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, 11 Nov 2018: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

There is a beautiful prayer for peace often falsely attributed to St Francis. It does not appear in his thirteenth century body of writing. Believing it to be of St Francis, it is not hard to believe that he wrote it in some mystical moment on a lofty hilltop.

The prayer emerged from the trenches of the Western Front during the First World War. Composed in French, it was sent back to England on the back of a postcard bearing the image of St Francis. There is was popularised as the Peace Prayer of St Francis.

Context is everything! This weekend you might pray that prayer as though from the blood stained mud of the trenches of a war that was to end all wars:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

As we commemorate century old sacrifices, the Gospel calls us to give our best to God, in our **TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE.**

- 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
51-59 Allawah St,
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Office Hours:
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	8869 6200
St Patrick's Primary	8869 6000
Nagle College	8887 4501
Patrician Brothers College	9671 3000
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YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 87:3
Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING: 1 KGS 17:10-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 145:7-10. R.V.2
Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING: HEB 9:24-28

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 5:3
Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mk 12:38-44
In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 22:1-2
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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Daily Readings

M **12 Nov:** Titus 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6
T **13 Nov:** Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10
W **14 Nov:** Titus 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
Th **15 Nov:** Philemon 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
F **16 Nov:** 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
S **17 Nov:** 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8
S **18 Nov:** Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Frankly Speaking...

"God has a predilection for the humble and, encountering a humble heart, He opens His own fully."
- Pope Francis

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: James Edwin Tong, Cordelia Pereira, Leonora De Hoedt, Rodney Flewitt
Recently Deceased: Salim Sfeir
Special Intentions: Jacob, Josephine and Alex Cilia, Deceased members of Tanti Family, Ben Sultana, Jean Refalo, Luis-Julia Gutiza Ching

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, Andrew Magers, Sophie De Bono

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.

ONE MEAL
IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

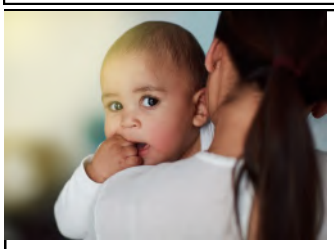
MQOF has joined with One Meal - It Makes a Difference to provide nutritious meals to people who are doing it tough in the Blacktown area.

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.

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.



The Catholic Foundation Appeal will take place next weekend, 17th/18th November 2018.
The Bishop's Christmas Appeal will support CatholicCare's Houses to Homes service which cares for pregnant girls or parenting young women, 16 to 25 years old who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Thanksgiving AND Farewell Mass

Celebrated by Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen
Bishop of Parramatta

You are invited to give thanks for the service of Fr Peter, Fr Luis and all those involved in ministry at Blacktown.

Fellowship after Mass in the Cardinal Clancy Room.

7 DECEMBER 2018

Mass: 7:30pm
St Patrick's Church
51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown NSW

For catering purposes, RSVP to 9622 1125 or admin@mqofblacktown.org.au.

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Break Open the Word

2019 Break Open the Word is now available. Cost is $10 per book. They are available from the Sacristy or from the Parish Office. They are a great resource for readers to help in preparing to proclaim the Sunday readings.

Central Deanery Youth Mass

Sunday, 25 Nov, 5:30pm
Mary Queen of the Family Parish
51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown

The youth of the Central Deanery of the Diocese of Parramatta invites everyone for a Youth Mass lead by Fr Paul Marshal at Blacktown. There will be fellowship with supper provided after the mass. All youth from the Central Deanery are encouraged to participate in various roles for mass (e.g. readers, musicians, singers, actors, servers, ushers, and welcomers). If you would like to participate in the mass or to express interest in attending, please contact Franchesca Tenedora on 0432 417 833 or ftenedora@gmail.com or scan the QR code below.

CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We pray for our young people and their families who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.
Tuesday @ St Michael's Church, 7.30pm
Thursday @ St Patrick's Church, 7.30pm

Sponsor a Christmas Lunch

Saturday 22nd December, hosted by MQOF Social Justice Group, for those doing it tough. Your donation of $20 per lunch will go towards making this Christmas that little bit more special for those in need.
If you would like to give of your time to help out at the lunch, please leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office.

All donations can be given to the Parish Office marked, "Christmas Lunch."

Jean & Betty's Tours

Tuesday November 13, 2018

8.00am Pickup Greystanes 8.30am Pick up from St Patrick's Church
$55 per person and includes coach travel,
morning tea,
entry to Trainworks museum and buffet lunch at
Picton Bowling Club.
Call Jean for more information on 99203401 or 0425251754

THE FAITHFEED STUDIO AUDIENCE

Aged 25-39? Join other young adults at MQOF and experience a night out where you can engage with or simply listen to live speakers sharing some of their stories of life, faith and action in the world. The final Faith Feed for this year is on Friday 23rd November.

Contact Franchesca Tenedora on 0432 417 883 or ftenedora@gmail.com so we can organise a parish group to attend. Registrations for the event is essential and can be made via www.tinyurl.com/studioaudience.

Jesus praised the widow for her generosity because she gave everything she had even though she was poor. What are some ways we can be generous like the poor widow?

POSITION AVAILABLE

3 hours every 2nd Sunday at the St Michael's Office.
Be the face of welcome to all who come to the office in line with parish mission statement.
Role includes:
preparing materials for weekend Masses.
taking inquiries from parishioners and provide them with relevant information or assistance.
Requires proficiency in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Publisher.

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE ON 9622 1125 OR EMAIL ADMIN@MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU BY 14 NOVEMBER 2018 TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST

WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF YOU?

Plenary Consultations: Your Voice Matters!
Tuesday 20th November 7pm - MPA
Wednesday 21st November 10am @ the Cardinal Clancy Room
This will be the Growing in Ministry workshops for this quarter.
Please RSVP to the Parish Office (96221125).

PlenaryCouncil2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

MQOF PATHWAYS

PATHWAYS: prepare

ADVENT

Contact the Parish office to express interest : 9622 1125 : admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

Take some time out of the busyness to prepare for the joy of Christmas.

MQOF EVENINGS

gather to share the Advent readings and small group discussion.
Monday nights 7pm
Cardinal Clancy Room,
St Patrick's Church
beginning 26th November

RSVP TO 9622 1125 OR ADMIN@MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU

MQOF MORNINGS

small groups meeting using provided resources.
Tuesdays, 9.30am
Cardinal Clancy Room
beginning 27th November

MQOF HOMES

a small group meeting in YOUR home using provided resources.
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1. 16 Days Highlights of New Zealand: 6 - 21 March. All inclusive tour of both North and South Islands. This is the 18th time we are running this magnificent tour! Guaranteed the best price on the market. Book your spot early. Call Charlie Felice on 9631 2689 or 0412 523 893.

2. 15 Days Splendours of Europe River Cruise: 5 - 20 May. A fabulous River Cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam. It is a very relaxing experience for all to enjoy! After the cruise you can either fly to Malta or Rome and back to Sydney. Call Monica Ledger on 9896 0712 or 0414 859 386.

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