



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, 30 Sep 2018: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

LET NOTHING GET IN THE WAY

When my mother was terminally ill, she had regular home visits over many months from a district nurse with whom she developed a real friendship. Now my mother was a very private person. She was a woman of her times and, while being friendly with this young nurse, would not have asked any particularly personal questions. As the friendship developed, my mother would tell me how wonderfully caring her young nurse was. Quietly mum would confide in me, "I think she must be a Catholic, her name is Fatima". Eventually I did explain to mum that Fatima was the name of the sister of the prophet Mohammad and that the nurse was in fact a Muslim. Having established friendship, the fact that she was *not one of us* didn't matter and Fatima took pride of place at my mother's funeral.

I am sure that, if at the beginning of my mother's illness I had asked, would you prefer a Christian or Muslim nurse, mum would have chosen the former. We are by nature tribal creatures, preferring our own. Equally, we can be suspicious of those *who are not one of us*.

In the Gospel today, Mark presents us with John the apostle confronting Jesus over healings brought about by *those who are not one of us*. Jesus discourages such narrowness and invites us to be open to goodness and healing wherever and through whomever it happens. ***Let nothing stand in the way!***

Mark continues with some very graphic and violent images of drowning with millstones round the neck, hands and feet cut off and eyes torn out. Behind these confronting images is the simple truth that we should not let anything stand between us and our being disciples of Jesus. ***Let nothing get in the way!***

This Social Justice Sunday also draws our attention to the issue of housing. I have noted how often we see a for sale notice on a house quickly followed by a for lease notice. While many are locked out of the housing market investors abound. Furthermore, our attention is drawn to the homeless. Note that they are referred to as *homeless* and not *houseless*, for we all need ***a place to call home***. The document is available online.

- 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
Blacktown
Office Hours:
Sunday 8.30am - 11.30am

St Patrick's Church
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Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm

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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 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
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YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING: NM 11:25-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. V.9
The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

SECOND READING: JAS 5:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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M 1 Oct: Job 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

T 2 Oct: (Ex 23:20-23); Mt 18:1-5, 10

W 3 Oct: Job 9:1-13, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

Th 4 Oct: Job 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

F 5 Oct: Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

S 6 Oct: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

S 7 Oct: Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

Daily Readings



Frankly Speaking...

"Among us, who is above must be in service of the others."
- Pope Francis



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Anniversaries: Delia Valmeo, Victor Pais, Caterina Sapiano, Jan Vesey, Evelyn Rajayah

Special Intentions: Felino Granadino Toledo, Gilda Pinto,

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, James Ryan

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.

Happenings over the next few weeks...

- There will be building works around the grounds of St Patrick's and St Michael's Church. Please be alert when moving around these grounds.
- *The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 1st October due to the Public Holiday.*
- During the school holidays, there will **NOT** be an 8.30am Mass at St Michael's Church. There will be a 9am communion service at St Patrick's Church and 7.30pm Mass at St Michael's on Wednesday 3rd and 10th of October. The 8.30am Mass will re-commence on Wednesday 17th October.
- *Fr Peter will be on holidays from Monday 1st October until Friday 12th October 2018. We wish him a restful break.*
- Next Sunday, 7th October, begins Daylight savings. Remember to move your clocks forward one hour.



St Vincent de Paul Society PANTRY DONATIONS

Can you help by donating the following food items to the Vinnies Pantry this week?

Biscuits, Tinned fish(tuna, salmon),

Tinned meat (corned beef, ham), Pasta sauce

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

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

Call Jean for more information on 99203401 or 0425251754.



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

YOU ARE THE MISSION

Thank you!!!

Thank you for your prayers and generous contributions for this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal supporting global mission. The Parish of Mary, Queen of the Family collected **\$9590.55** towards this appeal. Your faithful gifts will help provide for so many people around the world. We invite you to consider

continuing being a part of mission and furthering life-giving work with us through a regular monthly gift, by volunteering or simply through prayer.

Freecall: 1800 257 296
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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

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?
 OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE?



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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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I am delighted to formally announce that John Laffan, former principal of St Michael's Primary at Blacktown South, is working with the parish in animating and facilitating the work of the Plenary Council. John has the deep respect of many and is a gift in spreading this work across our schools and broader community.

I passionately believe that this is a moment of grace for our Australian Church and asking what the Spirit is saying and how we can respond in the work of rebuilding our Church. Watch this space for details or visit www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/

Fr Peter



ONE MEAL
 IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Contact Terri Sebastian
 on 9622 1125 or
 0466 418 809 to
 volunteer your services.

THE BISHOPS' SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2018-19

A PLACE TO CALL HOME
 MAKING A HOME FOR EVERYONE IN OUR LAND

Celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 September 2018

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

MQOF YOUTH

HSC Night + Adoration

Friday 5th October 2018

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

ADORATION 6:30 PM

MASS 7 PM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS AT THE CARDINAL CLANCY ROOM

MQOF
Youth Night

2nd October 2018

MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHT!

7-9 PM

LOCATION: MPA (ST PATRICK'S CHURCH)



Thank you!



Thank you to EVERYONE who participated in the 2018 Ablaze Parish Pilgrimage and made it an amazing experience. The day was sunny, spirits were high and our community was ablaze with joy! All the Mass Intentions from the pilgrimage that were taken up have been sent to the Abbey at Jamberoo for the Sisters to continue praying for all your intentions.

We would like to begin planning for 2019 now while ideas are still fresh. If you would like to contribute to the Parish Pilgrimage 2019, please email lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au or call 9622 1125 so you can be contacted to form a working party to continue this annual tradition in our parish.

Thank you again.

Mary, Queen of the Family: Pray for us!

Jesus rewards those who do good things in his name.



I can help others in Jesus' name by...

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Jesus rewards my good deeds by...

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