



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, 26 May 2019: Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year C

AT HOME WITH GOD

One of the moving and famous scenes in the movie, The Wizard of Oz, is when Dorothy was going home and she had to say "There's no place like home". We have certainly heard this expression or used this expression ourselves. I have personally used this expression before in one of my Facebook posts when I went home. This is true that there is no place like home. It is because 'home' means more than just a house or a building; it is where the people whom you love and who love you are found.

In our Gospel Reading on this 6th Sunday of Easter, Jesus tells us: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him." An Australian Biblical scholar, Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, has given a good commentary on this text: "Believers who truly love Jesus have his assurance that he and the Father have made their 'home' within them. This is perhaps the most beautiful and most intimate expression of the theme of divine indwelling in the Fourth Gospel. The divine 'community' of mutual love constituted by Father and Son sets up house, so to speak – makes itself 'at home' – within the hearts of believers and within the community as a whole. It is not just that believers should come to be at home with God; God wants to be at home with them."

What a remarkable and powerful image that God wants to be at home with us. This notion of being at home with us starts with His love for us. In return, Jesus challenges us that if we really love him, we have to keep his word. We must be a home for God by our words and deeds which are guided by his new commandment of loving one another the way he loves us. We must share His love and proclaim the Good News to all so that others too can create a home for God.

Fr John Paul

CONTACT US

PARISH TEAM

Moderator: Fr Regie Lavilla
Priest: Fr John Paul Escarlan
Priest: Fr Jack Green
Deacon: John Cinya
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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 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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Blacktown
Office Hours:
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, 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

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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
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YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR C
Sixth Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Is 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading: Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Anniversaries: Kathleen McNamee

Special Intentions: Nicholina Xuereb, Bella Tan, Marcelino Salazar, Ponciano Santiago

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.

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.

Blacktown City Lantern Club Stall

The Blacktown City Lantern Club would like to thank you. We raised \$564.00 for the deaf and blind children at the institute!

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 this workshop by emailing admin@mqofblacktown.org.au or call 9622 1125.

Daily Readings

- M 27 May: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 - 16:4
- T 28 May: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
- W 29 May: Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
- Th 30 May: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
- F 31 May: Zeph 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56
- S 01 May: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28
- S 02 May: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23

Frankly Speaking...

"The Spirit will bring to mind the teachings of Jesus in the various concrete circumstances of life, so as to make them able to be put them into practice ."

— Pope Francis



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.

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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- 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

3rd Friday Devotion

Join MQOF Youth as they host a 3rd Friday Devotion at St Patrick's Church for all parishioners on the 21st June. The devotion will begin with evening prayer at 6:30pm, followed by adoration, praise & worship, testimony and fellowship in the Cardinal Clancy Room.

RSVP by text to Franchesca on 0432 417 883 by Friday 14th June for catering purposes.



PENTECOST PARTY 2019

Come Holy Spirit

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 2019

AFTER THE 10AM MASS

51-59 ALLAWAH ST BLACKTOWN

CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

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**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.

Central Deanery Pastoral Council

All Men of the Central Deanery are invited to the St Anthony's Parish Men's breakfast on Saturday 1st June from 7am to 8.30am, held in the Parish Hall, 27 Aurelia St Toongabbie. A gold coin donation is requested to help us cover costs.

Our guest speaker this month is Paul Sinclair. Paul, the president of the Toongabbie conference of St Vincent de Paul, will be presenting a talk on the operations of the Society, highlighting the range of good works that the society is involved in and outlining some changes that have been made over the last few years. Come along and meet men from other local parishes and join us for a hearty breakfast. Please contact Peter Gardner on 0419 262 464 or Bill Ryan 0408 613 281 to RSVP, mainly to ensure that you book a sausage!

Jean and Betty's Bus Tours

Tuesday June 11

Trip to Belgenny Farm, Camden.

Departure:

Greystanes 8:30am

St Patrick's 9:00am

Includes coach travel, morning tea, tour and lunch. Price \$60.

Please call Jean on 9920 3401 or 0425 251 754.



Cancer Council's Blacktown Relay For Life

St Patrick's and St Michael's churches have been involved with the Relay For Life for 16 years. A combined effort has raised valuable funds for Cancer Research, Treatment and Support. Our efforts have improved the cancer journey for many in the community.

It is time to register the MQOF team for 2019!

Blacktown Relay For Life will be held 19-20th October.

If you are interested, please contact

Kathie Collins

0414 194 052



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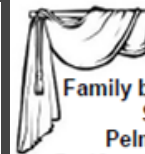
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