



# 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, 16 Sep 2018: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

## SEEKING

Reflecting on the short life of Charles Stephenson in preparation for his funeral last weekend, I was struck by the breath and intensity of his reading. His journey through literature, philosophy, Buddhism and his interests in art and music, created a picture of a young man who could be aptly called a *seeker*.

Anselm of Canterbury, monk, abbot, philosopher and theologian, who held the office of Archbishop of Canterbury from 1093 to 1109, gave to the Church a succinct description for Christian thinking or theology that has stood the test of time. He taught that theology was *faith seeking understanding*. Now, we place a great deal of emphasis on, devotion and catechism that is, *faith* and *understanding*. Less do we focus on *seeking*.

Today Mark presents us with a community who is seeking to name the person of Jesus. Clearly there was a variety of responses to the personality of Jesus. Jesus does not tell us whom he is but rather asks a question, *'who do you say I am?'*

Jesus is good at asking questions. A few weeks ago he asked, when some were leaving his company, *'and you, do you want to go away?'* (John 6:67) He invites freedom in our response. Furthermore, Jesus doesn't answer questions. When asked *'where do you live'* (John 1:46) Jesus responds, *'come and see!'* Jesus invites us to be seekers.

As the Australian Catholic community moves towards a Plenary Council in 2020 we are being asked to be seekers. I believe this is a moment of Grace for our Church at this time. We are being asked simple but profound questions: **what is the Spirit saying** and **what is God asking of Australian Catholics?** The responses to those questions, asked in a variety of groups, will be collated to eventually form the agenda for the 2020 gathering. We are being invited to a process of discernment - **walking together in seeking**.

- 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**  
58 Orwell St  
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Office Hours:  
Sunday 8.30am - 11.30am

**St Patrick's Church**  
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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  
**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**  
**24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

**FIRST READING: IS 50:5-9**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 114:1-6. 8-9. R. V.9**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

**SECOND READING: JAS 2:14-18**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me  
and me to the world. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: Mk 8:27-35**

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round  
Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to  
his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they  
told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah;  
others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he  
asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and  
said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them  
strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was  
destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the  
elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be  
put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he  
said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside,  
Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and  
seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him,  
'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is  
not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said,  
'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him  
renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.  
For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but  
anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the  
sake of the gospel, will save it.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of  
your wings.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN  
YOUR PRAYERS**



**Anniversaries:** Juanita Bueno

**Special Intentions:** Vicenzio .S. De Jesus

**Recently Deceased:** Arwin Villa Romero

**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, George Ella

**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...***

"The crucifix does not signify defeat or failure. It  
reveals to us the love that overcomes evil and sin."  
- 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 17 Sept:** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11  
**T 18 Sept:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31; Lk 7:11-17  
**W 19 Sept:** 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13; Lk 7:31-35  
**Th 20 Sept:** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50  
**F 21 Sept:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13  
**S 22 Sept:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15  
**S 23 Sept:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16 - 4:3;

**Daily  
Readings**



**Is your child ready to receive the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation?**

If your child is ready to  
receive their First Holy Communion in 2019 and  
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](http://mqofblacktown.org.au)  
or contact the parish office :  
96221125 : [sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au)



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### 'You are Mission'

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal.

This year we are invited to consider how we can answer Pope Francis' call to be a part of mission, and how we can support mission globally. Please come prepared next weekend to give generously.

Freecall: 1800 257 296  
catholicmission.org.au/youaremission



## Do you use a parish meeting room?

We will be changing the codes for the key locks at both Churches in coming weeks. If you use either Church or halls for meetings and use these keys, please contact a member of the Parish Team on 9622 1125 to be advised of the new codes.

Please remember the parish meetings rooms and Churches can only be used after making a booking at the Parish Office. Thank you for your understanding!

## 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  
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## 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.



### Baptism for Older Children

Do you have an older child (aged 5-12) who would like to be 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](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au) and click the Baptism tab under Sacraments.

### Jean & Betty's Tours - Tuesday, 9th October

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## COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

**"If you want to be my followers you must  
take up your cross and follow me."**

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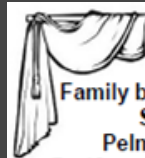
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