



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, 19 May 2019: Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year C

THE GREATEST GIFT

Is Christian love different? Is there something about the love Christians are supposed to have or supposed to display that marks them out from everyone else? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus clearly teaches so. Jesus says that the love his followers are to display is the love that he first displays: 'love one another *as I have loved you*'. The pattern of our love, what it looks like, what it involves, what it aims at, is not down to us, not entirely at least. Of course, we choose our friends, we choose our spouses, we choose where to live etc. and in that sense we can determine to some extent whom we must show love to. But wherever we live, whoever our friends are, whoever our spouse is, the manner of our love, the character of Christian love remains the same. That is because we are to love as Christ first loved us: totally, without self-interest. If we are to love as Christ commands us, we cannot choose to love only those we like, or that agree with us; we cannot choose to love only within certain comfortable limits. We must love like Christ did on the Cross. There he died for all: for those that loved him and those that hated him; there he prayed for all: for those that followed him in sorrow and for those that drove the nails into him and hurled abuse at him. Jesus loved without self-interest.

Loving like this is unusual, to say the least. It was certainly so in a Roman empire where the poor and widowed and orphaned were not well cared for. That is why people used to say of Christians who cared for them, '*See how they love each other.*' It is also unusual in the current socio-political climate where identity politics and the associated culture wars are well underway. In the midst of this, we Christians have a golden opportunity and a fundamental challenge, indeed, a command from Christ: we must be different; we must love another. Despite all the difficulties and misunderstandings and disagreements that we as Christians are bound to have with others because of our beliefs, they should be able to say of us: '*See how they love each other.*' Can your family members, your friends, your classmates or work colleagues say this of you? Do we love as Jesus loves us?

Fr Jack

CONTACT US

PARISH TEAM

Moderator: Fr Regie Lavilla
Priest: Fr John Paul Escarlan
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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
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Office Hours:
Sunday 8.30am - 11.30am

St Patrick's Church
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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, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat
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 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
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YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR C
Fifth Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-13. R.
cf. v.1**

I will praise your name for ever, my king
and my God.

Second Reading: Rv 21:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 13:34

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

Gospel: Jn 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified. If God
has been glorified in him, God will in turn
glorify him in himself, and will glorify him
very soon. My little children, I shall not
be with you much longer. I give you a
new commandment: love one another;
just as I have loved you, you also must
love one another. By this love you have
for one another, everyone will know that
you are my disciples.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Jn
15:1,5**

I am the true vine and you are the
branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Ron Holmes, Denis Monteiro, Leo Sequei

Special Intentions: Maria Aquilina, Louismary Goldwyn,
Erlina Villanueva Sario



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, Helen Sumera, Joseph Nakhoul, Cecile Clair, Steven Griffin, Doreen Stanslaus

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.

Sacrament of Eucharist

Families preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist will be joining us at our 5.30pm Vigil and 10am Masses. We ask for your prayers for the children and their families as they prepare to meet Jesus in the Eucharist and grow deeper in their faith.



Music Ministry Workshop

Come along to a music workshop on Saturday 1st June from 10am to 1pm. Join us for Mass at 9am on the 1st June and then the workshop in the MPA at St Patrick's Primary School. As many members of your choir are invited to attend as possible.

Please RSVP for these workshops by emailing admin@mqofblacktown.org.au or call 9622 1125.

Daily Readings

M 20 May: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
T 21 May: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31
W 22 May: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Th 23 May: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
F 24 May: Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 3:14-19; Lk 8:19-21
S 25 May: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Frankly Speaking...

"Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves."

— Pope Francis



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

Pray for Alpha in 2019

Prayer Ministry is vital to the Alpha program. We invite everyone to pray for the participants of Alpha as they journey to come to know Jesus over the next 10 weeks.

You are invited to show your support through the hospitality ministry. Sign up to provide a meal for our Alpha group via the parish website www.mqofblacktown.org.au



Prepare to Reach Beyond...

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. **Overseas Catholic communities** are inviting you to **immerse yourself** for 1 to 2 years.

If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by **sharing them with our global family!**

Come for **Global Mission Info:**
Sunday May 26th 10:30am at the Aquinas Academy
141 Harrington Street, The Rocks, SYDNEY



Palms Australia
Reach Beyond

Social Justice Group Update

The Social Justice Group meets this Sunday at St Patrick's Church, Cardinal Clancy Room 12pm -2pm

We need your help to continue the work of the previous 12 months:

- Registration of teams for Cancer Council's Blacktown Relay For Life
- Clean Up Australia
- 6 teams with One Meal now provide meals for those in need on Saturdays
- Organised a Table Talk information session on needs of refugees
- Food and essential items for the refugee House of Welcome
- Provided a Christmas Luncheon for those in need
- Participated in a campaign to improve legislation relating to refugees and asylum seekers
- Promoted and attended Sydney Alliance Housing and Energy Affordability Table Talk and more!

We are presently working on all of the above plus:

- Raising much needed funds via recycled drink containers and sausage sizzles
- A community garden for those who like veggie gardening and are happy to share produce with those in need.

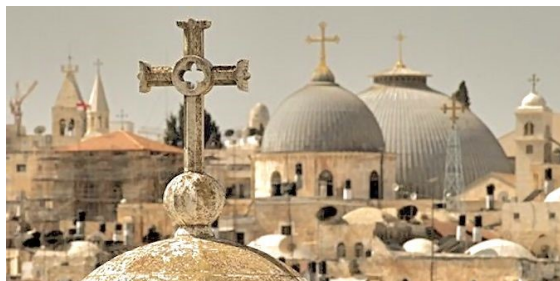
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The group departs on 1st October 2019. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + 4 day cruise with Lunch + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more.

For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300721561 or email us info@magiholidays.com.au.



SEMINAR - DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM

Each year Solo Parent Services offer a Seminar for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding of the Legal system, which can benefit those experiencing a marital breakdown. Topics addressed: How to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers to minimize your legal fees, how to protect your rights regarding family assets and Estates.

Date: Tuesday 04th June. **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta.

Time: 6.45pm for a 7pm Start to 9pm. **Cost:** \$10 Registration Essential via phone: Ph. 8843 2530 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

Next gathering for Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Support Group will be held on Tuesday 28th May.

Venue: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm. **Cost:** \$5.00. Registration: Call Rita Ph. 8843 2575 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



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