



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.

Friday, 19th April 2019: Good Friday - The Passion of the Lord

The Glory of the Cross

Today we adore the Holy Cross in a special way. It's being lifted up for us to see with the eyes of our hearts and minds the salvation offered by God to all of us, to the world. We behold the One who is hung on the cross, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, *"the Son of God who loved me and who sacrificed himself for my sake"* (Galatians 2:20). *"It is love 'to the end' that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction. He knew and loved us all when he offered his life"* (CCC 616).

This is the heart of our Christian faith, Christ died for us and he defeated death, evil and suffering on the cross and in his resurrection. That is why what the world calls foolishness and weakness, Christians call glorious and triumphant (Feast of the Triumph of the Cross- 14 September - Catholic Liturgy). We are all called to see and enter into the depth of the mystery of the cross. St Paul says, *"the language of the cross may be illogical to those who are not on the way to salvation, but those of us who are on the way see it as God's power to save... For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom and God's weakness is stronger than human strength"* (1 Corinthians 2: 18 -25).

When Jesus told his disciples *"to renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me,"* (Matthew 16:24) he definitely wants us to experience the glory and the triumph by embracing our own crosses. Our own experience of suffering and cross whether physical or moral (anxieties, worries, depression, loneliness etc.) when brought into unity with Jesus can be an opportunity to share in the saving mission of Jesus Christ for all. It would become an occasion to love as Jesus loves, to be transformed by it, to grow and be like Jesus. When our hearts become disposed to this mystery, then we understand the meaning of our suffering and we get away by just *"putting up life."*

In faith, let us not be afraid to proclaim the glory of the cross. The strength to bear our pain and suffering does not belong to us anymore. It is the strength coming from God. When St Paul pleaded to take out from him the *"thorn in the flesh"* the Lord said to him, *"My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness"* (2 Corinthians 12:9). May this Good Friday Liturgy brings us healing and transforms our spirits to carry our own crosses for the glory of God!

Fr Regie

CONTACT US

PARISH TEAM

Moderator: Fr Regie Lavilla
Priest: Fr John Paul Escarlan
Priest: Fr Jack Green
Deacon: John Cinya
Finance Officer: Sarah Cañete
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

Tel: 9622 1125 A/H: 9621 3146
Fax: 9671 6425
Email: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

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)
11.00am 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
(St Michael's)

Institute for Mission 9296 6369
Diocesan Ministry Centre 88383460
Catholic Care 8843 2530
Blacktown@ccss.org.au



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MQOF READS

The Book Club

Come together as we grow in faith as we read and discuss books together.

First gathering: Monday 17th June, 7.30pm at the Parish Office (St Patrick's Church).

Book: The Shack by William P. Young
(There is 1 copy available at the Parish Office)

Read the book by the next gathering and come together to share insights. For further information contact Annie Pinto via the Parish Office.

All are Welcome.

Jesus' death and resurrection give us the promise of life with Him forever. It is a sign of hope for all of us, especially those who are suffering and in need.
Who are some people in the world who we can pray for?



People in our World



People in your Neighborhood



People in your Family

- Can you think of people who suffer?
- When you see a cross what does it mean to you?
- Do you think about Jesus' suffering and death as well as his victory over death?
- Why did Jesus suffer and die?
- Jesus died and rose to save us and give us the promise of life with him forever.
- We pray that the cross may be a sign of hope for all, especially those who are suffering and in need.



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A WORKSHOP WITH THE FEEL OF A
MINI-RETREAT FOR THE PEOPLE IN
YOUR COMMUNITY



FROM INVISIBLE TO INVINCIBLE

Embracing God's gift of years

THE SESSION WILL INCLUDE:

- sharing the stories of our life
- finding and re-defining our Baptismal call
- tools for the journey through centering prayer
- prayer of surrender, abandonment and trust

MARY QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH

DATE: TUESDAY 11 JUNE

PLACE: CARDINAL CLANCY ROOM

TIME: 9.45AM - 1PM

A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Contact: Antoinette - 02 9622 1125
or pastoralcare@mqofblacktown.org.au

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*



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MASS TIMES FOR EASTER

HOLY SATURDAY: 20th April

EASTER SUNDAY: 21st April

No morning mass

7.00am (St Patrick's Church)

9.00am Morning Prayer
(St Patrick's Church)

8.00am (St Michael's Church)

9.30am (St Michael's Church)

7.30pm Easter Vigil
(St Patrick's Church)

10.00am (St Patrick's Church)

5.30pm (St Patrick's Church)

6.00pm (St Michael's Church)





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Are you new to our parish? WELCOME!

We would love to get to know you!

Help us extend a personal welcome to you ...

- ➔ Drop into the parish office and meet our Parish Team
- ➔ Fill out the welcome form and place it in the letterbox
- ➔ Send us an email to admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

*It's great to have you here as part of our Parish Community.
We'll see you soon!!*



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Welcome Information Form

complete this form and place it in the parish letterbox

NAME

ADDRESS.....
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EMAIL.....

PHONE #

THANK YOU!

Someone from the Parish team will be in touch soon.

Come and Break Open the Word.

*The Bible study group meets in the Sid Mosley
Centre (St Michael's Church) at 7.30 pm
finishing at 9pm every Thursday.
Come along to find out more.*

**To explore the many ways we can
Welcome, Grow and Act at Mary, Queen
of the Family Parish, visit the parish
website at www.mqofblacktown.org.au**

Baptism for Older Children

Do you have an older child (aged 5-16) who would like to be baptised? If you do, call the team at the parish office (9622 1125) to join other families at an upcoming workshop.



For more information visit the parish website www.mqofblacktown.org.au and click the Baptism tab under Sacraments.

explore
life
faith
meaning



#TryAlpha

Alpha

MQOF ALPHA

Begins Wednesday 1st May.

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore life and the basics of the Christian faith. Whether you're just checking it out, new to faith, or coming back to church, you are invited.

If you would like to take part, register at www.mqofblacktown.org.au or please complete this slip below and return via the collection plate.

Full Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

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.



MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Meets on the Second Sunday of each month at 12pm. Call Kathie on 0414 194 052 to get involved in the many activities to make a difference in our Blacktown community and beyond.



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Staying Connected @ MQOF!

*Our Parish Team wants to keep in touch and serve you better!
And there are so many ways to do that...*

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE PARISH?

go to the website: mqofblacktown.org.au/



WANT TO SEE WHAT'S COMING UP ?

check out our weekly parish bulletin

WANT TO KEEP UP WITH US DAILY?

like us on Facebook: [@blacktowncatholics](https://www.facebook.com/blacktowncatholics)



MISSED THE WEEKEND MESSAGE?
download a homily weekly from the website

➡ **Baptism**

We would love to walk with you through the Baptismal process
Whether it's you, your child, a family member or friend, we want to
welcome them into the church >> **GO TO THE WEBSITE**

➡ **Sacramental Process**

Do you have school age children who are ready to receive the other
Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation? Our
team is ready to journey with your family >> **GO TO THE WEBSITE**

➡ **Joining a Ministry Group**

If you wish to find a suitable ministry group to be a part of, we want to
make that happen! >> **CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE**

➡ **Just want to reconnect with church**

GIVE US A CALL!! We'd love to hear from you!

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