



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, 23 Sep 2018: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

LEADERSHIP THROUGH VULNERABILITY

Across the world, from Russia, U.S.A. to China and from India to Italy and the Philippines, the **strongman style** of leadership is growing. The macho approach, is driven by rising populism and growing mistrust of democratic systems. The once most powerful country in the world – *until now, an exemplar of Western liberal democracies and global stabiliser in times of stress* – is ruled by an autocrat who pays little attention to democratic norms. He is but part of a broader phenomenon which is the antithesis of a Gospel understanding of leadership.

The Letter of James asks where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? James alerts us to the power of ego, which is prepared even to kill in pursuit of its own ambitions. The Gospel of Mark presents us with the disciples clambering for power. Career and clericalism, issues given too little attention in the recent Royal Commission, were there from the beginning of the Church!!

As we make our journey through this year of Mark, we are given a very different model of leadership. Jesus takes a little child, the most vulnerable member of his society. Children before the age of seven had little or no rights in the time of Jesus. He holds up this child as an icon inviting us to experience vulnerability as a prerequisite to leadership.

To the vulnerability of childhood we can add the vulnerability of the aged and frail. We begin and end life vulnerable.

There is no doubt that we Catholics are feeling vulnerable at the moment. In coming months we will be called to participate in the journey towards the Plenary Council of the Australian Catholic community. We are called to a time of humble dialogue, deep listening to one another and what the Spirit is saying to the Church. In this process of discernment there is **no place for strong man leadership**. Rather, **we lead through vulnerability**.

- Fr Peter

CONTACT US

LITURGY TIMES

CONNECT

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
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 8869 6000
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 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING: WIS 2:12, 17-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 53:3-6. 8. R. V.6

The Lord upholds my life.

SECOND READING: JAS 3:16 – 4:3

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the Gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mk 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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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
or contact the parish office :
96221125 : sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Delia Valmeo, Victor Pais

Recently Deceased: Vivencio P Marilla, Liwanag Romero, Juanito Aranda



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, Baby George Vella

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.

Saturday 29th September : Feast of St Michael

The 9am Mass will be celebrated at St Michael's Church. There **will not** be a Mass at St Patrick's Church at 9am.

St Michael the Archangel, Pray for us.

Thank you from Vinnies ...

Received with thanks: ST'ABN 91 161 127 340

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Donation Date: 14 September 2018
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Donations are tax deductible.

*See Father Peter & the congregation.
Thank you for your generous gift to help our friends in need.
Very best wishes.*

Oliver Howard

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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 things.

Jean & Betty's Tours Tuesday, 9th October

Burning Log Concert 'Hits of the 60's' Cruise
8.30am pick up Greystanes

9.00am pick up from St Patrick's Church
Including coach travel, morning tea, lunch and show
Price \$75.00 per person

6-day far South Coach Tour

26-31 October 2018

\$950 per person twin share \$1250 single supplement
Cost of tour must be paid in full by 10th October 2018
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At Mary, Queen of the Family Parish we WELCOME, GROW and ACT

YOU ARE MISSION

'You are Mission'

Pope Francis has called every man and woman to be a part of mission. In his World Mission Day message he speaks especially to the youth to take an active role in mission, however also reminds us that 'mission revitalises faith' and that all Christians are called to mission as we are children of God.

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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!

HSC MASSES

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FRIDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2018

BLACKTOWN - Mary Queen of the Family (Allawah St), 6:30pm



ACOLYTES & ADULT SERVER FORMATION

Saturday 13th October 11.30am – 1.00pm
St Michael's Church

We will walk through the changes that will be implemented following the liturgy review.

RSVP: Parish Team on 9622 1125 or
admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

CATECHIST CORNER

The following dedicated Catechists were recognised for their service and commitment to the Catechist Ministry by Bishop Long at the CCD Mass. Congratulations on Years of Service:

Col Morris for 35 Years

Phyllis Portelli for 25 years

Veronique McMurray for 20 Years

Pamela Singh for 20 years

Rita Francica for 15 years

We also welcome our new recruits *Eva Cheetley* and *Josephine Miruzzi* as they begin their Catechist journey.

If you are interested in becoming a catechist please contact Sandra Baker on 0421505507.

M 24 Sept: Prov 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
T 25 Sept: Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
W 26 Sept: Prov 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Th 27 Sept: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
F 28 Sept: Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
S 29 Sept: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14
S 30 Sept: Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Daily
Readings



ONE MEAL IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

MQOF has joined with One Meal - It Makes a Difference to provide nutritious meals to people who are doing it tough in the Blacktown area.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Join a team of volunteers to prepare and serve food (once every 10-12 weeks) on a Saturday afternoon. 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 to volunteer your services.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIDGE YOU CAN DONATE TO THE ONE MEAL PROJECT? Please call Terri on 0466 418 809 if you can help.



LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION CONGRESS:

Thirsting for Justice!

**18th – 30th
March 2019**

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

CONTACT US FOR A FULL ITINERARY

Lisa Bright
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**TOTAL ESTIMATED
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Frankly Speaking...

"Life flows through our relations with others."
- Pope Francis



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*If you want to find out more, or if you know
someone else who may be interested,
please contact us*

Or join us for an information evening
Monday 8th October at 7:30pm
for a conversation.



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