



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, 2 Dec 2018: First Sunday of Advent - Year C

WAITING, PREPARING AND PARTICIPATING

Today we begin a new year for the Church, the year of Luke. Traditionally we begin with the four weeks of Advent, a time of waiting and preparing for Christmas.

Waiting in an age that values the instant and immediate is profoundly counter-cultural. Some of us are old enough to remember buying a lottery ticket and waiting some weeks for it to be drawn. That has all been replaced by the instant scratchy. Even the trip to the TAB to put a bet on, has been replaced by a bet from your mobile. More and more, if we want something, we want it immediately!

Preparing methodical over time is equally counter-cultural. Good things don't just happen. My own experience over the years of planning to provide for retirement has taught me this. Having a plan and chipping away little by little in my holiday time over the past five years has provided what could not have been there without careful preparation.

Participation in an age given to individualism, can be equally counter-cultural. Our commitment to *welcome, grow and act* necessitates social interaction. It used to be said that there were two things we need to attend to as we age – diet and exercise! Now days, the wisdom is diet, exercise and connectedness!

In some ways these weeks of Advent, with their call to **wait, prepare and participate** are a microcosm of where we are as Church. For several weeks we have been *participating* in reflection for the Plenary Council 2020. Some two thousand responses have been gathered across the parish. A complete list of these responses is being *prepared*, and will be fed into the national findings. Then we need to wait until after Easter 2019 for the national response before beginning further reflection and response towards 2020.

In a culture that values the instant and immediate, the journey of listening and sharing we are making towards plenary Council 2020, calls for an Advent spirit of **WAITING, PREPARING AND PARTICIPATING**.

- 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,
Blacktown
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
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 LUKE - YEAR C 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING: JER 33:14-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14.

R. v.1

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

SECOND READING: 1 THES 3:12 – 4:2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. 'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

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M 3 Dec: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

T 4 Dec: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

W 5 Dec: Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

Th 6 Dec: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

F 7 Dec: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

S 8 Dec: Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

S 9 Dec: Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Daily
Readings



Frankly Speaking...

"The season of Advent restores a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word."
- Pope Francis



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Patricia Byrne, S. Appathurai

Special Intentions: Fawzan Berbari Battikha, Tran Van Son, Nguyen Van Xuan



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, Margie Cannon

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.



Congratulations to all couples who are celebrating wedding anniversaries this month.

Ray & Rita Francica - 41 years

May the love of God continue to bless all marriages.

Please contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125 or email admin@mqofblacktown.org.au if you would like to share your wedding anniversary with the community.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday
3rd December for a team reflection day.
Thank you for your understanding.

Expressions of Thanks

MQOF Parish Pastoral Council invite parishioners to make a donation to thank Fr Peter and Fr Luis for their pastoral service over the past years. Collectors will have buckets at Church entrances after Weekend Masses this weekend. A presentation will be made at the Mass of Thanksgiving on 7th December.

Community of Schools

Teachers from our Catholic Schools will gather for Mass at St Patrick's Church on Thursday 20th December at 9am. Everyone is welcome to join them as we celebrate the 2018 school year.



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

**THIS CHRISTMAS,
YOUR DONATION CAN
MAKE WISHES COME TRUE.
CHRISTMAS APPEAL
8th/9th December**



Break Open the Word

2019 Break Open the Word is now available. Please comment or leave a message at the Parish Office to order your copy. Cost is \$10 per book.

Break Open the Word is a great resource for Readers to prepare to Proclaim the Word each week. It explains the readings as well as assists with pronunciation. It is also a great resource for Music Groups in the preparation of their songs for Mass to link in with readings.

**Jean & Betty's Tours
Tuesday December 11, 2018**

For those who planned to go on the bus trip to Berowra that are no longer able to make it, please contact Jean as soon as possible to cancel as there is a large waiting list for the trip. Please call Jean on 99203401 or 0425251754

A GOD OF SURPRISES!

In recent weeks, Fr Luis' bishop has been visiting from Columbia. Bishop Vincent thanked him for sending us Luis and told his bishop how much he has been loved by the Spanish speaking community and the people of Blacktown. He asked Bishop Orlando if he might have another priest to send to the diocese and it seemed that he did. Enter the God of surprises! That other priest turned out to not be available and Luis generously offered to spend another two years pending renewal of visas.

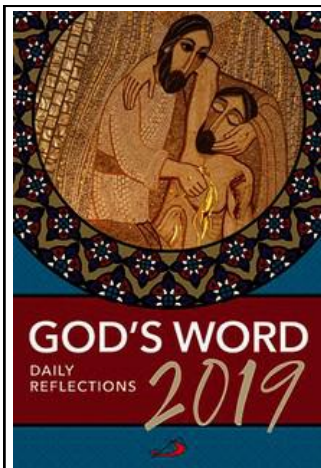
So next weekend is a farewell from Blacktown for Luis. He has been appointed to Winston Hills from the beginning of the new year. Another rich pastoral experience for Luis.

Fr. Peter

**ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO
WELCOME, GROW AND ACT?**

Registrations for Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for beginning February 2019 are open now!

Workshops available for Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Acolytes & Adult Servers and Communion to the Sick and Dying. Contact the parish office for a registration form at admin@mqofblacktown.org.au.



God's Word 2019
Daily Reflections
Available now from the Piety Stall \$15.
Reflections on the Gospel for each day with a space to write your own thoughts.

Piety Stall

Christmas Cards and 2019 Calendars are on sale at the Piety Stall from this weekend. At St Michael's there will be a table with these items for sale at the morning Masses.

Take up the Christmas Wrapping Challenge and instead of using wrapping paper this Christmas, wrap your gifts in the MQOF Bag!
\$1.25 each or 6 for \$5.



Supporting Our Community

If you would like to make one of the following requests, please complete the slip below and **return via the collection plate** or to the **parish office**.

HOME VISIT

Do you know someone who would like a visit from our Pastoral Outreach Team?

Name: Ph:

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND

Do you know someone who would like Holy Communion?

Name: Ph:

PLANNED GIVING

Would you like to support our parish by contributing through our Planned Giving Envelopes?

Name: Ph:

INTERESTED IN MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH

Would you like to become involved in an area of ministry/service at Mass or in the parish?

Name: Ph:

Return your completed slip **via the collection plate at Mass** or to the **parish office**. Someone from the team will be in contact with you soon.



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.
ANYTIME! Wherever it
suits you.

BAPTISMS

The Baptism of a child is such a wonderful sacrament! To help in your planning should you wish to have a child baptised this year, please visit our website for general enquires and frequently asked questions at www.mqofblacktown.org.au and click on the tab Sacraments/ Baptism.

BAPTISMS - DECEMBER 2018

*We welcome these young people
into our parish family as they
are baptised this month at Mary,
Queen of the Family Parish.*

Sarah Lemura
Mikhail Valleh De Gusman
Petrola
Kayne Green
Tobias John Mifsud
Jonathan Sehgal
Brandon Noah Banas
Thomas Kristoff Rodriguez
Alfonso Pioquinto Jr



*May God Bless you and keep you
always. May you always know
the love of God in your lives as
you grow in faith
and love.*

Los Angeles
Religious Education
CONGRESS

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

Last chance to join the
2019 group.
Contact Lisa at the
parish office on 9622
1125 to secure your spot
today. Be part of this
amazing fun and
faith-filled pilgrimage.

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

OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM
SUPPLEMENT ADDITIONAL **\$1,795**

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

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.



MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY
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MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY
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**Are you new to our parish?
WELCOME!**

We would love to get to know you!

Help us extend a personal welcome to you ...

- ➔ Drop into the parish office and meet our Parish Team
- ➔ Fill out the welcome form and place it in the letterbox
- ➔ Send us an email to admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

*It's great to have you here as part of our Parish Community.
We'll see you soon!!*



MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY
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Welcome Information Form

complete this form and place it in the parish letterbox

NAME

ADDRESS.....

EMAIL.....

PHONE #

THANK YOU!

Someone from the Parish team will be in touch soon.



**MQOF
YOUTH**

HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE

22nd, 23rd, 24th JANUARY 2019

9am - 3pm

For children aged 5-12 years old

**LISTEN TO THE
Spirit**

22, 23, 24 January 2019



What is a Faith'n'Family Holiday Experience?

Who said our Faith can't be fun? The Faith'n'Family holiday experience is a 3 day program, from 9am - 3pm on the 22nd, 23rd & 24th January 2019. Over these 3 days we will meet new people, have some fun and grow deeper in our friendship with Jesus. Please note that the 3 days is one complete program.

Who can attend?

The holiday experience is for children aged 5-12 years old.

How can I register?

The cost for the 3 day experience is \$30. Morning tea and lunch are included each day.

You will need to register for the program. You can do so by completing the Expression of Interest Form below and sending it to sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au or dropping it into the parish office. (Please note the office is closed from the 24th December - 7th January)

I am interested in volunteering.

If you would like to volunteer for the holiday experience, you will need to have a Working With Children Check. Call Lisa at the office if you are interested in helping out in any of the following areas - hospitality team, welcome team or program team.

What if I have more questions?

Please send your questions to sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au or call the parish office on 9622 1125.

I would like to register my child for the Faith'n'Family Holiday Experience.

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Contact Email: _____

Parent's Contact Phone: _____

Please return to sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au or at the parish office.



MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH, BLACKTOWN

COME AND CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH YOUR PARISH FAMILY



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: 58 Orwell St.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH: 51-59 Allawah St.

**2nd RITE OF
RECONCILIATION**
Tuesday 18th December
7.30pm (St Michael's Church)

CHRISTMAS EVE
Monday 24th December

5.30pm - Children's Mass
(St Patrick's Church)

6.00pm - Children's Mass
(St Michael's Church)

8.30pm - Youth Mass
(St Patrick's Church)

CHRISTMAS DAY
Tuesday 25th December

12.00am - Midnight Mass
(St Patrick's Church)

7.00am (St Patrick's Church)

8.30am (St Michael's Church)

10.00am (St Patrick's Church)

NO EVENING MASSES
ON CHRISTMAS DAY

MQOF ADVENT CALENDAR 2018

Put this up in a place where you can see and try and prepare our hearts for Christmas in these generous ways.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Tell someone that they are your friend.	3 Thank your teacher for one thing you learned in their class today.	4 Do something nice for one of your friends.	5 Give three real and meaningful compliments today.	6 Let someone go ahead of you in line at school today.	7 Read a favourite book with a parent or sibling.	8 Donate some clothes that you don't wear anymore to charity.
9 Write a Thank you note to your parents about one thing they've done for you this week.	10 Donate some food to the Vinnies Christmas hampers.	11 Write an email or call your grandparents or aunts or uncles.	12 Share one of your favourite recess or lunch snacks.	13 Encourage a friend by telling them 'you can do it!'	14 Help to pick up rubbish that is not yours in the playground.	15 Say 'I love you' to those who mean the most to you.
16 Give three people a hug.	17 Make eye contact and smile at everybody you meet today.	18 Pray for somebody who is sad or going through a tough time.	19 Give your pocket money to a charity that supports families in need.	20 Tell someone about the Christmas story.	21 Give someone in your family the gift of your time. Ask them what they would like to do together.	22 Say "Thank you" to your teacher for a great year.
23 Say something hopeful to someone you love.	24 Help someone in your family with a chore they don't like to do.	25 Bring your family to Mass at MQOF! (and help clean up all the wrapping paper)	 <p>We wish you and all your family health and happiness, joy and rest, and above all, we wish you peace. May you have a blessed Christmas Season! From Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown.</p>			

Children's Christmas Masses

Each year the children of Mary Queen of the Family retell the story of the first Christmas. Your children are invited to take part in these Children's Masses.

St Michael's Church

Our practises are Saturday 8th, 15th & 22rd December at 3pm in the Church. Each practise will run for approximately one hour. We will be looking for a Joseph; wise men (or women); Herod; Drummer Boy; some soldiers; shepherds, angels and a baby Jesus. Costumes are provided for each child. All children are welcomed. You will meet with Silvana.

If you cannot come to one of the practises that is fine just let us know. **Children's Christmas Mass** on the **24th December** will be at **6pm** and children need to be in the parish centre by **5 40pm**.

Seats in the church on the night will be reserved for your family.

St Patrick's Church

Children's Christmas Mass on the 24th December will be at 5.30pm. Rehearsal dates to be determined. Contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125 if your child would like to be part of the Christmas play.

Any questions, please call the office on 9622 1125.



SPOTLIGHT ON REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM

MQoF Social Justice Group held a Table Talk event in September. Approximately 60 people attended, and the feedback was very positive. Parishioners appreciated the opportunity to become more informed, hear real life experiences, discuss the issues raised, and have questions answered by experts in the field.

Many expressed a wish to take further action, so in the coming months we will be offering ideas on ways to make your voice heard. **WE CAN DO BETTER.**

Inform yourself of the facts:

www.kidsoffnauru.com

www.erc.org.au>let them stay

Bring your concerns to the attention of our MPs

Chifley - Hon. Ed Husic MP

ed.husic.MP@aph.gov.au

Greenway - Ms Michelle Rowland

michelle.rowland.MP@aph.gov.au

McMahon - Hon. Chris Bowen

chris.bowen.MP@aph.gov.au

Practical support – contact House of Welcome
office@houseofwelcome.com.au 9727 9290

Jesuit Refugee Services info@jrs.org.au 9098 9336



WILL YOU BE PART OF THE MQOF WELCOME TEAM?

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish would love to welcome all people to each and every Mass. There are a few areas, in particular, we would like to focus on.

- Would you like to greet people with a “Hello” and a smile? And again, when they leave? Be a Greeter.
- Are you able to guide people? Be an Usher.
- Are you able to guide traffic before and after Masses? Be a carpark attendant.
- Join the hospitality team if you like to engage with others in conversation.
- How about being part of our growing community? Our community building group looks at activities to grow and celebrate together.

Contact Conrad Gabriel via the parish office to be part of the welcome team.

WELCOME - GROW - ACT

MQOF CAFE



Join us for a cuppa...Stay for a chat

*Every Thursday, 9.30am in the
Cardinal Clancy Room at St Patrick's Church*



MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY
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Giving this Christmas

As we focus on Christmas, our minds can easily focus only what our own personal needs are. At Mary Queen of the Family Parish, we seek to *respond to the needs of the family in the Blacktown community and beyond*. There are many ways we can do this at Christmas.



Vinnies Giving Tree

From mid-November, the Giving Tree will be displayed in both our Churches.

You are invited to take the tags from the tree and purchase the gifts with reference to the information on the card. They can be returned to the tree at Masses in the following weeks.



Sponsor a Christmas Lunch

On Saturday 22nd December, MQOF Social Justice Group will be hosting a lunch for those doing it tough. The Social Justice Group is liaising with community groups to invite people to this lunch. You are invited to 'sponsor a lunch' for this day. Your donation of \$20 per lunch will go towards making this Christmas that little bit more special for those in need. All donations can be given to the Parish Office marked, "Christmas Lunch."



Giving Your Time

On Saturday, 22nd December the Social Justice Group invites parishioners to volunteer their time to help set-up, welcome, serve and clean up for the Christmas Lunch. You will be given more information regarding times and venue in coming weeks.

If you can offer an hour or a few hours on this day, please call leave your details at the Parish Office on 9622 1125 to offer your availability.



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

Liturgy of the Word with Communion at Mary Queen of the Family Parish

The high point of our spiritual life is (and always will be) the Eucharist as part of the mass. But mass is not available in every Catholic church on every day for a number of reasons, including the occasional unavailability of priests. There is a great alternative on these days. It's a Liturgy and Communion Service and we will have these services more and more as more priests retire.

It's not bad news, it's just an inevitable (and predicted) shift to more leadership by lay people. In some ways it's a shift back to the small gatherings that WAS the early church (prior to the institutionalising of the church under the Roman Empire). When the weekday mass that we attended on Thursdays at St Michaels church building was replaced by a Liturgy and Communion Service, we were understandably disappointed. We attended the new Liturgy and Communion Service and were pleasantly surprised. The service is conducted reverently and is very nourishing to the mind and the soul.

A great by-product is the community spirit among the attendees most of whom come to our church every week to share with each other and our Lord. We will always opt for a mass over a Liturgy and Communion Service if the mass option is available.

However, fewer masses is an inevitable trend especially mid week. So there will be more Liturgy and Communion Services and we suggest to fellow parishioners – give it a try. It may (or may not) be for you but we all need to experience a Liturgy and Communion Service at a least few times as they ARE in our future, whether we like it or not.

In the Acts of the Apostles 2:42 we read: *"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers."*

As members of our Church, we continue this practice of the earliest believers, sharing in prayer and the breaking of bread. You may even love these small weekly liturgies as we do.

Pam & Ian Faulkner

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Date and Sunday of the Month	Mass Times	Music Ministry	Ministers of the Word			Acolyte/Adult Servers		
			Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader			
9th December 2nd Sunday of the Month Second Sunday of Advent	Vigil 5.30PM	Lord's Choir	Josephine Miruzzi	Peter Curmi	Joyce Aitkins	Paul Garland	Zaldy Pamintuan	
	7.00AM	DVP: Christine	Patricia Regan	Pauline Chappius	Rita McCormick	Bill Callaghan	Anne Wait	Karma Chabchoul
	8.00 AM	DVP: Michael Zerafa	Ian Ward	Ron Burgess	Colin Maxwell	Ike Lutaos	Max Rosario	
	9.30 AM	Murphy Choir	Eva Cheetley	Conrad Gabriel	Pam Faulkner	Ian Faulkner	Annie Pinto	
	10.00AM	St Cecilia's Choir	Imelda Valve	Rosal Andres	Mercy Aquino	Francine Bru	Maurice Bru	
	5.30PM	Youth Band	Francesca Tenedora	Maria Rafael	Crystal Degollacion	John Solivet	Natalia Gabriel	
	6.00 PM	C 4 Christ	Violetta Bada	Ruth Marie Lee	Gloria Rivas	Frank Mangion	Alex Mendoza	
16th December 3rd Sunday of the Month Third Sunday of Advent	Vigil 5.30PM	Shepherd's Choir	Cita Correa	Ray Holmes	Cecile Ducut	Zaldy Pamintuan	Paul Garland	
	7.00AM	DVP: Christine	Karma Chabchoul	Nancy Dias	John Tanti	Bill Callaghan	Anne Wait	Gerry Meura
	8.00 AM	DVP: Blake Bano	Michael Zerafa	Dianne Zerafa	Alexis Rossi	Max Rosario	Colin Morris	
	9.30 AM	Il Celebrate	Kristy Scott	Najat Barrack	Janelle Barrack	Paul Scott		
	10.00AM	Divine Mercy	Ruth Miranda	Rhonda McKechnie	Perla Biledo	Maurice Bru	Francine Bru	Peter Baker
	5.30PM	Youth Band	Emmy Milan	John Kurmann	Louisa Xavier	Frank Mangion	John Solivet	
	6.00 PM	Keti Family Choir	Francesca Tenedora	Pam Faulkner	Julian Braganza	Ian Faulkner	Phi Nguyen	
23rd December 4th Sunday of the Month Fourth Sunday of Advent	Vigil 5.30PM	Divine Mercy	Vanessa Lozada	Rita McCormick	Susan Perry	Paul Garland		
	7.00AM	DVP: Tony	Kathie Collins	Edelina Lucido	Jane Abela	Anne Wait	Karma Chabchoul	
	8.00 AM	DVP: John Calingao	Therese Bear	Ian Ward	Rhonda McKechnie	Max Rosario	Annie Pinto	
	9.30 AM	Murphy Choir	Eva Cheetley	Maree Mahony	Ricardo Forteleza	Eddie Peters	Natalia Gabriel	
	10.00AM	Il Celebrate	Evelyn Balagtas	Irene Vasey	Patrick Dako	Maurice Bru	Francine Bru	
	5.30PM	Youth Band	Najat Barrack	Julian Braganza	Janelle Barrack	Frank Mangion	John Solivet	Steve Degollacion
	6.00 PM	Christi Fideles Servant Community Choir	Len Cruz	Ruth Marie Lee	Donna Uvero	Beato Pudadera	Zaldy Pamintuan	
30th December 5th Sunday of the Month The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	Vigil 5.30PM	Shepherd's Choir	Cita Correa	Josephine Miruzzi	Ray Holmes	Zaldy Pamintuan	Paul Garland	
	7.00AM	DVP: Adam	Christine Nalzano	Sr Maria Marin	Pauline Chappius	Anne Wait	Gerry Meura	
	8.00 AM	DVP: John Calingao	Terri Sebastian	Colin Maxwell	Ron Burgess	Max Rosario	Eddie Peters	
	9.30 AM	Il Celebrate	Eva Cheetley	Ricardo Forteleza	Ian Ward	Natalia Gabriel	Annie Pinto	
	10.00AM	Unceasing Praise	Ashithra Aloysius	Deavelyn Besterwitch	Antoinette Mangion	Maurice Bru	Francine Bru	Peter Baker
	5.30PM	Youth Band	Emmy Milan	Julian Braganza	John Kurmann	Frank Mangion	John Solivet	
	6.00 PM	Christi Fideles Servant Community Choir	Evelyn Pelaez	Violetta Bada	Ruth Marie Lee	Ian Faulkner	Phi Nguyen	
6th January 1st Sunday of the Month The Epiphany of the Lord	Vigil 5.30PM	Shepherd's Choir	Paul Ryan	Giselle Saba	Marilou Van Asten	Paul Garland	Zaldy Pamintuan	
	7.00AM	DVP: Tony	Josephine Miruzzi	Christina King	Sr Maria Marin		Anne Wait	Gerry Meura
	8.00 AM	DVP: Elizabeth	Terri Sebastian	Ron Burgess	Alexis Rossi	Max Rosario	Colin Morris	
	9.30 AM	Il Celebrate	Kristy Scott	Judy Bartley	Susie Murphy	Paul Scott	Ike Lutaos	
	10.00AM	Unceasing Praise	Ashithra Aloysius	Antoinette Mangion	Deavelyn Besterwitch	Maurice Bru	Francine Bru	
	5.30PM	Youth Band	Janelle Barrack	Emmy Milan	Najat Barrack	Frank Mangion	John Solivet	
	6.00 PM	Fran & Co	Evelyn Pelaez	Pam Faulkner	Violetta Bada	Steve Degollacion	Ian Faulkner	

If you are unable to fulfil your place on the roster please contact another minister to organise a substitute. The list of ministers is available via the link on the ministry newsletter. You are encouraged to share your details with other ministers whom you minister with to contact each other to arrange replacements. Thank you.

There will be a separate roster for Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. It will be distributed mid-December. Please complete availability forms which were sent via email or available in the sacristy.

During Advent we can prepare for the arrival of Jesus by helping others. Write down some of the ways you can help family, friends and people in need during Advent.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Date and Sunday of the Month	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion										Alter Servers (Senior & Junior)			
	Mass Times													
9th December 2nd Sunday of the Month Second Sunday of Advent	Vigil 5.30PM	Theresa Azzopardi	Dorothy Angyalfi	Vicky Sultana	Michael Hall	Rose Spiteri	Peter Munro				Liam Cruz	Ashleigh Tabusares	Matthew Saba	Adam Cruz
	7.00AM	Angela John	Andree Fraser	Pacita Villaver	Dorothy Angyalfi	Gerry Meura	Edelina Lucido							
	8.00 AM	Colin Maxwell	Carmen Borg								Alexis Rossi	Jav Calingao	Jenille Calingao	
	9.30 AM	Tony Fernando	Renita Aloysius	Ricardo Forteleza							Natasha Luiz	Prem Mondeddu	Paavan Mondeddu	
	10.00AM	Marie Verrier	Patrick Dako	Ruth Miranda	Maria Jimenez	Rosal Andres	Tony Cuciardi	Lynn Domingo			Louise Sergio	Josep Sergio	Esther Peter	Josephine Juwa
	5.30PM	Gemma Borg	Louisa Xavier	Crystal Degollacion	Veronica Xavier	Steve Degollacion					Jessica Jesudasan	Jennifer Jesudasan	Maddison Cash	Rovick Guerrero
	6.00 PM	Harlane Peterson									Adam D'Sa	Khang Nguyen		Ly Nguyen
16th December 3rd Sunday of the Month Third Sunday of Advent	Vigil 5.30PM	Theresa Azzopardi	Dorothy Angyalfi	Vicky Sultana	Michael Hall	Rose Spiteri	Peter Munro	Giselle Saba			Ashleigh Tabusares	Matthew Saba	Lucy Perry	Thomas Perry
	7.00AM		Andree Fraser	Pacita Villaver	Dorothy Angyalfi	Patricia Regan	Edelina Lucido							
	8.00 AM	Therese Bear	Colin Maxwell	Phyllis Portelli								Jav Calingao	Jenille Calingao	
	9.30 AM	Mary Mondeddu	Geny Cleary								Mitchell Eckersley	Prem Mondeddu	Paavan Mondeddu	Joshua Sammut
	10.00AM	Evelyn Balagtas	Aleli Canonizado	Maria Jimenez	Tony Cuciardi	Lynn Domingo	Guy Vella	Michael Hiriwo			Jonathan Miranda	Gabriella Miranda	Joanna Fernando	Stephanie Nwosu
	5.30PM	Veronica Xavier	Louisa Xavier	Angela John							James Solivet			
	6.00 PM	Harlane Peterson	Nelda Gopez	Violetta Bada							Princess Torralba	Adam Torralba	Angelize Estil	
23rd December 4th Sunday of the Month Fourth Sunday of Advent	Vigil 5.30PM	Theresa Azzopardi	Dorothy Angyalfi	Vicky Sultana	Michael Hall	Rose Spiteri	Peter Munro	Paul Ryan			Liam Cruz	Ashleigh Tabusares	Matthew Saba	Adam Cruz
	7.00AM	Angela John	Andree Fraser	Pacita Villaver	Dorothy Angyalfi		Edelina Lucido	Karma Chabchoul						
	8.00 AM	Auren Mutttoo	Phyllis Portelli	Vicky Sammut							Alexis Rossi			
	9.30 AM	Renita Aloysius									Samantha Cheelley	Natasha Luiz	Geoffrey Fancisco	Joshua Pinto
	10.00AM	Mercy Aquino	Lynn Domingo	Guy Vella	Michael Hiriwo	Patrick Dako	Aleli Canonizado	Asithra Aloysius			Rames Abu Ganaba	Ranye Abu Ganaba	Antoni Ashilo	Rafy Abu Ganaba
	5.30PM	Louisa Xavier	Veronica Xavier								Cryste Degollacion	Oscar Degollacion	Maddison Cash	Patrick Supan
	6.00 PM	Harlane Peterson	Phi Nguyen	Donna Uvero							Adam D'Sa		Angelize Estil	
30th December 5th Sunday of the Month The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	Vigil 5.30PM	Theresa Azzopardi	Dorothy Angyalfi	Vicky Sultana	Michael Hall	Rose Spiteri	Peter Munro				Ashleigh Tabusares	Matthew Saba	Lucy Perry	Thomas Perry
	7.00AM	Angela John	Andree Fraser	Pacita Villaver	Dorothy Angyalfi	Gerry Meura	Edelina Lucido							
	8.00 AM	Colin Maxwell	Carmen Borg								Alexis Rossi	Jav Calingao	Jenille Calingao	
	9.30 AM	Tony Fernando	Renita Aloysius	Ricardo Forteleza							Mitchell Eckersley	Prem Mondeddu	Paavan Mondeddu	Joshua Sammut
	10.00AM	Marie Verrier	Patrick Dako	Ruth Miranda	Maria Jimenez	Rosal Andres	Tony Cuciardi	Lynn Domingo			Stephanie Nwosu	Emmanuel Nwosu		
	5.30PM		Louisa Xavier	Crystal Degollacion	Veronica Xavier	Steve Degollacion					James Solivet			
	6.00 PM	Harlane Peterson	Gloria Rivas								Princess Torralba	Adam Torralba	Angelize Estil	
6th January 1st Sunday of the Month The Epiphany of the Lord	Vigil 5.30PM	Theresa Azzopardi	Dorothy Angyalfi	Vicky Sultana	Michael Hall	Rose Spiteri	Peter Munro	Paul Ryan			Ashleigh Tabusares	Matthew Saba	Lucy Perry	Thomas Perry
	7.00AM	Angela John	Andree Fraser	Pacita Villaver	Dorothy Angyalfi		Edelina Lucido	Karma Chabchoul						
	8.00 AM	Colin Maxwell	Carmen Borg	Auren Mutttoo							Mario Martin	Jav Calingao	Jenille Calingao	Aleisha Martin
	9.30 AM	Geny Cleary	Silvana Murphy	Mary Mondeddu							Samantha Cheelley	Mitchell Eckersley	Joshua Sammt	Geoffrey Fancisco
	10.00AM	Marie Verrier	Patrick Dako	Ruth Miranda	Maria Jimenez	Rosal Andres	Evelyn Balagtas	Lynn Domingo			Kirk Acido	Jonah Sua	Shane Almeida	Sanclo Almeida
	5.30PM	Gemma Borg	Louisa Xavier								James Solivet	Maddison Cash		
	6.00 PM	Harlane Peterson	Crystal Degollacion	Violetta Bada							Princess Torralba	Adam Torralba	Khang Nguyen	Ly Nguyen

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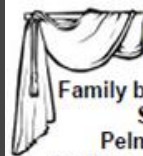
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