



# 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, 17 Feb 2019: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

## ARE PARADOXES REAL?

Many of the teachings of Jesus are full of paradoxes. He says, for example, *"For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life?"* (Matthew 16:25-26). Today, in our Gospel, Jesus speaks of the paradoxes of the beatitudes. It is good to go deeper into the spirit of what Jesus is really saying about the true sense of being blessed, of being happy. This is God's blueprint which we carry in our souls. That is our sacred place where we can meet Him who is the ultimate source of our happiness and consolation.

We will agree, I believe, that God does not will the evil behind the structures of poverty, of hunger, of oppression and abuses that cause people to suffer. But those who are seeking God's will and providence in a world where forces of evil and destruction are looming around, rely on God's graciousness, his mercy and love, that is His power itself to conquer the forces of evil. Jesus' death and resurrection is Christianity's hope that in the end God will triumph over death and sin. That has already been proven in Jesus Christ.

Endurance and perseverance in the ways of Jesus, of trust and faith, of non-violent active resistance to evil help us to enter into the spirit of the beatitudes. Probably, we could not fully understand that the poor who totally trust in God can still be happy, that those who weep and mourn for one's sins and of humanity find in Him consolation, that those persecuted can have God as their refuge and strength and gain peace of heart. Only those who surrender themselves to God's love and have been transformed by it are the only ones who can tell us what the paradoxes of Jesus really mean.

Thus, beatitudes as be-attitudes are our hearts disposition towards God, to his kindness and mercy. This is in contrast as to how the world sees the "fortunate." This is ultimately the inner strengths given by God for those who trusts in Him and hopes for the life of eternity. This is the way of discipleship. We hope to grow in beatitudes here in Mary, Queen of the Family Parish following the great examples of Our Blessed Mother who sees herself as God's "anawim." She says, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord for she has looked with favour on his lowly servant." Then, we can truly love and serve God and our neighbours and be truly blessed and happy!

*Fr Regie*

## CONTACT US

### PARISH TEAM

Moderator: Fr Regie Lavilla  
Priest: Fr John Paul Escarlan  
Priest: Fr Jack Green  
Deacon: George Bryan  
Finance Officer: Jennifer Gillman  
Pastoral Associate: Lisa Bright  
Pastoral Care Coordinator: Antoinette Mangion  
Parish Assistant: Christina Rodricks  
Parish Assistant: Cate Gabriel  
Parish Assistant: Kaitlyn Vergano  
Parish Assistant: Todd Pieters

**Parish Team Meetings each Wednesday  
from 1.00 - 2.00pm**

<b>St Michael's Church</b> 58 Orwell St Blacktown Office Hours: Sunday 8.30am - 11.30am	<b>St Patrick's Church</b> 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

<b>St Michael's Primary</b>	8869 6200
<b>St Patrick's Primary</b>	8869 6000
<b>Nagle College</b>	8887 4501
<b>Patrician Brothers College</b>	88110300
<b>Catholic Early Learning Centre</b> (St Michael's)	8814 8406

**Institute for Mission** 9296 6369  
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**Diocesan Ministry Centre** 8838  
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# YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR C

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

### FIRST READING: JER 17:5-8

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 1:1-4. R. PS 39:5

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

### SECOND READING: 1 COR 15:12, 16-20

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Lk 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill,  
and what they craved the Lord gave them;  
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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**M 18 Feb:** Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

**T 19 Feb:** Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21

**W 20 Feb:** Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

**Th 21 Feb:** Gen 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

**F 22 Feb:** 1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

**S 23 Feb:** Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13

**S 24 Feb:** 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Daily  
Readings



## Frankly Speaking...

"In the Beatitudes, we find a portrait of the Master,  
which we are called to reflect in our daily lives."  
Pope Francis



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Elsie Lobo

Special Intentions: Lucie Ricaud, Charlene Campillanos  
Odango



We remember and pray for those who are ill at home or in hospital at this time: Paul Clemson, Raymonde Clair, Baby Sophie Debono

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.



## Altar Server Training

Registrations are now open for the Altar Server Training.

The training is open to anyone who has made their First Eucharist.

To register, please call the Parish Office on 9622 1125 or see Frank Mangion at evening Parish Masses.

### Bus Driver Needed (normal license)

Are you able to help transport Nagle students to their Catechist classes on a Thursday? The school has a bus but we are in need of a driver. If you can help out, please call the Parish Office on 9622 1125 and we will pass on your details.



LENTEN  
PATHWAYS

"Trust" is the theme for the 2019 Lenten Program. This year we will be again offering a number of different opportunities to join together as a community to reflect on the Lenten Journey.

**MQOF EVENINGS:** A larger group with weekly speakers and small group discussion. All age groups welcome.

**MQOF MORNINGS:** Small faith sharing groups in the Church using resources provided

**MQOF HOME:** Small faith sharing groups in your home at any time using resources provided. Please indicate if you would like to host your friends or family.

**MQOF YOUTH:** The opportunity for our teens and our young adults to come together and share the Lenten journey.

Groups will begin the week beginning the 4th March. If you would like to join a group, please inform the Parish Office on 9622 1125. Sign up sheets will be in the church foyers in coming weeks.



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





## Get to Know the Parish Team

### Fr Regie Lavilla

I'm from the southern part of the Philippine archipelago called Surigao del Sur. I belong to a group of missionary priests called Mission Society of the Philippines (MSP). I was ordained 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015. After 2 years in Rome for my Licentiate in Moral Theology, I was assigned in our Seminary in Tagaytay City for 5 years and in June 2013 up to the present I am blessed to have the chance to serve the local Church of Parramatta Diocese. It's an exciting time for me as I begin my journey here at MQOF Parish, looking forward to a new adventure where the Holy Spirit blows. My hope and prayer for the community of MQOF is that we become more open to the power of the Word of God and be transformed by the grace that it brings us- healing our wounded hearts, reassuring us of the grace and mercy of God, and bring into fruition the saving mission of Jesus Christ. With this, we will grow in our docility to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and in fulfilling the will of the Father.



### MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

This weekend we are collecting donations for the House of Welcome. Containers are located at every entry to the church. Thank you for your generous donations.

#### World Social Justice Day is Wednesday 20th February.

Let us pray with Pope Francis –

*"Merciful God and father of all,*

*Wake us from the slumber of indifference,*

*Open our eyes to their suffering,*

*And free us from insensitivity.*

*Inspire us, as nations, communities and individuals,*

*To see that those who come to our shores*

*Are our brothers and sisters.*

*May we share with them the blessings we have received*

*From your hand, and recognize that together,*

*As one human family, we are all migrants,*

*Journeying in hope to You, our true home, where every tear will be wiped away, where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace"*

Greece 2016



### Clean Up Australia Day

#### Sunday March 3

MQOF is registered as a Team. The nominated area is the length of Reservoir Road and Balmoral Street. Volunteers can register online by accessing Clean Up Australia web page and clicking on the button which should take you to MQOF page.

Volunteers are also welcome to text **Kathie (0414194052)** with name and contact details and whether you would like to commence at Great Western end of Reservoir Road or Balmoral end commencing at Alpha Street.

**Bring:** Sunscreen; Hat; Gardening shoes; Water; Long tongs or nifty picker; plastic shopping bags; Grab a stray shopping trolley  
**Teams** will be supplied with: large bags for rubbish; gardening gloves; sharps container and basic first aid kit.

**2 volunteers needed** to register teams on the day. Great way to help if you cannot pick up rubbish

### Housing and Energy Assembly

**Thursday 14 March at Sydney Town Hall.** To secure affordable, secure housing and clean and affordable energy. To register – [justiceandpeace.org.au](http://justiceandpeace.org.au). A group will be leaving from Blacktown Station at 5.25pm

## SACRAMENTAL PROCESS



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### It's time to enrol in the Sacramental Process for 2019.

Is your child ready to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation?

Visit the parish website at

[www.mqofblacktown.org.au](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au) and click on the tab sacraments to select the sacrament you would like your child to prepare for.

All information is on the website or you can visit the parish office to collect the information.

We look forward to journeying with you this year.



The Bishop's Lenten Appeal will be held next weekend, 23rd/24th February.

The Ephpheta Centre, supported by the Parramatta Catholic Foundation, gives hope, compassion, connectivity and care to the deaf and hard of hearing. Your kind-hearted support will provide chaplaincy and pastoral care for the vulnerable and isolated, in homes, hospitals, prison and aged-care facilities. Please be a channel of hope and give generously via the Appeal envelopes or online at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal).



**Become a Catechist,  
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Do you have a passion for sharing your faith with others?  
Share your faith with a new generation of children within our  
State Schools. Contact Sandra via the parish office on  
9622 1125 if you would like to be part of this amazing  
ministry of Special Religious Education.

There is less than a month to have your say to  
respond to what the Spirit is saying! All parish  
responses have been submitted. If you have more  
that you would like to share  
then be sure to visit the  
Plenary Council website  
<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>  
by March 6th  
to have your say.



**Plenary Council 2020**

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

**ONE MEAL** YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Please contact Terri Sebastian via the parish  
office (9622 1125) or 0466 418 809 to be part of this wonderful outreach ministry.  
IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE



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



**World Day of Prayer  
AUSTRALIA**

**SLOVENIA**

'Come—Everything Is Ready'

Friday 1st March, 10am  
Seventh Day Adventist  
Church,  
Newton Rd Blacktown



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