



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, 11 Aug 2019: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

OUR FAITH'S TREASURE

Many people around the world are impressed with Pope Francis' simplicity of living and love for the poor. He took his name from Saint Francis of Assisi who abandoned his comfort and wealth because of his love of God and the cause of the Gospel. Saint Francis lived a life of radical poverty and found joy in preaching the good news even if it meant asking for daily sustenance from others, such as begging for food. He found his treasure in the love of God. We hear Jesus speaking to his disciples in our Gospel, "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." He goes on to remind them to be rich in the treasure of heaven. "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." This is precisely what made the saints ahead and what Pope Francis is telling the faithful today, to put our heart, to put our faith in God, in Jesus Christ who brings us the message of the good news and the kingdom of God in our midst. The invitation is here and now and we are all asked to respond too in the here and now, and not to postpone for we do not really know when the time would come and we might not be prepared (Lk. 12:32-48). When we begin to put our trust in God, learning to be dependent on Him alone, not on the riches and wealth of this world, not on our pride, then we also begin to experience that we are indeed truly loved by God. For with it, we remove the block that prevents us from encountering the good news of the kingdom of God. The first encyclical of Pope Francis "Lumen Fidei" tells us what faith means to those who believe and follow the footsteps of Jesus Christ. In one of the themes he writes, **"Faith is born of an encounter with the living God who calls us and reveals his love, a love which precedes us and upon which we can lean for security and for building our lives. Transformed by this love, we gain fresh vision, new eyes to see; we realize that it contains a great promise of fulfilment and that a vision of the future opens up before us" (LF no. 4).** This is the vision that runs through the life of the witnesses of faith from Abraham down to our new modern saints like Mary MacKillop, an Australian saint we just celebrated few days back (8th August). The second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews describes how this faith operates, and when we continue to read this letter we can find a narrative of a "cloud of witnesses" who died for their faith. Today, there are still many Christians, who, in the midst of persecutions remain faithful to the Gospel and to their vocation. These Christians have found the treasure in Jesus Christ and are open to the grace of a lifetime conversion to God. Let us heed then the invitation of Jesus, first of all to trust that God truly loves us, that even when we are still caught up with our problems and preoccupations and with temporary pleasures, he is always waiting for us. The "door of faith" (Acts 14:27) is always open for us (Porta Fidei no. 1). Let me suggest a few steps to begin. Spend a time for prayer, get hold and read the Holy Scriptures and pray over, asking God what he wants of us. Slowly read through also the Catechism of the Catholic Church, love the Holy Eucharist, be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and see what God can do to your life! Fr Regie.

CONTACT US

PARISH TEAM

Moderator: Fr Regie Lavilla
Priest: Fr John Paul Escarlan
Priest: Fr Jack Green
Deacon: John Cinya
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Sacramental Coordinator: Christina Rodricks
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**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
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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 8811 0300
Catholic Early Learning Centre 8814 8406
(St Michael's)

Institute for Mission 9296 6369
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YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR C

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading: Wis 18:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1.12.18-20.22. R. v.12
Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?'

The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 147:12,14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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Anniversaries: Alex Scollard, Josephine Nakhoul, Beryl Kathleen Boidin, Frank & Connie Scerri, Stefan Gjumbir, Augustine Thayyil, Yuan Soller, Monica Spiteri, Jacqueline Rosario, Beth Aguas-Non, Rocco Borg, Beulah Frances Smith, Paul Anthony Sinclair, Maria Grace G. Santos-Ocampo, Cynthia Shafton

Special Intentions: Joaquin Sacarbarria, Isabel Batislaong
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 Grief, Helen Sumera, Joseph Nakhoul, Cecile Clair, Steven Griffin, Doreen Stanslaus, Dalton Gunnulson, Mary Key, Tony Clarke, Maria Apap, Elita Tuca Huffton, Anthony Michael, Flavio Hose Tunac, Tina Prendergast, Sr Elia, Christian, Arthur, Bev & Family, Debbie Zaraggozia, Anna Mun, Joachim Kim, S J Jang, J D Jang

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.

RSVP BY 15TH AUGUST
0420310771 or
JohnPaul.Escartan@parrocatholic.org

"Come & See"

- John 1:39

**A DAY OF DISCERNMENT FOR
SINGLE MEN AGED 16 AND ABOVE**

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY
31/33 ALLEN ST, HARRIS PARK
10AM-7PM | 18 AUGUST 2019

Daily Readings

M 12 Aug: Deut 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

T 13 Aug: Deut 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

W 14 Aug: Deut 34:1-12, Mt 18:15-20

Th 15 Aug: Vigil- 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54-57;
Lk 11:27-28

Day - Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56

Fri 16 Aug: Joshua 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

Sat 17 Aug: Joshua 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

Sun 18 Aug: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Heb 12:1-4, 8-19; Lk 12:49-53

Frankly Speaking...

"We hunger to be loved. But the most pleasing compliments, the finest gifts, and the most advanced technologies are not enough; they never completely satisfy us. The Eucharist is simple food, like bread, yet it is the only food that satisfies, for there is no greater love." - Pope Francis



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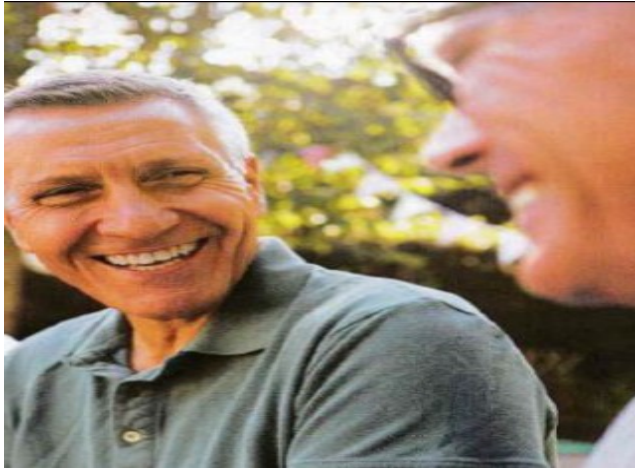
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MQOF Flower Ministry Coming Soon

**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!

Sacrament of Confirmation 2019

This weekend we welcome families who have begun the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray that they experience the outpouring of the gifts of Holy Spirit, and go on to become witnesses to Christ in the world!

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15 August 2019

Mass times: St Pat's 9am and 7:30pm.
St Michael's 8am, 7:30pm. Vigil Mass Wednesday
St Michael's 7:30pm

Help stop attempts to make abortion legal up until birth in NSW

We believe that all human beings are made in the image of God and that all human beings matter. The Church maintains the vigorous defence of the dignity of the human person. This includes the protection of life from conception to natural death. (Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv Bishop of Parramatta)

Parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta are encouraged to continue to contact their local NSW State Member of Parliament about this critical issue.

Stephen Bali
Member for Blacktown
Phone (02) 9671 5222
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blacktown@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Hugh McDermott
Member for Prospect
Phone (02) 9756 4766
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prospect@parliament.nsw.gov.au



Simply phone the electorate office during business hours and let them know that you are from the local area, and would like to ask the Member to vote against the abortion bill.

If you know a woman experiencing difficulty because of an unexpected pregnancy, please know that there is help available.

The Catholic Church, through its many agencies, can provide support to women who feel they have no choice available to them other than abortion.

In the Diocese of Parramatta, women and their families have access to assistance through our CatholicCare pregnancy-related services. They can be contacted on (02) 8843 2500.

The Life Marriage & Family Office

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at the 2019 'Faith in Marriage'
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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.

Completed forms to be returned before Monday 5 August.



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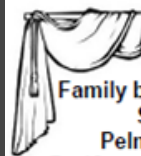
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