



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, 25 Aug 2019: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

YOLO

Some of our younger parishioners would be quite familiar with this phrase. YOLO: You Only Live Once. It was, for a time, a bit of a catch-cry and was often used to justify doing something crazy, reckless, or exciting. It speaks of a kind of life that is full of excitement and daring with little thought for what will come tomorrow. And yet, underneath it all, it really speaks of a kind of despair, for it says that there is only this life, nothing else; there is no higher meaning, no ultimate purpose, no grander plan for life than the fleeting highs of the present. Fyodor Dostoevsky's novels are famous for exploring this.

He concluded that this despair and careless nihilism is far removed from the good news of Jesus Christ: that this life is not all there is, there is something else, a higher meaning, an ultimate purpose, a grander plan. Christ showed us something deeper than maximising the pleasure of the present. Christ offers us hope in the face of what is really despairing nihilism.

But in one sense, YOLO is right. We do only live once. But it is not a life devoid of meaning or purpose. It is a life won for us by Jesus Christ, and the Gospel this Sunday challenges us to live that life responsibly.

Jesus speaks of entering by the 'narrow door' or risk being cast out. He says this not because he enjoys ruining all the fun, but because he wants us to join him in that kingdom. He wants us to be part of it. He wants this one life of ours to be fitting for that kingdom. And so he reminds us where we are headed, where our true home, what the real purpose of our life is. That doesn't mean that our life now can't be good and fulfilling and joyful. Jesus makes everything good and fulfilling and joyful. But it does mean that we cannot live our lives as if there is no higher meaning, no end for which we strive. We are reminded today by Jesus, that he has made us for something greater than the excitements and passing attractions of this world, and so while we may only live once, it is a life full of meaning and hope and responsibility: it is a life made for the kingdom of God.

Fr Jack

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
Parish Assistants: Cate, Kaitlyn, Todd, Ann

**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:

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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 8811 0300
Catholic Early Learning Centre 8814 8406
(St Michael's)

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YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR C

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading: Is 66:18-21

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading: Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Frankly Speaking...

"The Kingdom of God is founded on His love and rooted in hearts, giving peace, freedom and fullness of life to those who welcome it."

— Pope Francis



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Grech Family

Special Intentions: Paul Borg, Monica Spiteri, Norman Clemson, William Grosset, Hilda Coutinho, Louis Simon

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, Elita Tuca Huffton, Anthony Michael, Flavio Hose Tunac, Tina Prendergast, Sr Elia, Christian, Arthur, Bev & Family, Debbie Zaraggoozia, 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.



SAVE THE DATE

Parish Pilgrimage Saturday 14th September

9am Mass at St Patrick's

9:45am walk to St Michael's in Prayer and Song

11:00am Movie "The Power in my hands"

1pm Lunch

Please bring a plate to share

Reconciliation 2019

Is your child 7-8 yrs old (Yr 3), and ready to receive First Holy Eucharist in 2020? Then now is the time to enrol them into the Sacramental Process. The preparation process for reconciliation begins on the 15th October 2019. Make sure to check our website for more information and session dates. Please make note of the dates and times, so that you are able to make a full commitment to attend all sessions. All enrolment forms are to be sent in by 4th October. For further enquiries please contact the parish office on 96221125 or sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

Daily Readings

M 26 Aug: 1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-10; Mt 23:13-22

T 27 Aug: 1 Thess 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

(Alt. Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16; Lk 7:11-17)

W 28 Aug: Thess 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

(Alt. 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 23:8-12)

Th 29 Aug: (Jer 1:17-19); Mk 6:17-29

Fri 30 Aug: 1 Thess 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Sat 31 Aug: 1 Thess 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

Sun 1 Sep: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29;

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Lk 14:1, 7-14



At Mary, Queen of the Family Parish we WELCOME, GROW and ACT



SOCIAL JUSTICE FUNDRAISING BBQ

Saturday 7th September following the 5:30pm Mass at St Patrick's
 Sunday 8th September following the 10:00am and 5:30pm Masses at St Patrick's
 Sunday 29th September following all the Masses at St Michael's

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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

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Bishop's Father's Day Appeal

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A DAY WITH DEACON HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS SUNDAY September 8th 2019 St Patrick's Church

10:00am Mass
 11:00am Morning Tea
 12:00pm Talk 1—Jesus, Mary and Joseph: Reflections on the Holy Family
 1:00pm Break
 3:30pm Talk 2—The Pursuit of Happiness: Finding True Joy in the Catholic Faith
 4:30pm Q&A
 5:30pm Evening Mass





Couples for Christ Australia or CFCA is a Catholic, parish-based family life renewal ministry. A Christian Life Program will be starting on 1st September and

running over 7 Sundays. There are no fees or costs involved for the participants. You are invited to an Orientation Day on Sunday 01 September 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Cardinal Clancy Room St Patrick's Church, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown.

For more information please take a brochure from the back of the church, see the notice board or contact : Beato & Rose Pudadera 0403 471 393, Mike & Connie Savari 0476 269 504, Shen & Grace Kasayan 0424 304 588, Bobs & Elvie Reyes 0409 137 575

Repair to the Seats at St. Michael's Church

A number of seats at St Michael's Church are in need of repair.

For the repair the following materials are required

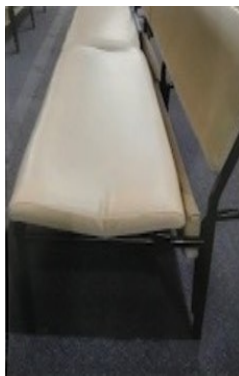
Pine timber panels approx.

1500x300x18mm thick

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If anyone can assist in obtaining these materials it would be greatly appreciated.

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Sunday September 1st @ 10:30am

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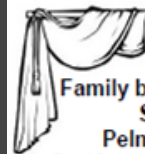
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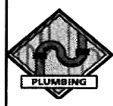
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