



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, 10 Mar 2019: First Sunday of Lent - Year C

Strength in the Wilderness

The Gospel of the First Sunday of Lent tells us of the journey of Jesus into the desert, the three temptations of the devil and Jesus' responses to his "lies" that we, in one way or another have to face ourselves. During Lent we are all invited to look more deeply into the heart and mind of Jesus and so find strength as we journey into the deserts of our personal lives and our community. We are taught:

"Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him. This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: 'For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning.' By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert" (CCC no. 540)

The wilderness/desert presents to us a seeming absence of life and aridity, a place of temptation. But let us be reminded that we can also discover an oasis in it, a refuge where we find life and strength. Jesus shows us that his strength rests on his filial intimacy with the Father, and his weapons are the truth of the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit in Him. The Holy Spirit enabled Jesus to understand the truth of the Word of God and likewise enabled him to cling to it. He knew very well that by clinging to the Word of God, he will not be put to shame, he will survive.

Let us also be aware how the devil can manipulate and interpret the Word of God to serve its own purpose. The temptations to power, wealth and prestige described in this Gospel narrative are presented in a very attractive way in such a manner that it would appear logical to the human mind. Why not if it would benefit me and others? Jesus ultimately teaches us that there is more to life: "People do not live on bread alone," "You shall worship the Lord your God and serve him alone", and "You shall not challenge the Lord your God."

We are saved by Jesus Christ not through wealth, power and prestige, not through ambitions and self-preoccupations but by the humble death he assumed. We are all called to know and encounter Jesus. At Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, we would like to Welcome, Grow and Act in the name of Jesus. I invite you then to discover him and the Holy Spirit more @ ALPHA!

Fr Regie

CONTACT US

PARISH TEAM

Moderator: Fr Regie Lavilla
Priest: Fr John Paul Escarlan
Priest: Fr Jack Green
Deacon: John Cinya
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

The Parish Office is closed each day between 12.30pm-1pm

Parish Team Meetings each Wednesday from 10.00 - 11.00am

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: 8am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
Wednesday 8.30am & 7.30pm
St Patrick's: 9am Mon-Sat
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
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YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR C

First Sunday of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 12:6

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING: DT 26:4-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 90:1-2. 10-15. R. V.15

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

SECOND READING: ROM 10:8-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: 'You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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M 11 Mar: Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

T 12 Mar: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

W 13 Mar: Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Th 14 Mar: Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Mt 7:7-12

F 15 Mar: Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

S 16 Mar: Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

S 17 Mar: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17 - 4:1; Lk 9:28-36

Daily
Readings



Frankly Speaking...

"Jesus understands our weaknesses and sins; and he forgives us if we allow ourselves to be forgiven." Pope Francis



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Hector Zabala, Reg Evans, Luke Evans, Fr Sid Mosley

Special Intentions: Katherine Sultana

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

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.



Jean & Betty's Bus Tours

Tuesday, 9th April 2019 Palm Beach, Pittwater

Pick up at Greystanes at 8am

Blacktown at 8.30am.

Lunch at Palm Beach Club. Cost \$55 all inclusive.

Ring Jean to book on 99203401 or 0425251754.

REMINDER : 12th of March trip to the Entrance is an early start at 8.00am.



Nagle College Blacktown,

will be holding their Open Evening for Year 7, 2020 on Tuesday 19 March 2019 from 4.00 pm to 7.30 pm. Enrolment packages will be available on the evening and tours of the College will be

conducted. Prospective parents and students are warmly invited to attend.

**Farewell Mass for Deacon George on
Sunday 16th March at the 9.30am
Mass at St Michael's Church.**



"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. **Tuesdays, 7pm in the Cardinal Clancy Room.**

MQOF MORNINGS: Small faith sharing groups in the Church using resources provided. **Tuesdays 9.45am in the Cardinal Clancy Room.**

MQOF YOUTH: The opportunity for our teens and our young adults to come together and share the Lenten journey. **Tuesdays, 7pm in St Patrick's Church.**



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



Get to Know the Parish Team

Deacon John Cinya

I was born in South Sudan in a town called Nimule just at the border between South Sudan and Uganda. Due to the conflict and war, I escaped to Ethiopia and have lived in the refugee camp for four years. In 1998, the Australian government accepted me to settle in Hobart. I could not bear the cold weather in Hobart; I decided to relocate to Sydney. Since 2002, as the Sudanese refugee continued to settle and the number increases, we decided to form the Sudanese Catholic Community. We started the Sudanese Mass at St Joachim, Lidcombe, then we moved to Our Lady Queen of Peace (OLQP), Greystanes, then to St Anthony, Toongabbie and lastly in 2011 we moved to Mary Queen of the Family, Blacktown. My life always has been on move, but

always I move with Jesus Christ, because I know that my safety and strength comes from Him. Since 2012, I was on my formation to the permanent diaconate. I am so blessed to serve in Mary Queen of the Family at this difficult time. But with hope, Jesus moves us to action in a practical Christian living and challenges us to preach, heal and restore back life through love, joy and hope. We should not fear, but continue with the words of St Paul: *"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain."*



MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

**Housing and Energy Assembly
Thursday 14 March at Sydney
Town Hall.** To secure affordable,

secure housing and clean and affordable energy.
To register visit justiceandpeace.org.au.

VINNIES PANTRY

Can you help by donating the following food items to the Vinnies Pantry: **Toilet paper, cereal, 2 minute noodles, Longlife Milk, Biscuits.**

Your donations can be left in the baskets at the church doors.

When donating to Vinnies, please ensure that all food products are within the expiry date. Please remember that through this ministry we aren't giving away our rubbish, ***we are helping people who are doing it tough and deserve good things.***

The Centenary of St. Patrick's Primary School

Sunday March 17th at St Patrick's Church celebrated by Bishop Vincent. Mass will be celebrated at 10am, followed by a Picnic on the School Grounds. Everyone is invited.

Blessed are the MERCIFUL, for God's MERCY will be shown, to those who show MERCY.

Upcoming Dates for Lent

28th March: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at St Bernadette's Lalor Park

4th April: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at MQOF St Patrick's Church

10th April: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at OLQP Greystanes

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us every Friday night during Lent at St Patrick's Church
51-59 Allawah St Blacktown

7:00pm-7:25pm Stations of the Cross

Individual Reconciliation available
between 7pm and 7.25pm

7:30pm Mass



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 and click on the tab sacraments to select the sacrament for which you would like your child to prepare. 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



We pray for Joshua, Nigel, Ben & Rob and their families as they prepare to be welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. This weekend we send Joshua, Nigel and Ben to the Cathedral to the Rite of Election which is their first step of commitment to say,

"Yes, I would like to be part of the Catholic Church."

Pray for them on their journey to Easter.

EXPLORE ALPHA ...

Register for Alpha today.

Invite a friend.

Pass on the invitation.

Visit the Parish Website

www.mqofblacktown.org.au

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

19TH APRIL 2019

10 - 11.30AM

YOUTH 12+ NEEDED
READERS / ACTORS / MUSICIANS
REHEARSAL DATES ANNOUNCED SOON
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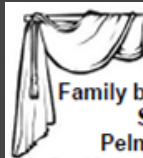
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