



# 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, 20 Jan 2019: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

## MARY TEACHES US

There are a couple of passages in the Gospels where Jesus seems to rebuke his mother, and the Gospel for this Sunday is one example. Unfortunately, many take these passages as an excuse to downplay Marian devotion and to criticise Catholics for praying to her. Yet, when we begin to delve into such passages and their meaning in the context of the rest of Scripture, then we will discover that Jesus is not so unkind to his mother as we might think, nor are we so wrong to offer her love and devotion.

For example, in the Gospel this Sunday Jesus refers to Mary as 'Woman'. We might see this as a rather offensive way to address a woman, particularly if we know her name. Yet, when read in light of *Genesis*, Jesus' address to Mary can be seen as anything but rude.

In *Genesis* 3 Eve is constantly referred to as 'woman', and she is also presented as the mother, the chief lady of the covenant between God and man. 'Woman' thus becomes a title for her, a name of honour. Unfortunately, we know that, alongside Adam, Eve sinned and forfeited the honour of that title, tarnishing her name. Yet, God raised up another woman, one who would not sin but would cooperate faithfully with God's plan for our salvation. That woman is Mary. Thus, rather than being an offensive address to a pushy mother, our Lord's use of 'Woman' to refer to Mary takes on a very profound significance. She becomes the new Eve, the new mother, the new chief lady of the new covenant. She, by the grace of God, rights the wrongs, as it were, of Eve, as St. Irenaeus (a bishop of the second century AD) explained:

*And thus also it was that the knot of Eve's disobedience was loosed by the obedience of Mary. For what the virgin Eve had bound fast through unbelief, this did the virgin Mary set free through faith. (Against Heresies III.xxii.4).*

We should not be afraid, then, to show Mary honour and devotion, for it is precisely what Jesus does in today's Gospel. Indeed, by her instruction to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you', Mary teaches us what it is to be a Christian: to follow Jesus Christ in all we do. And rather than hindering us from doing this, today's Gospel shows that Mary helps us do this.

*Fr Jack Green*

## CONTACT US

### PARISH TEAM

Moderator: Fr Regie Lavilla  
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Parish Assistant: Todd Pieters

**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** 8869 6200  
**St Patrick's Primary** 8869 6000  
**Nagle College** 8887 4501  
**Patrician Brothers College** 88110300  
**Catholic Early Learning Centre** 8814 8406  
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**Institute for Mission** 9296 6369  
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# YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR C

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you,  
O God, and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

### FIRST READING: Is 62:1-5

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3**  
Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

### SECOND READING: 1 Cor 12:4-11

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Jn 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 22:5

You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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**M 21 Jan:** Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

**T 22 Jan:** Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

**W 23 Jan:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

**Th 24 Jan:** Heb 7:25 - 8:6; Mk 3:7-12

**F 25 Jan:** Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18

**S 26 Jan:** Is 32:15-18; 1 Cor 12:4-11

**S 27 Jan:** Neh 8:2-6,8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-14, 4:14-21

Daily  
Readings



## Frankly Speaking...

"Love needs time and space; everything else is secondary." - Pope Francis



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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.

Intentions will appear in the bulletin from February.

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.



## PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS JANUARY

For the month of January the parish office opening hours will be from 9am - 12pm.  
From Tuesday 29th January, opening hours will be from 9am - 4pm.  
The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 28th January due to the Public Holiday.

The office at St Michael's Church will re-open on Sundays 8.30am - 11.30am on Sunday 3rd February 2019.

## Lost property

The lost property box from St Patrick's church is in the parish office. If you think you are missing anything please come along and look through it. Anything not collected by the end of January will be donated to Vinnies. Thanks.

## A note from the Counters

Thank you so much for your donations to the envelope collection. When securing your envelope please be mindful not to use adhesive tape in securing your envelopes. In particular please do not cover the envelope number with tape or other sticky items. If the number is unable to be read then we are unable to record it in the system and provide accurate receipts at the end of the financial year.

Thank you!

## Hospitality Team

You are invited to extend the spirit of welcome and hospitality to fellow parishioners after Mass. We are looking for people to join the St Michael's hospitality roster after the 9.30am Mass on Sundays. If you, a group of friends or your family would like to host morning tea every 4-6 weeks, call the Parish Office on 9622 1125 with your details.

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



# ONE MEAL

## IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Join a team of volunteers to prepare and serve food to people doing it tough (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.

**We are in need of a freezer. If you have one that you are able to donate, please call Terri on 0466 418 809.**

# 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  
PARISH, BLACKTOWN



Celebrate World Youth Day within our Diocese!  
Join in the Diocesan Celebrations.

Catholic Youth Parramatta and the St Patrick's Cathedral Community invite families, friends and supporters of the Panama pilgrims to WYD2019 IN-SYNC. Sunday 27 January, 6pm Mass followed by food, music and original video footage from pilgrims in Panama. 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. RSVP by 22 January, Fr Paul Roberts connect@ifm.org.au or 9296 6369.



### Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Claude Ryan who passed away earlier this week. Claude has been a part of the Blacktown Community for many years.

Claude's funeral will take place at St Patrick's Church on Monday, 21st January at 10.30am.  
May Claude rest in peace.

### Jean & Betty's Tours

**12th February 2019**

### Bass & Flinders Luncheon Cruise

Depart Blacktown and visit the E.G. Waterhouse Camellia Gardens overlooking the beautiful Yowie Bay. Continue onto Sans Souci and board the Bass & Flinders as we cruise the scenic waters of the Georges River.

8.00am Depart Greystanes

8.30am Depart Blacktown

Cost: \$70 per person and includes coach travel, morning tea, lunch and 3 hour cruise.

For bookings and further details call Jean McLean on 9920 3401.



**2019 resolution ... To Grow in Faith through the Reflective Ministry Program at the Institute for Mission. A program for those involved in serving through ministry in our Catholic communities. Call Sr Grace on 9296 6369 to register. Visit [www.ifm.org.au](http://www.ifm.org.au) for dates.**



## Become a Catechist, a Special Religious Education teacher!

What is an SRE or Catechist?

Special Religious Educators (SRE's) also known as Catechists are parish volunteers who:

- ◇ Teach and share the Catholic faith with children of their parish who attend government schools.
- ◇ Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
- ◇ Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
- ◇ Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

In this parish Special Religious Educators, SRE's, (previously known as Catechists) go into 5 state primary schools and 2 High Schools in school hours. New volunteer SRE's will be given support, training, authorised teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper.

To register your interest or make further enquiries visit or contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125 or [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au) to be put in contact with Sandra Baker who is the SRE Coordinator for Mary, Queen of the Family Parish.



When the wine ran out at a wedding at Cana, Jesus performed his first miracle by turning the water in six stone jars into wine. After seeing this, Jesus' disciples put all their faith in him. Write down some of the ways that you show your faith in God?



**Mass for Australia Day  
Saturday 26th January 9am, St Patrick's Church**

**PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA DAY**

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new, and by saving grace, transform our lives.  
Amen.



As we begin to minister in this new year, you are invited for a time of reflection as we spend time Growing in Ministry.

**Tuesday 19th February, 7.30pm**

or

**Wednesday 20th February, 9.45am**

in the Cardinal Clancy Room at  
St Patrick's Church.

To RSVP, please leave your name at  
the Parish Office by calling 9622 1125  
or email

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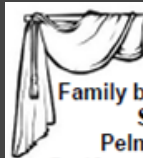
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