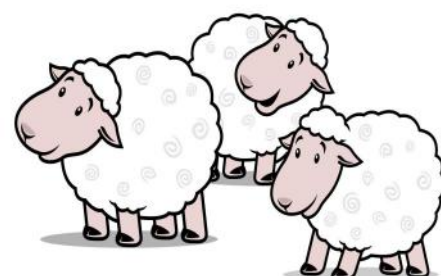
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Jesus took pity on the crowds of people who followed after him – they were like sheep who had lost their shepherd. Draw Jesus, the Good Shepherd tending to his sheep.



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

17th – 19th August

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville

Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship!

There will be speakers at all masses this weekend!

Book online at www.wvme.org.au. Alternatively, contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com.



Ministry of Communion to the Sick & Dying

ONGOING FORMATION

SATURDAY 11 AUGUST, 9:30AM – 2:00PM
INSTITUTE FOR MISSION
1-5 MARION ST, BLACKTOWN

REGISTER

✉ INGRID.VERGANO@PARRACATHOLIC.ORG ☎ (02) 8838 3456
MORNING TEA & LUNCH PROVIDED

Jean & Betty's Tours - Tuesday, 14 August 2018 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.



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OR DO YOU KNOW
SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE?

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The Parish Library is a work in progress! If you have any bookshelves that you are no longer using and can donate them to the interim Parish Library, please contact the Parish Team.



SAVE THE DATE

PARISH PILGRIMAGE
22 SEPT 2018

Reflect on the theme for the Year of Youth.
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