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, 28 Jul 2019: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

OUR FATHER

On Wednesdays, Pope Francis usually offers public *audience* at the Vatican in St. Peter's Square. He usually addresses the people by doing a catechesis. At the beginning of this year, he talked about the 'Lord's Prayer'. I am sharing you an excerpt of the conclusion from the series of catecheses that the Holy Father has given:

We can say that Christian prayer arises from the courage to address God with the name 'Father'. This to say 'Father' to God. But it takes courage! It is not so much a matter of a formula, as much as a filial intimacy into which we are introduced by grace: Jesus is the revealer of the Father and he gives us intimacy with him. He "does not give us a formula to repeat mechanically. As in every vocal prayer, it is through the Word of God that the Holy Spirit teaches the children of God to pray to their Father" (ccc, n. 2766). Jesus himself used different expressions to pray to the Father. If we read the Gospels carefully, we discover that these expressions of prayer that come from Jesus' lips recall the text of the "Our Father".

For example, on the night of Gethsemane, Jesus prays this way: "Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee; remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what thou wilt" (Mk 14:36). We have already cited this text from Mark's Gospel. How can we fail to recognize in this prayer, albeit short, a trace of the "Our Father"? In the midst of darkness, Jesus invokes God with the name 'Abba', with filial trust and, despite feeling fear and anguish, he asks that his will be done.

In other passages of the Gospel, Jesus insists that his disciples nurture a spirit of prayer. Prayer must be insistent, and above all it must carry the memory of our brothers and sisters, especially when we have difficult relationships with them. Jesus says: "whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any one; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses" (Mk 11:25). How can we fail to recognize in these expressions, their consonance with the "Our Father"? And the examples could be numerous, also for us.

We do not find the "Our Father" in Saint Paul's writings, but its presence emerges in that wonderful summary where the invocation of the Christian is condensed into a single word: 'Abba!' (cf. Rm 8:15; Gal 4:6).

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus fully satisfies the request of the disciples who, seeing him withdraw and immerse himself in prayer, decide to ask him one day: "Lord, teach us to pray, as John" — the Baptist — "taught his disciples" (Lk 11:1). And so the Teacher taught them to pray to the Father…

Fr John Paul

If you wish to read all the catecheses of Pope Francis on the "Lord's Prayer", you can find them at this website: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2019.index.html#audiences

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 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
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Sunday 8.30am - 11.30am

St Patrick's Church
51-59 Allawah St,
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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 (St Michael's)	8814 8406
Institute for Mission	9296 6369
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YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR C
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading: Gen 18: 20-32

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. v.3
Lord, on the day I called for help, you answer me.

Second Reading: Col 2: 12-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Lk 8:15
Alleluia, alleluia!
You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children and in that Spirit we call God our father.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 10:38-42
Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:
"Father, may your name be held holy,
Your kingdom come;
Give us each day our daily bread,
And forgive us our sins,
For we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."
He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.
'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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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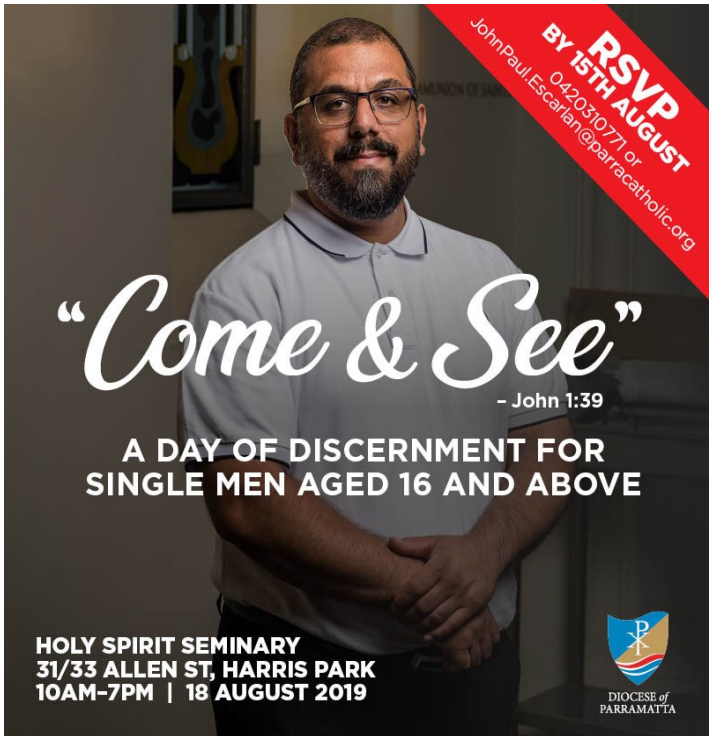
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries:: Josephine Tipaldo, Connie Scerri, Luke Evans, John Tanti, Angelina Samson
Special Intentions: Joe Azzopardi, Loretta Attard, Monica Spiteri, Christia Yunon, Louis Martin Cherry, Kathrin Formosa, Steve Hall, Thomas John Rindfleish, Nena Cabans

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 , Arthur , Bev & Family

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.



Daily Readings

M 29 Jul: (1 Jn 4:7-16); Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
T 30 Jul: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43
W 31 Jul: Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46
Th 1 Jul: Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Mt 13:47-53
F 2 Aug: Lev 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37: Mt 13:54-58
S 3 Aug: Lev 25:2, 8-17: Mt 14:1-12
S 4 Aug: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5,9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Frankly Speaking...

"Don't be afraid to ask God for forgiveness. He never tires of forgiving us. God is pure mercy."
— Pope Francis

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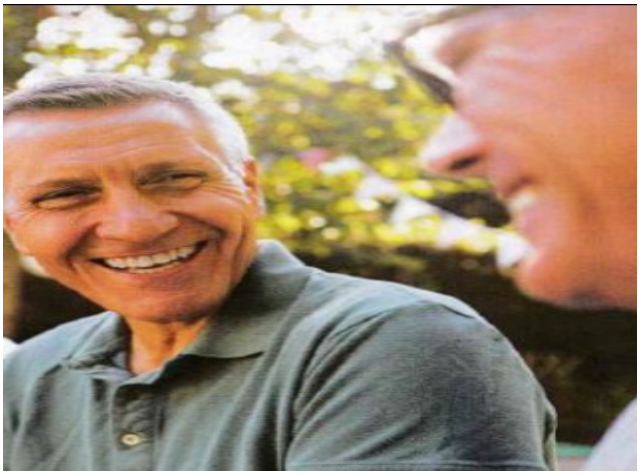

You are welcome to attend a meeting and dinner without obligation or cost, to decide whether you would like to join the Men's Association.

Alpha

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Starts 23rd July

Be part of the experience

Register at www.mqofblacktown.org.au

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

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.

The Office of Pastoral Planning invites Parishioners from all over the Diocese to attend a Presentation by Fr Ray Sanchez CP, who will explore the relevance of Passionist Family Groups in the change of era in our Church today.

If you are interested in developing the sense of authentic community in your parish, you will be enlivened by this presentation.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT

A FAMILY FOR ALL

There are Four opportunities to hear Fr Ray:

6:00pm Saturday 10 August
John 23rd Parish,
Stanhope Gardens

8:00am Sunday 11 August
St Michaels, South Blacktown

10:00am Sunday11 August St Patricks, Blacktown
or 11:15am -12.45pm Clancy Room, followed by a shared brunch

Any enquiries, call Parramatta Diocese's Family Group contacts
ELIZABETH and DENNIS FARRAR 0425 209 840

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

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 #6

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform?

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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

Please contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125 or come by to collect a form.
Completed forms to be returned before Monday 5 August.

Repair to the Seats at St. Michael's Church

Several seats are in need of repair at St Michael's Church. Donations are required to carry out these repairs.

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