

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, 7 Jul 2019: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

WHAT ARE CHRISTIANS SENT FOR?

"As the Father has sent me, even so I send you" (John 20:21). Every disciple of Jesus is by nature a missionary, literally meaning the one who is sent. We need to remind ourselves as Christians that by virtue of our baptism and confirmation, having received the very life of God, we are called to bring the Good News to others like what Jesus did and is still doing through us who are sent by him. We need to understand first of all that the good news we are sent to proclaim to others is Jesus Christ himself, sent by the Father for the salvation of all. Thus it is so important that we truly put our faith in Jesus as the greatest gift of the Father, the face of God's love and mercy for all. It is also essential that we have a deep conviction of the mission of God as revealed in the very life and mission of Jesus. We have to be aware however, that mission is not just doing something, it is first of all our "being", who we are before God and then this flows into our work and ministry for others. St Paul in the second reading is quiet clear with this. He said, "The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world...I want no more troubles from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus." The Gospel of Luke tells us something about the missionary endeavour of the 72 disciples. This number is symbolic of the Jewish notion of the known world at that time and thus eventually the universal mission of the Church founded on the apostles. The purpose of the mission entrusted to them is to bring peace ("shalom"), the salvation that is coming from the proclamation of the Kingdom of God, from Jesus Christ who brings healing to our wounded and broken humanity, who calls repentance from our sins. It is the peace that Jesus gives, not what the world gives

Mission is grounded on one's relationship with Jesus, from him who makes us new creatures (second reading). It is firmly rooted in one's experience of the mercy and love of God that one could not contain but share it to others. It begins and ends in prayer, in union with Jesus. This "business card" of Mother Teresa has spread throughout the world. Indeed, she is a great example of being a missionary of God's love. She said, "The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace." Indeed, this is what Christians are sent for, to bring the light of Jesus to the world. Fr Regie

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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

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)

<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u>
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

PARISH SCHOOLS

St Michael's Primary 8869 6200 8869 6000 St Patrick's Primary 8887 4501 Nagle College Patrician Brothers College 88110300 Catholic Early Learning Centre 8814 8406 (St Michael's)

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YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR C Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Acts 1:11

Your merciful love, O God,

we have received in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving iustice.

First Reading: Is 66:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1 Let all the earth cry out to God with

Second Reading: Gal 6:14-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 28:19. 20 Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 24:46-53

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 28:20

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

blessed the man who seeks refuge in

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Anna Dazon, Josephine Tipaldo, Alex Scollard, Joseph El Khoury, Josephine Nakhoul, Beryl Kathleen Boidin, Andrew Lobo



Special Intentions: Jesudasan Siniya, Doris Sultana, France and Katrina Cauchi, Najia El Khoury, Joey El Khoury, Norma Tagle Cooper

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

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.

Mass Offerings

To help our team ensure that Mass Intentions are offered at the correct time. please be sure to print the name/s of the person clearly with the church and mass time that you would like the offering to be said. If there are no details of when the Mass is to be offered, it will be offered at the next available Mass. Thank you.

Jean and Betty's Bus Tours **Tuesday July 9** Christmas in July at Aunty Molly's Wyong

Departure: St Patrick's at 8am, Greystanes at

8.30am

Includes: coach travel, morning tea, lunch and entertainment

Cost: \$75

Please call Jean on 9920 3401 or 0425 251 754.



Daily Readings

M 8 Jul: Gen 28:10-22; Mt 9:18-26 T 9 Jul: Gen 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

W 10 Jul: Gen 41:55-57, 42:5-7, 17-24; Mt 10:1-7

Th 11 Jul: Gen 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

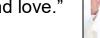
F 12 Jul: Gen 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23

S 13 Jul: Gen 49:29-33; 50:15-26; Mt 10:24-33

S 14 Jul: Deut 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Frankly Speaking...

"The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love."



Pope Francis



Bulletin Advertising and Announcements

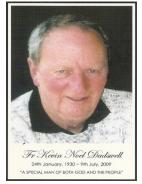
Due to the volume of requests that we receive for bulletin advertising and announcements after Mass, the Parish Team would appreciate if groups could cooperate with the following:

- Ads for the bulletin are to be 60 words or less. You may include a small image with this.
- Only Parish Groups and the Diocese are permitted to give short talks during the announcements in the Mass.

Remembering Father Kevin

Tuesday, 9 July, is the 10th anniversary of the death of Father Kevin Dadswell, who was the much loved Parish Priest of St Michael's for 20 years.

The 8.00am Mass on that day will be dedicated to his memory. All who knew Fr Kevin are welcome to attend.





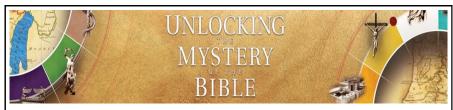
Parish Assistant

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.



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

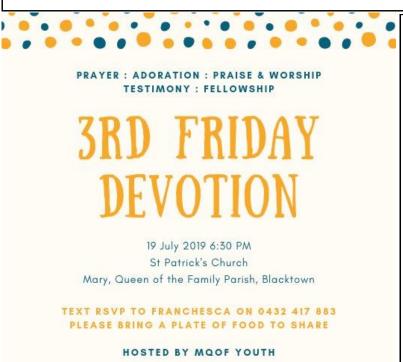
information!

For any enquiries, please contact the Parish Office on

9622 1125 or admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please come and collect your Planned Giving Envelopes from the Church foyers. They will be there for one more week. You can claim it after the 14th of July at the Parish Office. Thank you.



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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

10-11 August at Engadine

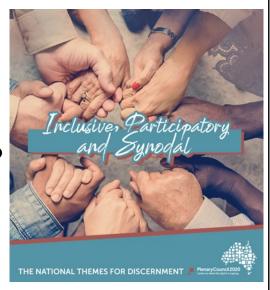
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National Theme for Discernment #2 How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal?

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire for individuals and groups within and also beyond the Church to find a better welcome and be incorporated more into her life and mission. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

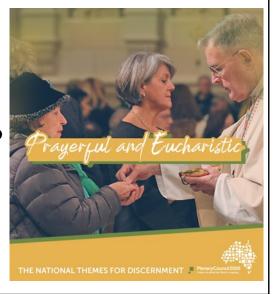


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National Theme for Discernment #3 How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Prayerful and Eucharistic?

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared how deeply they treasured the Eucharist and the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church.

Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



Volunteers Wanted

We are in need of volunteers either in St Michael's or St Patrick's Church who would like to share their time and talents for the following:

Church and Building Maintenance Gardening and Grounds Maintenance Electrical Maintenance Church Cleaning- St Patrick's

The Volunteer sign-up forms are available at the foyers of our Churches.



Three Months to the Permeant Deacon – Profile of Deacon John Cinya

I came to Australia in 1998 after escaping the conflict and war in South Sudan. I was a refugee in Ethiopia for four years. I am married to my wife Margaret and we are blessed with four children ages 15, 14, 11 and 9. Despite all the hardship and marginalisation, I did not leave my Catholic faith. In the early year of 2002, we formed the Sudanese Australia Catholic Community to help us present our identity to the Catholic community in Sydney. We found that the Catholic Church welcomed us with great love and care. We found peace and safety in the Church community. Since then I took the leadership role of my community that helped me journey towards my Diaconal vocation. As a leader, my life is characterised by full Spirit that give me physical, mental and spiritual capacity to serve the community.

The journey of my diaconate formation started in 2013. My life was full having no empty space to undertake a study of Bachelor of Theology to fulfil the requirement for the formation. I am also working full time, care for the family and the Church ministry.

I was ordained Permanent Deacon on the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter on 22 February 2019, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, NSW. It was a joyful and meaningful ceremony with women ululating with a capacity crowd of family from interstates, workmates, friends and parishioners. For me, my ordination as a deacon has fulfilled my dream that has become a true reality. Since my childhood I aspired to give my life to the service of God in the priesthood, which I did not pursue, but I got a chance of letting it go and ordained a Permanent Deacon. I was assigned to assist in the Parish of Mary Queen of the Family, Blacktown. I was warmly welcomed with the opened hand. My first Mass was on 23rd February 2013 and my first big Mass was with the Bishop during the Commissioning of new teachers at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. It was exciting being ordained meaning that I am available to proclaim the Gospel at Mass and to preach.

In regard to the Sacraments, the context of the Scriptures makes it quite clear about the role of a deacon in the Act of the Apostle chapter 6:1-6. Deacon St Stephen and the other six Deacons were chosen by the Apostles to assist in their ministry. As such, the Deacon is important in the life of the Church today, who serve the successors of the Apostles, the Bishop, in his Ministry, to lead God's people in the true worship of God. The Bishop granted the faculties to a deacon as ordained Minister to preside over as an ordinary Minister of Baptism, proclaiming and preaching the Word, presiding at the liturgies of the Word and Communion Services in the absence of a priest, preside at weddings, celebrate Christian funerals, providing that the funeral takes place outside of a Requiem Mass. Other miscellaneous include, distribution of Holy Communion, administer the Precious Blood of Christ from the Chalice, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, conduct public rites of blessing, offer prayer services for the sick and dying, and administer the Church's Sacramental, as designated in the Book of Blessings. These blessings would include, but not limited to, blessings of a married couple, the parents after a miscarriage, those gathered at a meeting, a new home, an office, animals, seeds at planting time, religious articles, an Advent wreath, or a Nativity scene. Because a Deacon is not a priest has NO faculties of presiding over celebrating the Eucharist, nor hear Confession, and/nor Anoint the sick with the Oil of the Sick.

Indeed, my life as Deacon for last three months would not be complete without some reference to those who have touch my life, particularly the Most Reverend Bishop Vincent, the Deacons and Priests of the Diocese of Parramatta and the parishioners of Mary Queen of the Family parish Blacktown. Therefore, I would like to encourage those men who are willing to come forward to discern and it is a rewarding Ministry of the Deacon. Deacon John Cinya.

MQOF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT

Highlights of the Parish Council meeting on the 20th June 2019

- Individual responses to the issue 'Clericalism a working definition' to be submitted, rather than a collective response from the Council.
- Pentecost party was a great success and all agreed that the Parish Council next year should support it.
- ALPHA group completed a Holy Spirit weekend, and the course for this half year will end in July.
- The Plenary Council 2020 stages will be disseminated in the Parish publications.
- Planning for the PPC elections has begun. There have been 14 interested persons so far in taking up a position as Councillor and more are expected as we continue the process. Current Councillors will address Mass congregations over coming weeks.

The next meeting is on the 18th July at 7.00pm. If a parishioner has a matter to consider please lodge any requests in writing to the Parish office or by email to admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

"Welcome, Grow, Act"

Deanery Events

"Do this in memory of me..." Eucharistic spirituality and living

Formation/Retreat Day for servers, readers, musicians, and extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharistic conducted by Rev. Dr. John Frauenfelder, Principal of the Australian Institute of Theology – BBI

Venue: Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes

Date: 17th August 2019, 10am – 3pm For further details and registration:

parishoffice@olqp.org.au

Do Catholics need the *OLD* TESTAMENT?

The studies of the Hebrew Scriptures will include the following topics:

- The contents of Old Testament books
- The historical, cultural and geographical contexts of the Old Testament
- Theology and theological issues in the Old Testament
- Ethical issues arising from the study of the Old Testament
- The linkage between the Old and New Testaments

Dates: Thursdays throughout October 2019: 3 / 10 / 17 / 24 / 31

Time: 7.30 pm – 9 pm

Venue: Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, St George Preca Centre, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes 2145

Tel: 9631 8135 - Please register via: parishoffice@olqp.org.au





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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.

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.





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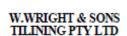
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