



# 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, 14 Oct 2018: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

### We remember Mary - the Mother of Jesus.

It is hard to put into words all the reasons behind my deep admiration and love for Mary the mother of Jesus, but I shall persevere to do my best. There are many scripture references that shine a light on Mary's wonderful qualities. I have chosen just a few.

Mary, who was born during a period bound by rigid rules and observances, was holy and devoted to God. She was also brave and courageous. She possessed an admirable combination of qualities for one so young, living in those times. When the angel appeared and told her that she would be the mother of God, Mary knew not what the future held, but she said 'Yes' in complete surrender to God's will (Luke 1:26-38). When the shepherds visited the newborn Jesus, it says, 'Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart' (Luke 2:19). Mary also took time for moments of stillness and reflection.

Mary's love for family shines through when she makes haste to meet and stay a while with her cousin Elizabeth. She made sure she was present to share the joy in her cousin's life. The Magnificat or Mary's song of praise reflects her love for God, and raises our souls in worship. One can see that Mary has a good sense of self, along with gratitude when she exclaims, 'Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed' (Luke 1:48). She is able to accept the goodness that God has shown her and further proclaim it to all.

Mary's compassion and humility are hard to ignore. During the wedding at Cana she instructs the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you' (John 2:5). She not only accepted God's plan, but also continued to follow through with utmost devotion. She graciously directed people to her son.

As we continue going through the scriptures we read how Mary stood by her son as he was put to death on the cross. Both Mary and the disciples were in grave danger too. Things could have taken a turn, leading to serious consequences but nothing deterred her from staying by Jesus' side. Mary stood quietly and in solidarity with her son in his mission. Her inner strength was remarkable.

Finally, Mary had a great sense of discipleship and community. Even after the Ascension of Jesus she stayed with the disciples and continued to help and support them. At Pentecost, Mary was in the upper room with them (Acts 1:13-15). We do not give this much thought but as a woman, she was very much a part of the first church. She proves to be a woman of witness and action.

While humanity searches restlessly for direction and worldly role models, we need not look too far. Mary shows us the way to Jesus through her exemplary life. She did not have to be born in the 20th century to be a woman who stood up for what she believed in. Mary understood the balance between faith and courage centuries ago!

-Christina Rodricks

## CONTACT US

### PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Confeggi  
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Parish Assistant: Aaron Pinto  
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Parish Assistant: Cate Gabriel  
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**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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## 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)

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# YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B

## 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

### FIRST READING: WIS 7:7-11

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 89:12-17. R. V.14

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

### SECOND READING: HEB 4:12-13

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Mk 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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**M 15 Oct:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 - 5:1; Lk 11:29-32

**T 16 Oct:** Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

**W 17 Oct:** Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

**Th 18 Oct:** 2 Tim 4:10-17; Lk 10:1-9

**F 19 Oct:** Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

**S 20 Oct:** Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12

**S 21 Oct:** Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

Daily  
Readings



## Frankly Speaking...

"You can - you must - try to seek God in every human life."  
- Pope Francis



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



**Anniversaries:** Yves Ricard, Lo Bra Tran, Najia Elkhoury, Joey Elkhoury Mary Hickson, Julius DeSouza, Malcolm Lobo

**Recently Deceased:** Conchita Aguilera

**Special Intentions:** Lilia Grageda Toledo, Beato Toledo, Joseph Elkhoury, 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, Baby George Vella, James Ryan, Terri Vance

**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](mailto: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.**

## Inviting All Altar Servers and their Families

Come along to our BBQ & Fun Day for  
Altar Servers and their families.

Sunday 4th November

11.30am - 2pm at the MPA at

St Patrick's Primary School

Meet other Altar Servers and their families and have a great time!

### Calling Acolytes & Adult Servers:

We'd love your help to be part of the BBQ and hospitality  
Team for this day.

RSVP 9622 1125 :: [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)

## 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 **NEXT WEEKEND**

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)



## 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  
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## Jean & Betty's Tours

### 6-day far South Coach Tour

26-31 October 2018

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0425251754.



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



# WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF YOU?

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Fr. Peter Confeggi and the Parish Pastoral Council we invite your support and attendance at the

**Plenary Consultation : Sunday 21st October, 1-3pm**  
**MPA - St Patrick's Primary School**

As you are aware the Australian Bishops in response to the Royal commission and with a hope for a 'renewed Church,' are seeking our wisdom and advice in guiding our Church into the future.

This will be an opportunity for us to celebrate our community both its unity and diversity. We have been asked by our Church leaders to listen, discern and share our hopes for our Church's future.

We look forward to hearing your voice in responding to the question,

**WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?**

On this day we will meet in small groups, allowing for every voice to be heard and ensuring that all hopes and dreams are recorded and shared.

RSVP: Wednesday 17th October

Email: [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au) or ph: 9622 1125



**Plenary Council 2020**

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



**Need help registering for My Aged Care?**

FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Some things can get a little harder to manage later in life, but with the right services and support you or your loved ones can remain living independently for longer. Catholic Healthcare will be hosting two free information sessions to introduce you to their services and assist you in accessing Home Care Packages from the Australian Government through My Aged Care. Come and join Catholic Healthcare for morning tea on **Tuesday 23rd October at 10am or alternatively on Wednesday 24th October at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Church. Registrations are not required.**

For more information, call Catholic Healthcare on 1800 225 474



**ONE MEAL**  
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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.

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress

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**18th - 30th March 2019**

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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*

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## Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 28 October

All married couples are warmly invited to the 'Celebrating the Journey' Mass at 11am on Sunday 28 October 2018. Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate this Mass of blessing at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta and warmly invites you to join him for a photo and light lunch in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Significant Wedding Anniversaries will be acknowledged with a certificate for 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and any year over 50 years. To register your attendance and number of family members attending please contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on email [lmf@parracatholic.org](mailto:lmf@parracatholic.org) or phone 02 8838 3460.

**TOTAL ESTIMATED PACKAGE PRICE: \$4,350\***  
 per person (twin share)

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

## Liturgy Conference 2018: 10 November

The Diocese of Parramatta Liturgy Conference will be held on 10 November. 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](http://parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018). Cost \$30 - includes lunch.



## REMEMBERING LOVED ONES WHO HAVE PASSED ON THIS NOVEMBER

### CROSSES

During November it is a tradition to remember and pray for our deceased parishioners, family members and friends. If you wish, you can write the names of loved ones on a purple cardboard cross.

Blank crosses are available at Church entrances and need to be returned by Sunday 21st October. These will be displayed in our Churches during November.



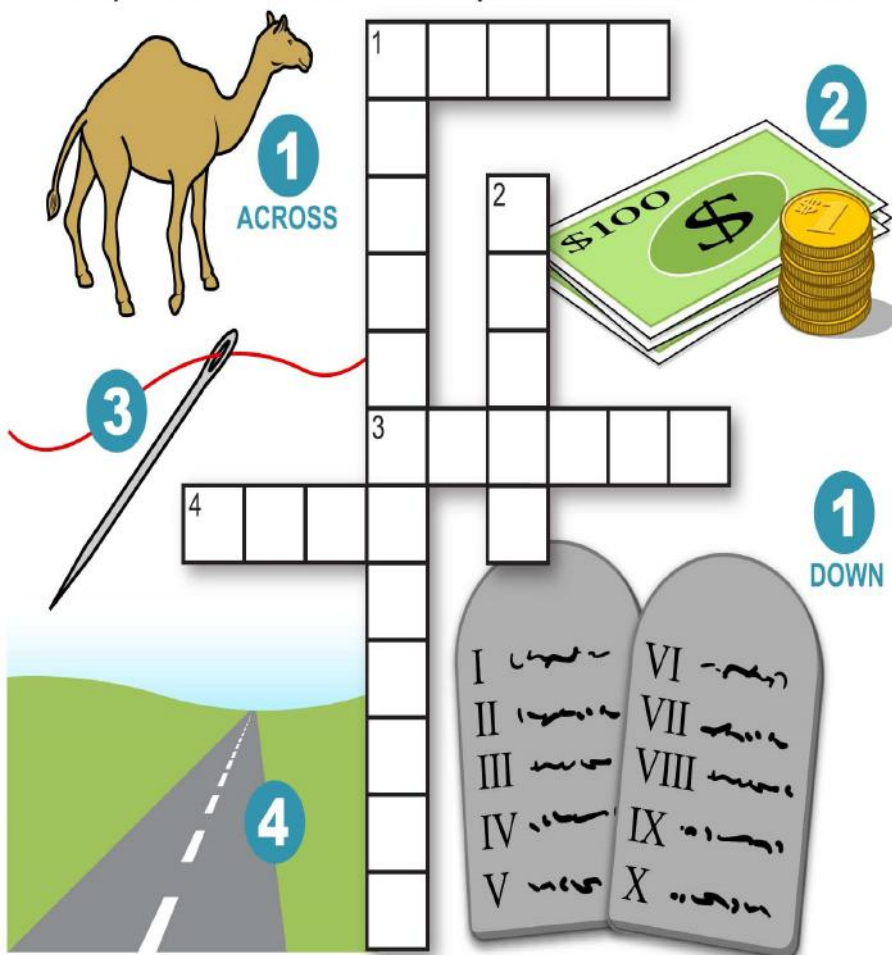
### MASS OFFERINGS

November Mass Offering envelopes are available at both St Michael's and St Patrick's. We ask you to return them promptly to enable us to display them in folders which will be taken up in the Procession of Gifts and placed on the altar each Mass.



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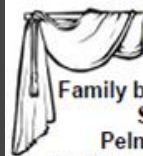
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