



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, 14 Apr 2019: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year C

Offering Everything To The Lord

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” This is a cry of recognition of the God in Jesus Christ who comes to us as the Messiah, the Saviour of the world. When some of the Pharisees asked Jesus to stop the disciples praising God, spreading their garments on the road, Jesus told them, *“I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”* The ones who have seen the saving power of God in Jesus could not contain the voice deep within but proclaim it to others. Have we got the courage to proclaim the greatness of God in our lives as we experience his mercy and love in Jesus?

To be true to our faith in Jesus means that we do not only follow his footsteps, imitating him in his works, but also acknowledging his divinity as the Son of God and therefore giving our true worship and adoration. It means offering and uniting ourselves with him in the service of others. The Church teaches us:

“To adore God is to acknowledge, in respect and absolute submission, the ‘nothingness of the creature’ who would not exist but for God. To adore God is to praise and exalt him and to humble oneself, as Mary did in the Magnificat, confessing with gratitude that he has done great things and holy is his name. The worship of the one God sets man free from turning in on himself, from the slavery of sin and the idolatry of the world” (CCC 2097).

Humility and obedience are essential indications of a true religion. The total self-offering to God means that we do not assert ourselves against the will and the ways of God. Hence, it is very important that we never cease to pray, discern and reflect the ways of God in our lives and in the world, otherwise we succumb to turning to ourselves and grow in our pride of being self-reliant, independent people who think we can do anything we want. It means constantly listening to the Word of God, to the teachings of the Church (Magisterium), and be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. This also means an unceasing conversion of our hearts to Jesus Christ, who loves us to the cross, repenting our sins and living out the grace and mercy he offered to everyone. As we wave our palms for Jesus Christ, the true King of the Universe, may we also learn to truly and generously offer ourselves for the service of God and his people.

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
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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)
11.00am 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

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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)

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YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR C

Palm Sunday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

First Reading: Is 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2
My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Lk 22:14 – 23:56

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany
at the place called the mount that is called Olivet,
he sent two of the disciples,
saying, 'Go into the village opposite,
whereon entering you will find a colt tied,
on which no one has ever yet sat;
untie it and bring it here.
If anyone asks you,
"Why are you untying it?" you shall say this,
"The Lord has need of it".
So those who were sent went away
and found it as he had told them.
And as they were untying the colt,
its owners said to them,
'Why are you untying the colt?'
And they said, 'The Lord has need of it'.
And they brought it to Jesus,
and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus up-
on it.
And as he rode along,
they spread their garments on the road.
As he was now drawing near,
at the descent of the Mount of Olives,
the whole multitude of the disciples
began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice
for all the mighty works that they had seen,
saying,
'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'
And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him,
'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'.
He answered,
'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry
out'.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Lk 15:32
Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Anniversaries: Alberto A. Matienzo

Special Intentions: Mark McKenzie, George Zahra, Lorenzo De Guzman Jr, Flora Centeno, Alejandra Romerosa, Catherine Gegachio

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, Shane McKechnie, Betty Vella, Dayne-Taylor Riew

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.

Notices

MQOF Café

There will not be MQOF Café for the next two Thursdays due to Holy Thursday and Anzac Day. MQOF Café will return on the 2nd May.

Wednesday Mass at St Michael's

There will be no 8.30am Mass on Wednesdays at St Michael's during the School holidays (next two weeks). Mass at 8.30am will begin on Wednesday 1st May.

Mass Intentions

To help our team ensure that Mass Intentions are offered at the correct Mass day and time and to include the offering correctly in the bulletin, please be sure to print the name/s of the person clearly with the church and mass time that you would like the offering to be said. If there are no details of when the Mass is to be offered, it will be offered at the next available Mass. Thank you.

A Note From Lisa

It is with much sadness and excitement that I share the news that I will be leaving MQOF on the 3rd May. I have accepted the position of Pastoral Planning Officer for the Diocese of Parramatta. This role is an opportunity to work with many parishes in the Diocese to support them as they grow and plan as faith communities now and for the future. The experience and gifts that I have gained from working in the Blacktown community over the past 10 years in total will be true to our mission to support others not only in our Blacktown community, but also those beyond. I know that the solid foundations that we have laid at MQOF over the past 4 years will continue to serve Blacktown well as the parish continues to form missionary disciples to live our mission to Welcome, Grow and Act to invite all to know Jesus. I ask for your prayers for me and my family on this next path in my journey and I thank you all so much for your friendship, enthusiasm, zeal and support in my time at MQOF. Keep smiling!
- Lisa

Daily Readings

M 15 Apr: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
T 2 Apr: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
W 3 Apr: Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25
Th 4 Apr: Is 61:1-3, 6, 8-9; Apoc 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
F 5 Apr: Is 52:13 - 53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19:42
S 6 Apr: Gen 1:1 - 2:2; Gen 22:1-18; Ex 14:15 - 15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4; Ezek 36:16-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12
S 7 Apr: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Frankly Speaking...

"God's patience has to call forth in us the courage to return to him, however many mistakes and sins there may be in our life."
— Pope Francis



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

PROJECT COMPASSION



Living with a disability was challenging for Nguyet. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Don't forget to bring your Project Compassion boxes next week!



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Celebrating Holy Week and Easter

WEDNESDAY of HOLY WEEK: 17th April

9.00am Mass (St Patrick's Church)



No Evening Mass (St Michael's Church)

7.30pm Diocesan Chrism Mass
(Parramatta Cathedral)

HOLY THURSDAY: 18th April

No morning Mass

9.00am Morning Prayer (St Patrick's Church)

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

(St Patrick's Church)

Followed by Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament

9.45pm Night Prayer



GOOD FRIDAY: 19th April

No Morning Mass

10.00am Stations of the Cross
(St Patrick's School Grounds)

3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
(St Michael's Church)

3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
(St Patrick's Church)



HOLY SATURDAY: Saturday 20th April

No Morning Mass

9.00am Morning Prayer
(St Patrick's Church)



7.30pm Easter Vigil
(St Patrick's Church)

EASTER SUNDAY: 21st April

7.00am (St Patrick's Church)

8.00am (St Michael's Church)

9.30am (St Michael's Church)

10.00am (St Patrick's Church)

5.30pm (St Patrick's Church)

6.00pm (St Michael's Church)



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

58 Orwell Street,
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For other liturgy times around the Diocese

www.parra.catholic.org.au

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

51-59 Allawah Street,
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Carpark Safety

We have been advised by the Council and the Police to remind all parishioners that double parking is not allowed, especially during our upcoming Easter liturgies. In the case of an emergency, clear access from the street to church buildings allows emergency personnel to attend the situation.

Therefore, the church carparks will display signage when the carparks are full. We respectfully request all parishioners to seek safe, alternative parking when these signs are displayed. Please avoid parking in driveways and across pathways and grassy areas. The safety of the community is our number one priority, and we appreciate your understanding and patience.

Welcome to the Ephpheta Centre

On Easter Sunday, 21 April, the Catholic Deaf and Hard of hearing people of the Ephpheta Centre will come to our parish and will participate with our 10:00AM Mass at St Patrick's church.

Subsequently, every 3rd Sunday of the month they will be regularly attending and participating with our 10:00am Mass.

Let us warmly welcome our brothers and sisters who are deaf and hard of hearing in our parish.

For more information about the Ephpheta Centre, kindly visit: www.ephpheta.org.au

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.

PASSION SUNDAY

Crowds of people saw Jesus ride a donkey into the city of Jerusalem. The people cheered, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Draw some of the symbols of Passion Sunday.



CFC Handmaids of the Lord

A Christian Life Program (CLP) will be held starting on 19 May 2019. This is an opportunity to renew our understanding of God's call to us as Christians. To be conducted by the Handmaids of the Lord a ministry for women of Couples for Christ (Australia) Oceania Mission, a canonically recognised International Association of the Lay Faithful. Flyers are available at the back of the church or you can contact Rosal (Sally) Andres – 0430 706 284, Josie Fernandez – 0423 136 272, Len de Pedro – 0406 554 654 for more information.

Jean & Betty's Bus Tours

6 day trip to Bright 28th April - 3rd May
Come join us on a 6 day autumn trip.

For more information, ring Jean on 0425 251 754

Take the Alpha Challenge. Invite 2 people to Alpha at MQOF. And if you haven't experienced Alpha, then come along and try it for yourself.



Alpha begins Wednesday May 1 at 7pm.

Register at www.mqofblacktown.org.au



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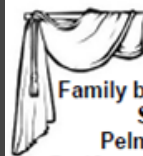
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