



# 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, 21 Jul 2019: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

## PRAYER AND SERVICE

This Gospel passage has been used by Christians over centuries and centuries to reflect on two aspects of the Christian life: the active and the contemplative life. For most of us, striking a balance between the two is a daily struggle and there can be many reasons for this, some struggle because they find prayer difficult to be motivated for, others struggle because they have never really established a routine of prayer. Yet, there is another reason and that is the pervasive assumption in much of our society that being 'busy' is somehow a good thing. I wouldn't be able to count how many times I've asked someone how they are and they tell me they are 'busy'. This is a tragedy because it means that we have constructed a society where it is normal and habitual to not spend significant time listening to God. We have built a society that has not chosen 'the better part' that Jesus speaks of. There are clues to this everywhere: screen addiction, restlessness, reduction in people's ability to concentrate for long periods of time etc.

But this picture need not be so bleak. As Christians we have a unique role to play in the midst of this society and that is to witness to the importance and the benefits of a life that is lived regularly listening to God's voice, regularly sitting at his feet and contemplating him. The peace that fills the heart of a Christian who is regularly listening to God is actually very attractive to a society that gets lost in its own frantic pace. The light that shines out from these peaceful Christians to their colleagues at school or work or uni, their family members and their friends is something that people long for and this is then our opportunity to speak to them of the source of this peace and light: Jesus Christ.

Indeed, sitting at the feet of Jesus is 'the better part', the 'one thing necessary', and so is the source of all Christian action. First we must sit at the feet of Jesus and learn from him. Then our active life, our life in the world will be touched by his peace and his light. It will have a gracefulness and effectivity that we could never achieve on our own. Do not be afraid to do that one thing necessary and sit at the feet of Jesus. Fr Jack.

## CONTACT US

### PARISH TEAM

Moderator: Fr Regie Lavilla  
Priest: Fr John Paul Escarlan  
Priest: Fr Jack Green  
Deacon: John Cinya  
Finance Officer: Sarah Damole  
Pastoral Care Coordinator: Antoinette Mangion  
Sacramental Coordinator: 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**

<b>St Michael's Church</b> 58 Orwell St Blacktown Office Hours: Sunday 8.30am - 11.30am	<b>St Patrick's Church</b> 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm
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**Email:** admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

## 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

<b>St Michael's Primary</b>	8869 6200
<b>St Patrick's Primary</b>	8869 6000
<b>Nagle College</b>	8887 4501
<b>Patrician Brothers College</b>	8811 0300
<b>Catholic Early Learning Centre</b> (St Michael's)	8814 8406

<b>Institute for Mission</b>	9296 6369
<b>Diocesan Ministry Centre</b>	8838 3460
<b>Catholic Care</b>	8843 2530
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**YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR C**  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O for, for it is good.

**First Reading:** Gen 18: 1-10

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

The just will live in the presence of the Lord

**Second Reading:** Col 1:24-28

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Lk 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Cf. Ps 83:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
Had made a memorial of his wonders;  
He gives food to those who fear him.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**



**Anniversaries:** Juanito C. Aranda, Josephine Tipaldo, Ron Holmes, Steve Hall, Raul Sto Domingo, Zoraida Suarez- Munford, Vincent James, Mararet Camilleri, Monica Spiteri, Amy Bowers, Marlene Baldacchino, Chiara Ciocca

**Special Intentions:** Kevin Ambrose Hughes, Paul Borg, Nola and Ted Avis

**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, Danny Velcich, Flavio Hose Tunac, Tina Prendergast, Sr Elia, Christian

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](mailto: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.

**Please include in your prayers our fellow parishioner, Veronica DeSa**

Veronica will be answering God's call to the Religious Life through the community of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara ([www.servidorasdelasenor.org/en](http://www.servidorasdelasenor.org/en)). She will start her formation on August 22, 2019.

**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 22 Jul:** Song 3:1-4 or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**T 23 Jul:** Ex 12:21-15:1; Mt 12:46-50

**W 24 Jul:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 12:1-9

**Th 25 Jul:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

**F 26 Jul:** Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23

**S 27 Jul:** Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30

**S 28 Jul:** Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

**Frankly Speaking...**

"St. Peter committed one of the greatest sins, denying Christ, and yet they made him Pope. Think about that!"  
— Pope Francis

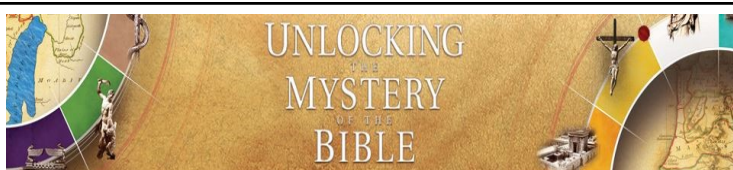


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# ALPHA PARTICIPANT

Starts 23rd July  
Be part of the experience  
Register at [www.mqofblacktown.org.au](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au)



## 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](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)



## 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 [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)

## Welcome Ann Hart!


We would like to welcome Ann Hart to the Parish Team. Ann will be taking on the role of Administrative Assistant for Wednesdays and Thursdays.

## 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](mailto:sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au) or dropped in at the office by the 29th July. For any further questions please call the office on 96221125.

## ACYF Bucket Collection

Next week we will be having a bucket collection to help the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Your donations will be much appreciated.



## Feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

The Josephite Associates would like the Parish Community to join them to celebrate the Feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop on the 8th August. Mass will be celebrated at 9am, followed by morning tea and a speaker, Kelly Vance, from the Mary MacKillop Today Foundation, who will talk about the Josephite's Mission in Timor Leste.





**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:  
National Theme for  
Discernment #5  
How is God calling us to be a  
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**Jean & Betty's Bus Tours**

Come join us for a lovely 7 day tour to Oberon and Orange. From Monday 28th October - 3rd November.

**Departure:** 8am St Patrick's, 8:30am Greystanes

**Price:** \$1135pp

**Includes:** Coach Travel, Morning Tea, Tours and Lunch on day 1.

Contact Jean on

99203401 or

0425 251 754



**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

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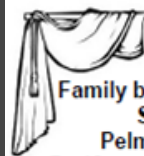
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