



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, 2 Jun 2019: The Ascension of the Lord - Year C

WITNESSES TO CHRIST

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord reminds us that those who follow Jesus are called to bear witness to his life and mission. He said to his disciples, *“You see how it is written that Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.”* This is the basic kerygma that believers of Jesus would not hesitate to proclaim to others because they themselves have encountered the Lord and experienced his loving mercy and forgiveness. The Church teaches us: *“The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it: ‘All however must be prepared to confess Christ before men and to follow him along the way of the Cross, amidst the persecutions which the Church never lacks.’ Service of and witness to the faith are necessary for salvation.”* (CCC no. 1816)

When Jesus asked his disciples to be witnesses of his life and mission before he ascended into heaven, he promised to send them what they truly needed, the Holy Spirit. It’s the Holy Spirit- the Helper, the Advocate who will empower them *“to make disciples of all nations....and teach them to observe all the commands”* he gave them, and assured them of these words *“know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time”* (Matthew 28:19-20)

Jesus has not left us orphans or abandoned us. The eyes of our faith helps us through the power of the Holy Spirit to encounter him and witness his life and mission to others until this time. It is therefore important to know and learn the words and deeds of Jesus. The *“Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you all I have said to you”* (John 14:26). We are called thus to be the mouth, the hands, the feet of Jesus to others. 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 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
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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 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)

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YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR C
The Ascension of the Lord

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Acts 1:11
Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder
at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending
into heaven will return as you saw
him go, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R.
v.6

God mounts his throne to shouts of
joy:

a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Rv 5:11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 28:19. 20
Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all
people my gospel. I am with you
always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is
written that the Christ would suffer and on the
third day rise from the dead, and that, in his
name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins
would be preached to all the nations, beginning
from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the
Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until
you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts
of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed
them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew
from them and was carried up to heaven. They
worshipped him and then went back
to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were
continually in the Temple praising God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Anniversaries: Thomas McMurray, Molly Hall

Special Intentions: Joshua Jose T. Descalzo, Morris
Keith Perkins, Christine Reynelds, Arthur Knapto,
Mavis Copalan, Mercedes Marilla

**We remember and pray for those who are ill at home or in
hospital at this time:** Paul Clemson, Raymonde Clair, Cecile
Clair, Baby Sophie Debono, Katarina Gjumbir, Shane
McKechnie, Betty Vella, Dayne-Taylor Riew, Helen Sumera,
Doreen Stanslaus, Josephine Nakhoul, Mary Key, Steven Griffin

**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.**

Vinnies Pantry

Can you help by donating the following
food items to the Vinnies pantry?

***Pasta Sauce, Spreads (Jams, Honey),
Soup, Tinned Tuna, Pasta, Biscuits.***

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

Thank you!

Jean and Betty's Bus Tours

Tuesday June 11, Trip to Belgenny Farm, Camden.

Departure: Greystanes 8:30am and St Patrick's 9:00am

Includes coach travel, morning tea, tour and lunch all for
just \$60.

Please call Jean on
9920 3401 or 0425 251 754.



Daily Readings

M 3 Jun: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

T 4 Jun: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11

W 5 Jun: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19

Th 6 Jun: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

F 7 Jun: Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19

S 8 Jun: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

S 9 Jun: Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-7; Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

Frankly Speaking...

"Accept the risen Jesus into your life. Even
if you have been far away, take a small step
towards him: he waits you with open arms."

— Pope Francis



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

Diamond Jubilee

Congratulations to
Noel & Irene D'Cruz
for 60 years of Marriage!
May the love of God continue
to bless you and your marriage.



Social Justice cans and plastic bottles collection

There will be boxes in the foyers for those who want to bring in their cans and plastic bottles. The Social Justice group will recycle them and the funds will help to provide for those who are doing it tough in our community.

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal

A reminder that next week we will have the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal collection. Donations will help to support Seminarians and their journey to Priesthood. Envelopes are available in the foyers of the Church.

Share the spirit this Pentecost.

Consider being involved by:

- **Promoting your ministry group with a stall.** To secure a table, message Franchesca on 0432 417 883.
- **Bringing a dish representing your cultural heritage.** You can drop off your dishes in Cardinal Clancy kitchen before the 10am mass.
- **Donating bread rolls, sausages, onions, soft drink cans or water bottles.** Please leave donations at the Parish Office.

For more information about how you can be involved talk to Antoinette on 9622 1125.



Family Group Meeting

Attention: previous, current and prospective members of MQOF family groups

It is our wish to bring together, once again, all members of family groups in the MQOF parish or anyone else interested. This includes the 2 current family groups, Many Blessings and Harmony, as well as other family groups that ceased operating during the period of the amalgamation of St Michael's and St Patrick's Parishes. We hope to be able to embrace each other as Christian brothers and sisters.

The event will be held at the Blacktown Showgrounds from 11:30 onwards on 23rd June. It is an occasion to meet informally, share stories and experiences of our lives and the impacts and challenges of living our faith. Please bring some food or drink to share, while the kids can run amok.

For further details please contact Ivan on 0414208449.

PRAYER : ADORATION : PRAISE & WORSHIP
TESTIMONY : FELLOWSHIP

3RD FRIDAY DEVOTION

21 June 2019 6:30 PM

St Patrick's Church

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

TEXT RSVP TO FRANCESCA ON 0432 417 883
BY FRIDAY 14.06.19

HOSTED BY MQOF YOUTH

PENTECOST PARTY 2019

Come Holy Spirit

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 2019

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MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY
PARISH, BLACKTOWN

What is canon 517 §1?

Some of you may be aware that the Bishop has not followed the usual arrangement of parish clergy at Mary, Queen of the Family, by not appointing a parish priest. He wrote to Fr. John Paul, Fr. Jack and myself, saying: *'It is the decision of the Bishop of Parramatta that the parish of Blacktown is to be entrusted to two or more priests who will act jointly under the direction of a moderator, in accordance with Canon 517 §1.'*

That canon says:

Can. 517 §1. When circumstances require it, the pastoral care of a parish or of different parishes together can be entrusted to several priests in solidum, with the requirement, however, that in exercising pastoral care one of them must be the moderator, namely, the one who is to direct the joint action and to answer for it to the bishop.

This is different to the normal arrangement of a parish priest with assistants because rather than placing all the responsibility and authority in one priest, the parish priest, he has shared it among all three of us. So while there is no parish priest, the authority and responsibility of a parish priest in terms of the pastoral care and direction of the parish is still present, but simply shared among all three of us. That means that none of us can make a decision relating to the pastoral needs of the parish on our own, we have to work together.

The motivation here is to promote amongst priests, and hopefully overflowing into the rest of the parish, a concrete exercise of community life and prayer, team work, and dialogue.

As the moderator, though, I have the added responsibility of coordinating this shared decision making. It doesn't mean I am the parish priest. It just means that I am to facilitate this teamwork amongst the priests and report to the Bishop on how this, and the parish generally, is going.

Another added responsibility the Bishop has given me as moderator is to take charge of the temporal goods of the parish. That means that I am ultimately responsible for employees, maintenance, finances, and such things. In that sense, I assume the normal responsibilities of a parish priest.

What does this mean for the parish?

Well, because the appointment refers specifically to the priests, there isn't a huge change for the parish in terms of daily activity and decision making. But what it should do is witness to the parish the exercise of community life and prayer, team work, and dialogue, and hopefully set an example for the whole parish to operate in the same way.

But it also means that if you have a concern, question, suggestion etc. relating to the pastoral needs of the parish, feel free to approach any, or indeed all, of the three priests. And if you have a concern about finances or maintenance, then feel free to approach me.

We will gain a better idea of how this works on the ground as time goes by so your patience and prayers is very much appreciated.

God bless you all!

Fr Regie.



ACYF 2019 CHEAT SHEET

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a biennial national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Bishops of Australia. It exists to provide young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia.

The event involves three days of exciting, large scale Plenary's, tens of workshop options, music concerts, tonnes of prayer experiences, loads of fun, expos and concludes with an outdoor mass with the City of Perth.

"I invite young people from across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains to travel with me and the team across the Nullarbor to be with the young Church of Australia. Our pilgrimage begins in September as we gather to prepare, get to know each other and learn new ways to discern what the 'Spirit is saying' before the excitement of exchanging our faith with thousands of other young people in Perth".

BISHOP VINCENT LONG OFM CONV

THE PARRAMATTA PROCESS



BOOK your return flight to Perth yourself. Be prepared to potentially fly via another city to get the cheapest fares. Alternatively you may choose to fly in earlier and/or out later than December 7-11



SEND your ticket to ✉ james.camden@parracatholic.org and we will give you four nights (December 7-8-9-10) twin-share accommodation at the Novotel Hotel in Perth for free



GO TO acyf.org.au and register for \$220. Don't forget to choose Diocese of Parramatta from the dropdown menu



TOGETHER as Catholic Youth Parramatta, all youth, young adults, students and teachers will have access to purchasing a t-shirt, being part of a three month formation program and a commissioning mass with Bishop Vincent

**Catholic Education is coordinating the registration of students and teachers to attend the Festival. However, this does not preclude a student registering with a parish group of young adults. Get in touch with Catholic Youth Parramatta*

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES CONTACT

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Deanery Events

Wednesday 26th June 7pm-9:30pm - Central Deanery Youth Ministry Night

Every 4th Wednesday bi-monthly Central Deanery Youth Leaders invite all youth, young adults and all involved in youth ministry to discuss what's happening in their parishes and how we can support them, part of the discussions will be about volunteers for the upcoming Central Deanery Praise and Worship Encounter Night. Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills (Parish Meeting Room) RSVP: cypcentraldeanery@gmail.com

Saturday 27th July 7:30pm -9:30pm - Central Deanery Praise and Worship Encounter Night

All are welcome to a night and "encounter" Christ through Praise and Worship, Reconciliation, Adoration and Benediction. Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills (Parish Hall). Central Deanery priests are being sought to provide Reconciliation during the night. RSVP: cypcentraldeanery@gmail.com

MQOF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT

At our Meeting on the 16th May 2019 attended by the three priests of the Parish we discussed a variety of matters, but one vital matter which was raised, and should be the focus of all of us, is the journey of the Plenary Council in 2019. This diocese made 17,457 submissions representing 222,000 individuals. The next stage is for working groups to develop Council papers for discussion at the first session of the Council. Nominations for lay delegates of the Plenary Council 2020 will take place in September this year. By April next year, the draft Plenary Council papers will become available for download and discussion. All Catholics in the country are invited and encouraged to express their views on how they see the Church at the present time and what suggestions for change they would like to see implemented. The first session of the Council will take place in Adelaide from 4 -11 October 2020 and the second in Sydney in May 2021. There will be a timetable printed in the bulletin. Further information can be obtained from Tanya or Richard at pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org.

Other matters discussed included the ALPHA programme, the Pentecost Party, A Bible Course commencing in late July 2019, 'Clericalism' and a working definition for the Council of Priests, and a Mary Mackillop Chapel at the front of St Patrick's Church.

Parishioners are asked to consider standing for the MQOF Parish Council 2019/2020. The discernment and election date is the 25th August 2019. If any person is interested please email your details to admin@mqofblacktown.org.au.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is 7.00pm 20th June 2019. Parishioners may attend in person for a section of the meeting to present a particular issue if they provide written notice 2 weeks in advance.

Peter Baker
Secretary

THE PLENARY COUNCIL JOURNEY IN 2019

Ash Wednesday marks the close of the Listening and Dialogue stage.

6
March

National Centre for Pastoral Research collates and analyses all responses. A draft preliminary National Report is developed, with emergent themes for the Plenary Council identified.

Pentecost marks the launch of the next stage of preparation – *Listening and Discernment* – with the themes for national discernment announced.

April
May

9
June

Applications and selection of Working Group Chairs and members, with one working group per theme developing Council papers for discussion at the first session of the Plenary Council.

First meeting of Working Groups and local small group discernment to begin.

June

July

Sept

Nominations open for the lay delegates of the Plenary Council 2020.

National Centre for Pastoral Research will publish Diocesan qualitative reports.

October

April
2020

At Easter, draft Plenary Council papers discerned by the Working Group become available for download and discussion.

The first session of the Plenary Council 2020 will be held in Adelaide on October 4th - 11th, 2020.

4-11
Oct 2020

May
2021

The second session of the Plenary Council will be held in Sydney.





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- finding and re-defining our Baptismal call
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- 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

Piety Store

Come and have a look at the MQOF Piety Store after Mass! We have many beautiful gifts available for purchase.



Adult Confirmation

Are you ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Adult Confirmation will take place on the 10th September at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Preparations for the Sacrament will begin on the 31st of August at the IFM. If you are interested and wish to find out more details, please contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125.

Living out Laudato Si

Pope Francis has shared his concerns about climate and people's welfare, environment, waste, consumerism and renewables for our times in "Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home". The need for Ecological Conversion has been in Papal Documents since 1990. That is Responding to the Cry of the Earth and the Poor and making a complete change of heart in how we live on God's Earth. Come, join in and share with Instruction, Discussion and Action on **Tuesday 4th June, 7.30pm, OLOL Parish Meeting Room, 7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills.**



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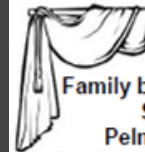
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included! We join the Australian Outback
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2. 21 Days Canada & Alaska: Early September 2020
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