



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, 9th September 2018: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

AN EPHPHATHA MOMENT

The Austrian Jewish Philosopher, Martin Buber's (1978 – 1965) most influential book "I and Thou" cherishes and promotes *dialogue*, not as a means to reach conclusions or express mere points of view, but as the very prerequisite of authentic relationship between person and person and a person and God. "True dialogue" is characterized by openness, honesty, and mutual commitment.

Any Catholic my age or older will remember that after the Second Vatican Council, *dialogue* with the buzz word. The Second Vatican Council placed a major emphasis on *dialogue* with the World. Most of the Council's documents involve some kind of *dialogue*: dialogue with other religions (*Nostra aetate*), dialogue with other Christians (*Unitatis Redintegratio*), dialogue with the contemporary world (*Gaudium et spes*) and dialogue with political authorities (*Dignitatis Humanae*). The choice of terminology appears to have been strongly influenced by Martin Buber's thought.

In his *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, Brazilian educationalist Paulo Freire advanced *dialogue* as a type of pedagogy. Freire held that dialogued communication allowed students and teachers to learn from one another in an environment characterized by respect and equality. Dialogued pedagogy was not only about deepening understanding; it was also about making positive changes in the world: In the past thirty years the word *dialogue* had all but disappeared from Catholic parlance. In the past five years it has consistently reappeared in the writings and actions of Pope Francis.

Dialogue is fundamental to the journey of our Australian Church, whether in our coming parish pilgrimage and in the journey of Plenary Council. As a local and national Church we are learning anew to be a pilgrim people, walking together, attentive to the journey rather than the destination.

Both the Gospel today and this Child Protection Sunday challenge us to allow our ears to be opened to a deeper level of listening, a new Ephphatha. In future months our community will be invited to join the national Catholic journey towards the Plenary Council. This will be far more than a pooling of ideas. The process will call us *to listen to what the Spirit is saying* in this time and place. **May it in fact be truly a new Ephphatha moment.**

- Fr Peter

CONTACT US

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
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 Sunday 8.30am - 11.30am
58 Orwell St
Blacktown
Office Hours:
St Patrick's Church
51-59 Allawah St,
Blacktown

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Email: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

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Follow the links
on our website.

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to my Parish**

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 8811 0300
Catholic Early Learning Centre 8814 8406
(St Michael's)

Institute for Mission 9296 6369
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
23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
 treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING: IS 35:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 145:7-10. R. V.1

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING: JAS 2:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of
 the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mk 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by
 way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right
 through the Decapolis region. And they brought him
 a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech;
 and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took
 him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his
 fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue
 with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed;
 and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.'
 And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his
 tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus
 ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he
 insisted, the more widely they published it. Their
 admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things
 well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the
 dumb speak.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my
 soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting
 for God, the living God.

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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

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
 YOUR PRAYERS**



Anniversaries: Stefan Gjumbir, Stan Radacic,
 Angela Formosa, Abdias Rectin Jr, Jan Mossfield

Special Intentions: Eric McDonald, Cynthia McDonald, Savita
 & Aariz, Salvador Ezar, Jose Cordovilla Descalzo Jr, Beato, Ave
 Daton Toledo,
 Justiniano Granadino Toledo, Lilia Grageda Toledo, Rex Scott,
 William Peppin, Reggie Martin, Deceased members of the Tanti
 family

**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...

"Listening is much more than simply
 hearing."
 - Pope Francis



Baptism for Older Children

Do you have an older child (aged 5-12) who
 would like to baptised? If you do, call Lisa at the
 parish office (9622 1125) to join other families at
 the upcoming workshop.



For more information visit
 the parish website
www.mqofblacktown.org.au
 and click the Baptism tab
 under Sacraments.

M 10 Sept: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
T 11 Sept: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
W 12 Sept: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
Th 13 Sept: 1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
F 14 Sept: Num 21:4-9 or Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
S 15 Sept: (Heb 5:7-9); Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
S 16 Sept: Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

**Daily
 Readings**



Jean & Betty's Tours - Tuesday, 11 September
Monarchs in the Hunter and Marthaville Historic
House - Cessnock (Maximum 50)

Leave Greystanes 7.30am

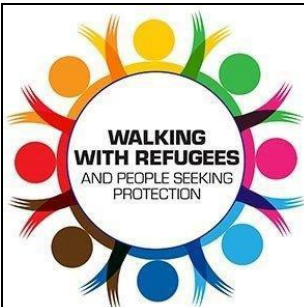
St Patrick's Church 8.00am

Incl. coach travel, morning tea, tour and lunch. One
 of the largest collections of Royal Memorabilia and
 lunch at Marthaville House. Cost \$65 pp

Call Jean for more information on 99203401 or
 0425251754.



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



AN INVITATION

Walking with Refugees and People seeking Protection Mary, Queen of the Family Social Justice Group (partnered with Sydney Alliance)

Table Talk

Bishop Vincent Long has asked parishes to open a conversation about those who come to Australia fleeing persecution and in search of safety. To start this conversation our parish is running a Table Talk with guest speakers including a person seeking protection, as well as a professional who works with people seeking asylum and refugees. Listen to a real life experience of seeking safety, share your own story, ask your questions in a safe, respectful space and consider how we can act.

Date: Sunday 16th September 2018

Venue: MPA, St Patrick's Primary School, Allawah St, Blacktown.

Time: 1.30pm for 2pm start – 4pm

Light refreshments provided.

RSVP by Monday 10th September to Maureen Dolle, emeladee@yahoo.com.au 0407 783 143

Everyone is most welcome.



Jesus did many good things, such as healing people and helping those in need. What are some good things you can do for others?



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) or 0466 418 809 for more information about how to get involved.

THE FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus."

– St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars

csfparra.org.au



DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

Due to the late arrival of envelopes for the Father's Day Appeal, some of you may have missed the opportunity to donate to the support of our retired priests. Envelopes are available in the church foyers and can be put in either collection at any Masses. Thank you for your support.



Altar Server Training

Would you like to be an Altar Server?

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.

Exaltation of the Cross
Friday 14th September
Mass Times:
St Michael's Church 8am
St Patrick's Church 9am



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.
\$30 Large \$20 small



ABLAZE:

OUR TEEN GROUP AT MQOF BLACKTOWN



On Sunday 28th July, the Youth Ministry Team launched the parish's teen youth group, ABLAZE. We were joined by more than 15 young people and their families to kick off our program to explore our Catholic faith. In the age old tradition of youth ministry, we bonded over games and pizza - leaving the adults to talk about what they would expect from MQOF Youth.

As the young group for teens, ABLAZE takes inspiration from John 8:12:

**I am the light of the world,
whoever follows me will never
walk in darkness, but will have
the light of life."**

To that end, ABLAZE seeks to empower young people to take ownership of their faith. We will invite our youth to follow the example of Jesus, to blaze new trails of discipleship.

The ABLAZE Launch represents the first stage in a long-term plan to make youth ministry a rewarding ministry for all involved. In the next 12 months, the Youth Ministry Team aim to "pass the torch" to the next generation of youth leaders and to explore ways of energising our young adults aged 18 to 25.

Although we have not had a core 'youth group' in the last year, young people have continued to be a vibrant part of our parish life. On any given weekend, we have a number of young people offer their time and talents to serve at our Sunday masses. More recently, we had our young people lead us in prayer at our annual Good Friday Stations of the Cross. I'm excited to see what's in store for us as we, the young people, grow in faith together.

Franchesca Tenedora
Youth Ministry Lead

Our next ABLAZE arvo will be on Sunday 23rd September, 3PM to 5PM at St Patrick's MPA.

Contact the Youth Ministry Team by leaving at message at admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

ablaze! 22.09.18 **PARISH PILGRIMAGE**



Pilgrimage begins 8.30am

St Michael's Church
58 Orwell Street Blacktown

Mass & BBQ 12PM

St Patrick's Church
51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown

calling all volunteers

for marshals, readers, and cooks to staff the BBQ

**Contact the Parish Team about how you can be involved
in our Parish Pilgrimage on 9622 1125 or email
admin@mqofblacktown.org.au.**



RECONCILIATION

Is your child ready to receive the
Sacrament of Reconciliation?



Is your child ready to receive their First Holy Communion in 2019?
If yes, and your child is in Year 3 or above, then their first step is to prepare
for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

ENROL NOW.

Information Workshops begin on 20th October 2018.

All information & enrolment forms available via the parish website

mqofblacktown.org.au

or contact the parish office :: 9622 1125 :: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

Women's Reflection Day

9TH SEPTEMBER 2018
SUNDAY AFTERNOON 2PM-5PM
LED BY SR PATTY ANDREW OSU

Connect faith with life
RSVP: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au or 9622 1125

*Julian of Norwich, a woman mystic of the 14th Century is noted for the unique insights she offers on the nature of God's Love. During our afternoon together on **Sunday 9th September** in the MPA at St Patrick's Primary School,*

we will take the time to explore some of the key themes of Julian's writings. We will do this in such a way that connects with our life experiences today. This is aimed to help us make meaning as we continue to live faith-filled lives in the 21st century.

The exploration of Julian's writings will be led by Sr. Patty Andrew. RSVP to the parish team on 9622 1125 or email admin@mqofblacktown.org.au



Please pray for our Alpha participants who are attending the Holy Spirit weekend.

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.



FAMILY GROUPS

An extended family experience within the community open to everyone with a focus on people caring for, loving and accepting each other.

Call Ivan on 0414 208449 or email admin@mqofblacktown.org.au to be connected.



MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH, BLACKTOWN



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Parish Council was held in the Multi Purpose Room at St Patrick's Primary School on Sunday 26th August 2018. Chairperson Franchesca Tenedora welcomed the attendees and Fr Luis Herrera led us in prayer.

Our Parish Priest Peter Confeggi spoke and requested that we continue to welcome. "Where people are welcomed people grow", he said. Another point he made was that the Parish must continue to put emphasis on formation of leaders – and different models of leadership are required. "We cannot be priest dependant". He pointed to some of the achievements during the year – ALPHA, the ONE MEAL project, attendance at the World Council of Families, employing staff with great gifts and confirmed that we are awaiting news of a facilitator to lead us to make a submission to the Plenary Council 2020.

The Diocesan idea of a basilica Church near Patrician Brothers has floundered. The Parish still awaits Diocesan details of the new clerical leader. In summary, he noted that 30% of Blacktown City population is Catholic, and 74% of Parishioners are born overseas. There are 6 centres of Catholic learning in our Parish. Most importantly people must get together as a community and continue to pray for the MQOF community.

Franchesca Tenedora spoke on a number of matters. "There is pride", she said, 'in being a Catholic'. She congratulated the PPC members for their work over the past 12 months, and noted that the major project was ALPHA. Other initiatives were the Visioning Day in February, LA Congress in March, 'Catholic Women Speak' in Parramatta and 'Proclaim' in Brisbane. Franchesca took us through our 3 goals – Deepening Welcome, Enriching Faith Formation and Fostering Social Justice, and displayed examples of the action that had been taken for each goal.

Deepening Welcome:

Pilgrimage September 2017, Visioning Day Feb 2018, Pentecost Party May 2018

Enriching Faith Formation

ALPHA course 1 and 2, Religious Education Conference LA March 2018, Group Meeting of Ministry Leaders Youth Launch July 2018.

Fostering Social Justice (and see report on Social Justice tabled by Kathie Collins)

Christmas Lunch for needy December 2017, Petition for Timor border, Clean Up Australia Day, Possible Community Garden, Help for Refugees.

Michael Zerafa, the Finance Committee Chair, spoke. He explained how the collections operate. In summary:

First Collection – goes to the Diocese (priest stipend is paid from this collection)

Second Collection – is broken down into planned giving, and loose money.

Planned giving: 33% of income (6% increase this year)

Loose money: 37% of income (10% decrease this year)

Rental properties: 26% of income

Donations, adverts, etc: 4% of income

Michael thanked his fellow committee members, and thanked Fr Peter for the last 10 years of support.

In reply Fr Peter noted Michael was resigning as chairperson of the finance committee and thanked him for his years of time and leadership. John Kurmann will be the new Chair. Franchesca also thanked Fr Luis Herrera for his years of service to us.

The only item of General Business raised was a request for an update on changes to car park exit point at Allawah Street. Jacqueline Anchique mentioned that the matter was before Council.

Peter Baker, Secretary

Around the Diocese...

Natural Fertility Services

To learn more about Natural Family Planning in the Diocese of Parramatta contact 02 8838 3460 or nfs@parracatholic.org or catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org and www.parralnf.org.au/nfs

Save the Date – Seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive

Date: 11 November 2018. Waiting for Gabriel is an information afternoon. You'll hear testimonies and learn about natural options which assist fertility. For more information contact Natural Fertility Services, Diocese of Parramatta catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org 0400 427 605

Liturgy Conference 2018

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Tickets are now on sale. For tickets and a full list of workshops go to parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018. Cost \$30 - includes lunch.

Lawn and Garden Services: Help CatholicCare to Help Disabled Workers

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains (CatholicCare) is the diocesan social services organisation. Our Mamre Garden Services employed disabled people in a lawn and garden service lawns for both residential and commercial clients. The team of workers is supervised by our Garden Crew Supervisor. Each job is quoted separately and you will not be disappointed with the quality of the work. If you're interested in having your lawns and/or gardens serviced by CatholicCare or would like more information, please contact 02 8843 2500 or visit our website www.ccss.org.au

Walking with Refugees: 8 September

Walking with refugees and people seeking protection: the Diocesan journey continues with a celebration lunch on 8 September from 11:45-2:30pm. To be held at Patrician Brothers, Blacktown. Come together to hear stories and share our stories and successes, learn about what's happening right now for refugees and people seeking protection and explore what we can do together over the next 12 months. For

more information call the Social Justice Office on 02 8838 3458 or visit: <https://bit.ly/2nCTrWA>. The House of Welcome Asylum Seeker Social Enterprise are catering for this event Payment \$25 Cash on the day as a donation and to cover cost to House of Welcome.

The Permanent Diaconate: 9 September

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at St John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768. Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. The meetings will commence at 3.00pm until 6.00pm followed by the Parish Mass and Fellowship. The 2018 dates on Sundays: 4 November. For further information visit www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or please contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270 782, Deacon George – 0408 440 769

LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS: Thirsting for Justice!

**12
Days**

**Includes flights &
accommodation!**

**18th – 30th March
2019**



**TOTAL ESTIMATED
PACKAGE PRICE:**

\$4,350*
per person (twin share)

**OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM
SUPPLEMENT ADDITIONAL \$1,795**

* Price is based on a group of minimum 20 participants. Conditions apply. Subject to change.



Coordinated by Lisa Bright

I invite you to be part of the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress in March 2019. The Congress is a wonderful opportunity to grow and share our faith, to be invigorated by the Holy Spirit and to bring back that energy and learning to our parishes. Whilst in Los Angeles, you will also experience some of the fun and enjoyment that Los Angeles has to offer. I look forward to travelling with you!

Lisa Bright, Pastoral Associate

OPTIONAL AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS

Disneyland and California Adventure tickets are available for purchase locally in USA. Tickets can be purchased for Disneyland only, for Disney California Adventure only or Park Hopper passes that include admission to both amusement parks. One- and two-day passes are available. Tickets for Disneyland are available at a reduced rate for Congress participants. One-day passes are available. They are available from the Congress Website once registration has opened.

YOUR PROPOSED ANAHEIM HOTEL:

Red Lion Hotel Anaheim 1850 S Harbor Blvd, Anaheim, CA 92802

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return economy airfares from Sydney – Los Angeles with Qantas
- All current airport and departure taxes
- 10 nights' accommodations at Red Lion Hotel Anaheim, two beds in each room
- All taxes and service fees
- Daily full breakfast buffet
- 2 dinners
- Roundtrip Airport transportation with luxury motor coach on 18 March & 28 March
- 3 full days of luxury motor coach transportation (up to 10 hours total service each day) for Sightseeing
- Admission for Skirball Center, Museum of Tolerance, Tour of Christ Cathedral and donation at LA Cathedral Tour

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Congress participation fee (Cost estimate is US\$80. Register at www.recongress.org)
- Entrance/sightseeing/meals/transport other than those in the itinerary
- Single supplement
- Travel insurance
- Incidental expenses of a personal nature such as phone calls, laundry, room service etc.
- Any services not listed in 'Price Includes' above

WHAT TO DO NEXT

1. For full itinerary call Lisa on 9622 1125 or email lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au OR visit www.olivetreetravel.com.au and search under upcoming tours. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Lisa Bright or the team at Olive Tree Travel.
2. To secure your place on the Qantas flight and at the group hotel, a deposit of \$500 per person is required by 1st November 2018 (unless sold out prior).
3. Keep an eye on the official congress website to register for the conference: www.recongress.org
4. Full payment will be required by 25th January 2019

DAY 1: MONDAY 18th March

- Depart Australia today on your Qantas flight to LAX
- Arrive at Los Angeles International Airport
- Drive to Citadel Shopping Outlets for free time to shop
- Lunch at own expense
- Motorcoach transfer to Red Lion Hotel Anaheim
- Check in to hotel

Transportation: Full Day motorcoach service including LAX Airport to Hotel Transfer

DAY 2: TUESDAY 19th March

- Breakfast at hotel
- Spend the day at Christ Cathedral – touring the grounds, celebrating Mass.
- Lunch and Dinner at own expense

Transportation: OWN ARRANGMENT

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 20th March

- Breakfast at hotel
- Day in Los Angeles includes admission to The Getty Center, Skirball Cultural Center and the Museum of Tolerance
- Lunch at own expense
- Group Dinner included

Transportation: Full Day motorcoach service

DAY 4: THURSDAY 21st March

- Breakfast at hotel
- FREE DAY: Optional Youth Day Los Angeles Religious Education Congress attendance – OR – take a free day to explore on your own
- Lunch and Dinner at own expense

Transportation: OWN ARRANGMENT
(LARE Congress venue within walking distance of hotel)

DAY 5: FRIDAY 22nd March

- Breakfast at hotel
- Los Angeles Religious Education Congress
- Lunch and Dinner at own expense

Transportation: OWN ARRANGMENT
(LARE Congress venue within walking distance of hotel)

DAY 6: SATURDAY 23rd March

- Breakfast at hotel
- Los Angeles Religious Education Congress
- Lunch and Dinner at own expense

Transportation: OWN ARRANGMENT
(LARE Congress venue within walking distance of hotel)

DAY 7: SUNDAY 24th March

- Breakfast at hotel
- Los Angeles Religious Education Congress
- Lunch and Dinner at own expense

Transportation: OWN ARRANGMENT
(LARE Congress venue within walking distance of hotel)

DAY 8: MONDAY 25th March

- Breakfast at hotel
- FREE DAY
- Lunch and Dinner at own expense

Transportation: OWN ARRANGMENT

DAY 9: TUESDAY 26th March

- Breakfast at hotel
- Enjoy a Retreat Day in San Juan Capistrano including a visit to San Juan Capistrano Mission and Basilica (admission included) and time to explore on your own
- Dinner tonight will be at Hennessey's Tavern in San Juan Capistrano (Please note: Dinner cost is not included at Hennessey's Tavern. Guests will order and pay directly for their meal.)

Transportation: Full Day motorcoach service

DAY 10: WEDNESDAY 27th March

- Breakfast at hotel
- Spend the day in Hollywood at your own leisure, visiting the Dolby theatre, Chinese Theatre, Farmer's Market and other landmarks of Hollywood. All activities in Hollywood are at own expense and arrangement.
- Lunch at own expense
- Group Dinner at Micelis Restaurant, Hollywood (included) <http://www.micelisrestaurant.com/>

Transportation: Full Day motorcoach service

DAY 11: THURSDAY 28th March

- Breakfast at hotel
- Day includes a tour of Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles
- Lunch at own expense
- Free time in Downtown Los Angeles until time to depart to airport
- Motorcoach transfer from Red Lion Anaheim Hotel to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)

Transportation: Full Day motorcoach service including Hotel to LAX Airport Transfer

DAY 12: FRIDAY 29th March

- In flight

DAY 13: SATURDAY 30th March

- Arrive back to Australia inspired!



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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Date and Sunday of the Month	Mass Times	Music Ministry	Ministers of the Word			Acolyte/Adult Servers		
			Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader			
9th September 2nd Sunday of the Month Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil 5.30PM	Lord's Choir	Josephine Miruzzi	Joyce Aitkins	Peter Curmi	Paul Garland		
	7.00AM	DVP: Christine	Charles Sant	Pauline Chappius	Karma Chabchoul	Bill Callaghan	Anne Wait	Gerry Meura
	8.00 AM	DVP: Michael Zerafa	Diane Zerafa	Ron Burgess	Colin Maxwell	Ike Lutaos	Max Rosario	
	9.30 AM	Murphy Choir	Peter Mondeddu	Eva Cheetley	Ian Ward	Ian Faulkner		
	10.00AM	St Cecilia's Choir	Imelda Valve	Rosal Andres	Savita Khan	Peter Baker	Maurice Bru	Francine Bru
	5.30PM	Youth Band	Crystal Degollacion	Maria Rafael	Francesca Tenedora	Frank Mangion	John Solivet	
	6.00 PM	C 4 Christ	Ruth Maree Lee	Violetta Bada	Len Cruz	Zaldy Pamintuan	Alex Mendoza	
16th September 3rd Sunday of the Month Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil 5.30PM	Shepherd's Choir	Ray Holmes	Paul Ryan	Cita Correa	Zaldy Pamintuan	Paul Garland	
	7.00AM	DVP: Christine	Patricia Regan	Nancy Dias	John Tanti	Bill Callaghan	Anne Wait	Karma Chabchoul
	8.00 AM	DVP: Blake Bano	Diane Zerafa	Ron Burgess	Ian Ward	Eddie Peters	Colin Morris	
	9.30 AM	Il Celebrate	Conrad Gabriel	Kristy Scott	Peter Mondeddu	Paul Scott	Natalia Gabriel	
	10.00AM	Divine Mercy	Rhonda McKechnie	Perla Biledo	Ruth Miranda	Jude Miranda	Francine Bru	Maurice Bru
	5.30PM	Youth Band	Emmy Milan	John Kurmann	Louisa Xavier	Frank Mangion	Steve Degollacion	
	6.00 PM	Keti Family Choir	Francesca Tenedora	Pam Faulkner		Ian Faulkner	Phi Nguyen	
23rd September 4th Sunday of the Month Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil 5.30PM	Divine Mercy	Cecile Ducut	Vanessa Lozada	Susan Perry	Paul Garland	Zaldy Pamintuan	
	7.00AM	DVP: Tony	Patricia Regan	Christina King	Edelina Lucido	Bill Callaghan	Anne Wait	Gerry Meura
	8.00 AM	DVP: Michael Zerafa	Rhonda McKechnie	Ron Burgess	Colin Morris	Max Rosario	Eddie Peters	
	9.30 AM	Murphy Choir	Eva Cheetley	Ian Ward	Ricardo Forteleza	Annie Pinto	Conrad Gabriel	
	10.00AM	Il Celebrate	Rosal Andres	Antoinette Mangion	Imelda Valve	Maurice Bru	Francine Bru	Frank Mangion
	5.30PM	Youth Band	Maria Rafael	Crystal Degollacion	Linda Hogan	John Solivet	Steve Degollacion	
	6.00 PM	Christi Fideles Servant Community Choir	Ruth Maree Lee	Donna Uvero	Pam Faulkner	Beato Pudadera	Ike Lutaos	
30th September 5th Sunday of the Month Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil 5.30PM	Shepherd's Choir	Cita Correa	Josephine Miruzzi	Ray Holmes	Paul Garland		
	7.00AM	DVP: Adam	Christine Nalzarzo	Sr Maria Marin	Pauline Chappius	Bill Callaghan	Anne Wait	Karma Chabchoul
	8.00 AM	DVP: John Calingao	Terri Sebastian	Colin Maxwell	Ron Burgess	Max Rosario	Ike Lutaos	
	9.30 AM	Il Celebrate	Eva Cheetley	Ricardo Forteleza	Ian Ward	Ian Faulkner	Natalia Gabriel	
	10.00AM	Unceasing Praise	Ashithra Aloysius	Deavelyn Besterwitch	Savita Khan	Maurice Bru	Francine Bru	Jude Miranda
	5.30PM	Youth Band	Emmy Milan	Janelle Barrack	Najat Barrack	John Solivet	Steve Degollacion	Frank Mangion
	6.00 PM	Christi Fideles Servant Community Choir	Evelyn Pelaez	Violetta Bada	Ruth Maree Lee	Zaldy Pamintuan	Phi Nguyen	Alex Mendoza
7th October 1st Sunday of the Month Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil 5.30PM	Shepherd's Choir	Giselle Saba	Cecile Ducut	Marilou Van Asten	Paul Garland	Zaldy Pamintuan	
	7.00AM	DVP: Tony	Josephine Miruzzi	Kathie Collins	Sr Maria Marin	Bill Callaghan	Anne Wait	Gerry Meura
	8.00 AM	DVP: Elizabeth	Terri Sebastian	Ron Burgess		Eddie Peters	Colin Morris	
	9.30 AM	Il Celebrate	Conrad Gabriel	Judy Bartley	Susie Murphy	Paul Scott	Ike Lutaos	
	10.00AM	Unceasing Praise	Ashithra Aloysius	Mercy Aquino	Deavelyn Besterwitch	Maurice Bru	Francine Bru	Jude Miranda
	5.30PM	Youth Band	Louisa Xavier	Emmy Milan	John Kurmann	John Solivet	Steve Degollacion	
	6.00 PM	Fran & Co	Violette Bada	Pam Faulkner	Evelyn Pelaez	Frank Mangion	Ian Faulkner	



Sandra Baker is the Ministry Lead for the Catechists.
Sandra shares her thoughts about being part of the MQOF community.

What do you enjoy about being part of MQOF Community?

I enjoy the certainty that MQOF is my spiritual home where I can grow in and share the love of Christ with others.

What does the Ministry lead for the Catechists look like to you?

My role as Ministry lead is to work with, and be available to my fellow catechists and school staff, to ensure a happy, fulfilling experience for Catechists, students and schools.

Can you tell us a bit about your ministry?

Our parish provides religious education to 7 Schools in the Blacktown area through the generosity of 33 adult catechists and 32 enthusiastic secondary students. Every week for 30 minutes these dedicated catechists venture into our schools eager to sow and share the seeds of faith to our state school family. Catechists truly put Welcome, Grow and Act in action. Come join us!!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Date and Sunday of the Month	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion										Altar Servers (Senior & Junior)			
	Mass Times		Rose Spiteri		Michael Hall		Peter Munro		Paul Ryan		Liam Cruz	Ashleigh Tabusares	Matthew Saba	Adam Cruz
9th September 2nd Sunday of the Month Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil 5.30PM	Theresa Azzopardi	Dorothy Angyalfi	Vicky Sultana	Michael Hall	Rose Spiteri	Peter Munro	Edelina Lucido	Paul Ryan		Liam Cruz	Ashleigh Tabusares	Matthew Saba	Adam Cruz
	7.00AM	Angela John	Andree Fraser	Pacta Villaver	Dorothy Angyalfi	Gerry Meura					Alexis Rossi	Jav Calingao	Jenille Calingao	
	8.00 AM	Colin Maxwell	Carmen Borg	Aureen Muttoo							Natasha Luiz	Prem Mondeddu	Paavan Mondeddu	
	9.30 AM	Geny Cleary	Silvana Murphy	Mary Mondeddu							Louise Sergio	Josep Sergio	Viviana Abusalah	Norbert Drichi
	10.00AM	Marie Verrier	Patrick Dako	Ruth Miranda	Maria Jimenez	Rosal Andres	Tony Cuciardi				Jessica Jesudasan	Jennifer Jesudusan		Rovick Guerrero
	5.30PM	Gemma Borg	Louisa Xavier	Crystal Degollacion	Veronica Xavier						Ronash Alves	Adam D'Sa	Khang Nguyen	Ly Nguyen
16th September 3rd Sunday of the Month Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil 5.30PM	Theresa Azzopardi	Dorothy Angyalfi	Vicky Sultana	Michael Hall	Rose Spiteri	Peter Munro	Edelina Lucido	Giselle Saba		Ashleigh Tabusares	Matthew Saba	Lucy Perry	Thomas Perry
	7.00AM	Gerry Meura	Andree Fraser	Pacta Villaver	Dorothy Angyalfi	Charles Sant					Alexis Rossi	Jav Calingao	Jenille Calingao	
	8.00 AM	Aureen Muttoo	Colin Maxwell	Phyllis Portelli							Mitchell Eckersley	Prem Mondeddu	Paavan Mondeddu	Joshua Sammut
	9.30 AM	Peter Mondeddu	Mary Mondeddu								Jonathan Miranda	Gabriella Miranda	Joanna Fernando	Stephanie Nwosu
	10.00AM	Aleli Canonizado	Maria Jimenez	Tony Cuciardi	Lynn Domingo	Guy Vella	Michael Hiriwo				James Solivet	Patrick Supan		
	5.30PM	Pauline Borg	Gemma Borg	Veronica Xavier	Louisa Xavier						Princess Torralba	Adam Torralba	Angelize Estil	
23rd September 4th Sunday of the Month Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil 5.30PM	Theresa Azzopardi	Mariou Van Asten	Vicky Sultana	Michael Hall	Rose Spiteri	Peter Munro		Angelita Berlanga		Liam Cruz	Ashleigh Tabusares	Matthew Saba	Adam Cruz
	7.00AM	Angela John	Andree Fraser	Pacta Villaver	Dorothy Angyalfi	Karma Chabchoul					Alexis Rossi	Natasha Luiz	Geoffrey Fancisco	Joshua Pinto
	8.00 AM	Aureen Muttoo	Phyllis Portelli	Vicky Sammut							Samantha Cheetley	Ranye Abu Ganaba	Antoni Arshilo	Rafy Abu Ganaba
	9.30 AM	Peter Mondeddu	Mary Mondeddu	Natalia Gabriel							Rames Abu Ganaba	Oscar Degollacion		
	10.00AM	Mercy Aquino	Lynn Domingo	Guy Vella	Michael Hiriwo	Patrick Dako	Ashithra Aloysius				Cryste Degollacion	Adam D'Sa	Angelize Estil	
	5.30PM	Gemma Borg	Veronica Xavier	Crystal Degollacion							Ronash Alves			
30th September 5th Sunday of the Month Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil 5.30PM	Theresa Azzopardi	Dorothy Angyalfi	Vicky Sultana	Michael Hall	Rose Spiteri	Peter Munro	Edelina Lucido	Giselle Saba		Ashleigh Tabusares	Matthew Saba	Lucy Perry	Thomas Perry
	7.00AM	Gerry Meura	Andree Fraser	Pacta Villaver	Dorothy Angyalfi	Charles Sant					Alexis Rossi	Jav Calingao	Jenille Calingao	
	8.00 AM	Aureen Muttoo	Vicky Sammut	Phyllis Portelli							Samantha Cheetley	Mitchell Eckersley	Joshua Sammt	Geoffrey Fancisco
	9.30 AM	Peter Mondeddu	Mary Mondeddu								Kirk Acido	Jonah Sua	Josep Sergio	Louise Sergio
	10.00AM	Aleli Canonizado	Maria Jimenez	Tony Cuciardi	Lynn Domingo	Guy Vella	Michael Hiriwo				James Solivet	Cryste Degollacion	Oscar Degollacion	Jonathan Miranda
	5.30PM	Pauline Borg	Gemma Borg	Veronica Xavier	Louisa Xavier						Princess Torralba	Adam Torralba	Khang Nguyen	Ly Nguyen
7th October 1st Sunday of the Month Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil 5.30PM	Theresa Azzopardi	Dorothy Angyalfi	Vicky Sultana	Michael Hall	Rose Spiteri	Peter Munro	Edelina Lucido	Paul Ryan		Ashleigh Tabusares	Matthew Saba	Lucy Perry	Thomas Perry
	7.00AM	Angela John	Andree Fraser	Pacta Villaver	Dorothy Angyalfi	Karma Chabchoul					Alexis Rossi	Jav Calingao	Jenille Calingao	
	8.00 AM	Colin Maxwell	Carmen Borg	Aureen Muttoo							Samantha Cheetley	Mitchell Eckersley	Joshua Sammt	Geoffrey Fancisco
	9.30 AM	Geny Cleary	Silvana Murphy	Mary Mondeddu							Kirk Acido	Jonah Sua	Shane Almeida	Sancio Almeida
	10.00AM	Marie Verrier	Patrick Dako	Ruth Miranda	Maria Jimenez	Rosal Andres	Tony Cuciardi				James Solivet	Cryste Degollacion	Oscar Degollacion	
	5.30PM	Gemma Borg	Louisa Xavier	Crystal Degollacion	Veronica Xavier						Princess Torralba	Adam Torralba	Khang Nguyen	Ly Nguyen

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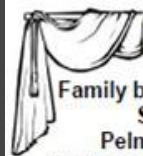
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