



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, 24 Feb 2019: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

True and False Compassion

Last week we began to hear from our Lord's famous Sermon on the Mount, and that Gospel finished with the very strong warning: *'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you!'* What this tells us is that God's will for us is not meant to be judged by the standards of the world. We are meant to be different, and the Gospel for this week gives us some very practical ways to ensure that. We are told to 'Love our enemies', when the world tells us to get them back; we are told to pray for those who treat us badly, when the world tells us to hit them when they least expect it; we are told not to condemn, and yet we consume articles, social media posts and television shows that make it their business to condemn. The life God is calling us to is not meant to conform to the standard of the world: it is meant to be different.

And this means that when Jesus asks us to be compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate, he does not mean the kind of compassion that the world thinks of. It is fashionable now to think of compassion as 'feeling with' someone, as being identical with empathy. So people often say 'I feel your pain' and think that they are thereby being compassionate. That is not what Jesus means. Jesus means the Cross. He showed us there what true compassion is: to suffer with and for someone. Not a suffering that simply feels bad for people, a suffering that is full of an emotional flourish, but a suffering where we concretely go out of our way to die to ourselves for someone else. And his command not to condemn others shows us a perfect way to do this. When someone does something we think is wrong it is so easy to gossip about them, to form very harsh judgements of them in our hearts. True compassion does not do this. True compassion does the really uncomfortable thing and refuses to gossip about them because we are sinners just like them. True compassion is about going out of our way to uphold the justice and dignity that every person deserves as God's creature, as Christ showed us on the Cross. Let us take that Cross as the standard for our life.

Fr Jack

CONTACT US

PARISH TEAM

Moderator: Fr Regie Lavilla
Priest: Fr John Paul Escarlan
Priest: Fr Jack Green
Deacon: George Bryan
Finance Officer: Jennifer Gillman
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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 1.00 - 2.00pm

St Michael's Church
58 Orwell St
Blacktown
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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

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PARISH SCHOOLS

St Michael's Primary 8869 6200
St Patrick's Primary 8869 6000
Nagle College 8887 4501
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(St Michael's)

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YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR C

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

FIRST READING: 1 SM 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. V.8
The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING: 1 COR 15:45-49

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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M 25 Feb: Sirach 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
T 26 Feb: Sirach 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
W 27 Feb: Sirach 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40
Th 28 Feb: Sirach 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50
F 1 Mar: Sirach 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12
S 2 Mar: Sirach 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16
S 3 Mar: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Daily
Readings



Frankly Speaking...

"Situations can change; people can change. Be the first to seek to bring good. Do not grow accustomed to evil, but defeat it with good." Pope Francis



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Justina Granadino Toledo, Sophie Pinto, Thomas McNamee, Rita Rajayah, Evelyn Rajayah, Gabriel Leunam T. Ching, Basilisa Duton Toledo

Special Intentions: Majoy T Descalzo, Winkie Monje, Stefan Gjumbir, Stanko Radacic, Joan Holmes

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.



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. **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 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. **Tuesdays, 7pm in St Patrick's Church.**

Lenten Program Books are available to purchase from the Parish Office or at the groups for \$5.

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 this weekend.



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



Get to Know the Parish Team

Fr John Paul Escarlan

I was born on 7 October 1983 in Cebu, Philippines. I am the third of four children of my parents, Pablo and Paloma. I grew up in Santa Fe, Cebu (Bantayan Island). I began my priestly formation at the Diocesan seminary of the Archdiocese of Cebu in 2000. I came to Australia in 2006 to continue my priestly formation for the Diocese of Parramatta. I was ordained a deacon on 23 November 2012 at St Michael's Church, South Blacktown and was ordained a priest on 13 September 2013 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Prior to my assignment here in Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, I was assigned in the parishes of Kenthurst, Parramatta and Richmond.

Please include me in your prayers as I serve you as one of your priests in the parish.



MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To the wonderful, generous parishioners of MQOF. You donated 14 cartons of goods for House of Welcome - these were delivered on Wednesday, Social Justice Day. Your generosity will assist many.



Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday March 3

MQOF is registered as a Team. The nominated area is Gleeson Trees Reserve, Corner Flushcombe and Heapy Streets, Registrations on Heapy Street footpath 7.45am. 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.

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 visit justiceandpeace.org.au. A group will be leaving from Blacktown Station at 5.15pm.

Holy Week & Easter Planning Meeting

Saturday 2nd March, 10am in the Parish Office. If you are a member of the Liturgy Team, a ministry lead or would enjoy being part of the preparations for the Holy Week and Easter Celebrations, come along.

Weekday Masses @ MQOF

We are very blessed to have three full time priests in our Parish. After discussion with our leaders of Liturgy of the Word with Communion and with our Pastoral Council, we are able to again offer Masses at both Churches each weekday. This will begin on Monday March 4th 2019 at the existing times. A special thank you to all our leaders of the Liturgy of the Word with Communion who have led such beautiful reflections over the past 4 years. We are blessed to have so many faith-filled people to lead us in prayer in the MQOF community.



Congratulations to these men as they are ordained Permanent Deacons in our Diocese. We particularly congratulate Thong Nguyen and John Cinya, both parishioners of MQOF. Please continue to pray for these men and their families in their journey.



The Bishop's Lenten Appeal will be held this 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.

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.



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.



World Day of Prayer
AUSTRALIA

Each year the World Day of Prayer focuses on a different country. This Years Prayer focus and theme is

SLOVENIA
'Come—Everything Is Ready'

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



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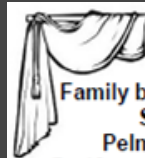
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