

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 Jul 2019: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

FAITH - AN ACT OF THE MIND AND HEART

How can we love God with all our mind and with all our heart if we do not care and love those around us, especially those who are in need? This is a valid and important question that we may ask ourselves. Last Sunday's Gospel, we reflected on the Gospel account when Jesus was sending his disciples to preach to all the nations. In the same way, we are reminded that as Baptised Christians, we are also sent out to do the same. Preaching is indeed the task of the people of God—the Church. But preaching is not about the talking; preaching is all about the walking. We are called to walk the talk.

One of the famous Gospel stories is the story of the Good Samaritan. It is a beautiful but challenging story. We can be caught up with guidelines and laws but we take for granted the importance of why these guidelines and laws are created. They are important but we should not forget that they are meant to help us to have a deeper and stronger relationship with God and with one another. Our intimate relationship with God must be extended to how we treat the people around us. We must ask God for His grace to take up the challenge of serving and helping others, just like the good Samaritan.

Let us continue to learn more about God and all the teachings entrusted to us by our Lord Jesus Christ. We are about to start in our parish an eight-week program called, 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible'. I am encouraging you all to come and join with the rest of our fellow parishioners as we continue to understand the Sacred Scriptures. As we ought to love God with all our mind, let us feed our mind with the Word of God so that we can fully love God with all our heart. Fr JP

CONTACT US

PARISH TEAM

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

Pastoral Care Coordinator: Antoinette Mangion Sacramental Coordinator: Christina Rodricks

Cate Gabriel Parish Assistant: 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

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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 (St Michael's)

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YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR C Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading: Dt 30:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34.

36-37. R. see v.33

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Second Reading: Col 1:15-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 Sm 3:9;Jn 6:68 Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, And the swallow a nest for her young; By your alters, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, For ever singing your praise.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Marlene Baldacchino, Mercedes .S. Marilla, Josephine Tipaldo, Cornelius & Rita Rajayah, Margaret Camilleri, Ron Holmes

Special Intentions: Monica Spiteri, Deceased Members of the Tanti Family, Samuel White, Rocco Borg, Millie Graham, Arelen Lambert, All the Souls in Purgatory/Thanksgiving, Clarrie & Kevin Clout, Jane Vella

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, Dayne-Taylor Riew, Helen Sumera, Joseph Nakhoul, Cecile Clair, Steven Griffin, Doreen Stanslaus, Dalton Gunnulson, Mary Key, Tony Clarke, Maria Apap, Elita Tuca Huffton, Anthony Michael

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.

40th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Mary and Henry Blazejko

May the love of God continue to bless you and your marriage.



St Michael's Primary School Open Afternoon

Friday 2nd August 4pm Come for a walk through the school. See the exciting contemporary learning spaces. Learn about the school's history and what it has to offer. Enrolments are being taken now for 2020 in all classes, Kindergarten to Year 6.

Daily Readings

M 15 Jul: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 -11:1
T 16 Jul: Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24
W 17 Jul: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Th 18Jul: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
F 19 Jul: Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Mt 12:1-8
S 20 Jul: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21

S 21 Jul: Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

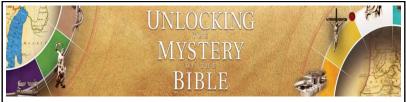
Frankly Speaking...

"Like the Good Samaritan, may we not be ashamed of touching the wounds of those who suffer, but try to heal them with concrete acts of love."

— Pope Francis







Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Study Program

Start date: 22nd of July End date: 9th of September Time: Mondays 7 - 8:30pm Location: St Patrick's Church

Visit our Parish Website to register and find out

more information!

For any enquiries, please contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125 or admin@mqofblacktown.org.au



Be part of the experience
Register at www.maofblacktown.org.au

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2019

The Sacramental Process for Confirmation begins on the 6th August. If your child has received First Holy Eucharist, and is 10 years and over, they are now ready to receive this Sacrament. All forms and details of enrolment are on our website. Forms can be emailed to sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au or dropped in at the office by the 29th July. For any further questions please call the office on 96221125.

Reflective Ministry Component 2 at the Institute for Mission

A great opportunity for those involved in any form of service or ministry that is motivated by the Gospel.

Dates: 11 Tuesday evening sessions starting from 20 August 6.45pm. Also there is a Saturday morning session 23 November

Cost: \$90 (negotiable with subsidies) Visit the IFM Website for more information and registration.

MQOF Flower Ministry Coming Soon

Do you want to know how to make flower arrangements?

The Workshop will be on the 7th September at 2 to 5pm and is provided by a qualified flower arranger.

A donation of \$15 is required to help cover the cost of flowers and materials. You can bring home your own arrangement! Please register by the 30th August to the Parish Office. 9622 1125 or

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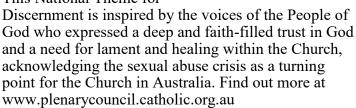
Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2019

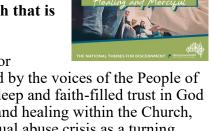
Sessions are held Mondays 7pm at the Institute for Mission

- Compulsory Introductory Session 12th August
- Ministers of the Word (2 Sessions) 19th & 26th August
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (2 Sessions) 9th & 16th September
- Communion to the Sick and Dying (1 Session) 23rd September Please contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125 or come by to collect a form

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment #4 How is God calling us to be a **Christ-centred Church that is** Humble, Healing and Merciful?

This National Theme for



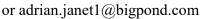


Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

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marriage! Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774 419





Parish Assistant

Expressions of interest are invited from suitably qualified persons for a part-time paid Parish Assistant commencing on 22 July 2019.

Duties include partly preparation of the weekly Parish Bulletin, preparing documents and slides for Sunday Liturgy, routine correspondence, record keeping, general reception duties, and provision of administrative support to the Parish Moderator and Parish Team. An advance level of computer literacy, specifically, Microsoft Office and a strong organizational and administrative skills are essential requirements for this position, This is a part time position of 15 hours per week to be worked, over 2 days each week, as agreed.

Suitable training will be arranged prior to commencement of duties. Remuneration will be in accordance with the Clerks (Level 2) – Private Sector Award 2010 and commensurate with the applicant's skill and experience. An understanding of and commitment to Catholic values and teachings is required. Written applications should include the names and contact details of at least two (2) recent referees. Applications marked 'Confidential' can be emailed to: accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au.

Applications Close: Monday, 15 July 2019, COB.



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