



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, 25 Nov 2018: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe- Year B

MINE IS NOT A KINGDOM OF THIS WORLD



King Louis the 9th, born in 1214, was crowned king of France in Reims Cathedral in 1226 and reigned until 1270. A man of exceptional piety, to the point of scrupulosity, it is said he went to confession daily but would only receive the Eucharist once a year, and that only because the Fourth Lateran Council insisted. He built a chapel - all that is left of his palace today - to house what he believed to be the crown of thorns, a relic he bought from the Byzantines. On completion he invited the increasingly powerful monarchs of Europe to come, remove their crowns and venerate the crown of the Great King. The feast of Christ the King slowly began to be celebrated!

In a world that venerates celebrity, and increasingly throws up ego-driven autocrats and even dictators as leaders, the lesson of St Louis of France has a contemporary bite, reminding us that all power is God-given, transitory and given them for service.

If there is one theme that Pope Francis constantly returns to, it is the curse of clericalism, which is essentially an abuse of power. Born of a feudal world, this phenomenon provides the foundation for

a multi-tiered, class-conscious society of those who make the decisions and those who don't, those who have given up earthly rewards in favour of honorific titles, liturgical attire and, above all, power. Francis is striving to shift the culture of our church, taking us back to an earlier age, when the equality of believers was at centre stage and a feudal structure of society had not yet become the norm for both state and church.

As we prepare to celebrate our end of year thanksgiving for ministry, it is important that we continue to slay the positive pronoun: MY ministry, etc. Clericalism is not limited to ordained clergy! The introduction of concelebration among priests was to remind them that they celebrate WITH. In the same way, all ministry is shared with others, calling us to continue to grow our ministries collaboratively.

13th century King Louis, arguably the most powerful monarch in a world of increasingly powerful monarchs, knew that his power was not absolute. He knew the one who said: MINE IS NOT A KINGDOM OF THIS WORLD.

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
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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 8869 6200
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YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B CHRIST THE KING

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Jer 29:11,12,14

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING: DN 7:13-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 92:1-2. 5. R.V.1

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

SECOND READING: RV 1:5-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jn 18:33-37

‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ Pilate asked. Jesus replied, ‘Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?’ Pilate answered, ‘Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?’ Jesus replied, ‘Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.’ ‘So you are a king then?’ said Pilate. ‘It is you who say it’ answered Jesus. ‘Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 72:28

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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M 26 Nov: Apoc 14:1-5; Lk 21:1-4
T 27 Nov: Apoc 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
W 28 Nov: Apoc 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
Th 29 Nov: Apoc 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9; Lk 21:20-28
F 30 Nov: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
S 1 Dec: Apoc 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
S 2 Dec: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12 - 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Daily
Readings



Frankly Speaking...

“The Kingdom of Christ is a kingdom of justice, love and peace. To reign as he does means to serve God and the brethren—a service that flows from love.”
- Pope Francis



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: James Edwin Tong, Cordelia Pereira, Leonora De Hoedt, Rodney Flewitt, Louis Formosa, Anthony Galea, Johnes Aycardo, Luis-Julia Gutiza Ching

Recently Deceased: Salim Sfeir

Special Intentions: Jacob, Josephine and Alex Cilia, Deceased members of Tanti Family, Ben Sultana, Jean Refalo, Nedime Rende, Rex Scott, William Peppin, Reggie Martin



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.

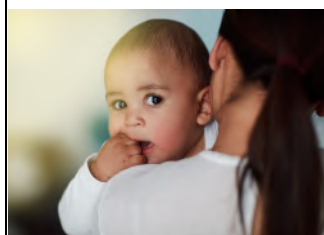
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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.



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.



Thank you for your generous donations for the Catholic Foundation appeal last weekend. We

collected \$5791.10 to support CatholicCare's Houses to Homes service care for vulnerable women who are pregnant and young mothers fleeing domestic violence, and dealing with homelessness and poverty.



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

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
PARISH, BLACKTOWN



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."

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.



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

Let's Keep the Conversation Alive

Last weekend 955 people at Eucharist took the opportunity to make written responses to the plenary council conversation, many writing at length. Busy fingers are typing that material up. We had a valuable session with teachers at Patrician Brothers, and 65 teachers submitted lengthy comment. Senior girls at Nagle created a podcast which will soon be available. Opportunities for parent contributions in our schools are now being provided. As the information flows in we will keep you posted.

You can go online to learn more at <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

Ordination to the Priesthood

Diocese of Parramatta deacons Jessie Balorio, Jack Green, Chris del Rosario and Galbert Albino will be ordained to the priesthood by Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Friday 30th November. All are welcome, however, due to the anticipated size of the celebration, an outside broadcast with seating will be provided in the Cathedral cloister for those wishing to attend. Parking options may be available in the carpark next to Western Sydney (Parramatta) Stadium, O'Connell Street and streets surrounding the Cathedral.

Appointment of a Priest for Blacktown Parish

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Rev Jack Green under the provisions of Canon 517§1 as a priest to the Parish of Mary, Queen of the Family, Blacktown beginning 1 January 2019.
Fr Peter.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

The Vinnies Annual Christmas Appeal for 2019 will take place on the weekend of the 8th/9th December. Giving Trees have also been set up at St Michael's and St Patrick's churches and furnished with tags.
Thank you as always for your generosity.

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 10 years. Collectors will have buckets at Church entrances after Sunday Mass over the next two weeks. A presentation will be made at the Mass of Thanksgiving on 7th December.

Pontius Pilate was the Roman Governor of Judea at the time of Jesus' ministry. There are 10 things wrong with this picture. Can you find them all?



THE VINNIES GIVING TREE

Help us spread the joy this Christmas.

You are invited to take the tags from the tree and purchase gifts using the information on the tag.



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

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a small group meeting in YOUR home using provided resources.
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0412 523 893.

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