



# 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, 8 Sep 2019: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

### Loving God First

We have recently completed the 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible' program in our parish. I found it very informative as it helped me to understand and value the Sacred Scriptures—the Word of God.

Personally, it was a wonderful experience for me in unlocking the beauty and transformative aspects of the Bible with my fellow members of the Body of Christ—the Church. I am sure the other participants also learned so much about God and His covenant with us and about Jesus Christ and His Church.

During the last session, Jeff Cavins who is an American Catholic biblical scholar powerfully challenged and reminded all of us of our call to become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. He said that we are not just fans of Jesus but must become his disciples—the ones who must go to all the nations and proclaim the Good News of the Triune God found in the Holy Bible.

To become a committed disciple means to completely give up oneself to God. Jesus clearly tells us in our Gospel this Sunday of what it means to be a Christian Disciple. There is a cost to discipleship. His disciple must carry his/her cross and must accept and put into practise all His teachings. To sum it up, a faithful and committed Christian disciple must love God first of all—his/her family must only come after his/her love to God. Our God wants us to love Him with all our hearts, our minds and our strength. If we truly and humbly love our Triune God, we will also learn how to truly and humbly love others—especially our family.

Like our Mother Mary whose birthday we commemorate on September 8, let us courageously and wholeheartedly say YES to the call of Christian Discipleship.

*Fr John Paul*

### CONTACT US

#### PARISH TEAM

Moderator: Fr Regie Lavilla  
Priest: Fr John Paul Escarlan  
Priest: Fr Jack Green  
Deacon: John Cina  
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  
Office Hours:  
Sunday 8.30am -  
11.30am

#### St Patrick's Church

51-59 Allawah St  
Blacktown  
Office Hours:  
Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm

Tel : 9622 1125      A/H : 9621 3146  
Fax : 9671 6425  
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

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

**Institute for Mission** 9296 6369  
**Diocesan Ministry Centre** 88383460  
**Catholic Care** 8843 2530  
Blacktown@ccss.org.au



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# YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR C

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 118:137,124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

### FIRST READING: WIS 9:13-18

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. V.1**  
In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

### SECOND READING: PHLM 9-10, 12-17

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Lk 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 9:2-3

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Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**M 9 Sep:** Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11

**T 10 Sep:** Col 2:6-15; Lk 6: 12-19

**W 11 Sep:** Col 3: 1 –11; Lk 6:20-26

**Th 12 Sep:** Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

**F 13 Sep:** 1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

**S 14 Sep:** Num 21:4-9 or Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**S 15 Sep:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

Daily  
Readings



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Anniversaries:** Josephine Nakhoul, Beryl Kathleen Boidin, Alex Scollard, George Zahra, Conchita Aguilera, Janice Alicia Mossfield



**Special Intentions:** Deceased members of Tanti family, Rev Fr Mark Spora, Juanita Bueno, Antonio Bolivar, Peter Camilleri, Joseph Aquilina, John Cherry, Ceasar Scaglia, Rocco Borg, Charles & Micallet Family.

**We remember and pray for those who are ill at home or in hospital at this time:** Ivanka Bradizza, 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](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.**

## Mass Offerings

### Mass Intentions

To help our team ensure that Mass Intentions are offered at the correct Mass day and time and to include the offering correctly in the bulletin, 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.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> October. For further enquiries please contact the

## Frankly Speaking...

"Situations can change; people can change. Be the first to seek to bring good. Do not grow accustomed to evil, but defeat it with good." Pope Francis





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**PARISH AGM**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2019**  
**COMMENCING AT 11:30AM**

**RCIA WORKSHOP 2019**

**Saturday 5th October**

**9:00am - 4:30**

We have an exciting opportunity for a full day workshop with Nick Wagner and Diana Macalintal of Team RCIA.

Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown.

Cost: \$10 includes Lunch, Tea & Coffee.

RSVP by 1st October

Ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org

**SOCIAL JUSTICE FUNDRAISING BBQ**

**This weekend**



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



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**Mary Queen of the Family Parish**  
**Pilgrimage 2019**

We welcome everyone to our annual Parish pilgrimage to be held on the **14th of Sep 2019** commencing at **9:00 AM** with Holy Mass.

We will then walk together in prayer and song from St. Patrick's Church to St. Michael's Church. Make sure you bring along your Hat, Sunscreen, Water and a plate to share!!

There will also be a screening of the movie "**Power in my Hands**" at 11:00 AM followed by Fellowship.

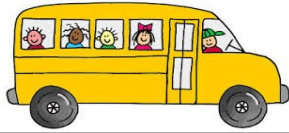
Watch the trailer here <http://powerinmyhandsthemovie.com/trailer/>

*Please invite parishioners and friends to walk with you....the more the merrier!*

## Jean & Betty's Bus Tours

Bus Trip 10th September to Geranium Cottage at Dural still has 3 spare seats. \$60 this includes Morning Tea, Lunch and Tour.

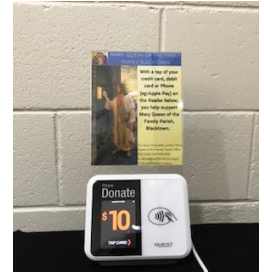
**Departure:** 8am St Patrick's, 8:30am Greystanes



**Repair to the Seats at St. Michael's Church**  
Thank you to all the parishioners who have donated to this project. For anyone who would still to contribute to this please ring the office on 9622 1125.

## Introducing Tap and Go

You can now make your contribution using the Tap and Go before and after Mass!



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PROGRAM AND EVENTS  
**September 2019**

**DIVINE MERCY,**  
1ST FRIDAY- 6th Sept, 6pm-8.30pm  
\* SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION \* DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET \* HEALING MASS

**DIVINE YOUTH MINISTRY,**  
FIRST SATURDAY- 7th Sept,  
5.30 pm to 9 pm, for Young Adults ages 18+  
\* MEET & GREET \* SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION \* PREACHING THE WORD  
\* ADORATION \* HOLY MASS  
For more details pls call Melinda Rego on 0423786768

**INNER HEALING RETREAT,**  
21st-22nd Sept,  
Starts Saturday 9:30am & ends Sunday 4:30pm  
(Live-in, Accommodation and food provided)  
2 bedded room: Single person - \$185, Twin Share - \$130 each (including meals).  
4 bedded rooms: Single person - \$185 per person, Sharing (4 persons) \$95 each (including meals).  
For more info & bookings please contact: 04 6848 6782 or email: drcrctreatreg@gmail.com

**SPIRITUAL HEALING RETREAT,**  
LAST SUNDAY- 29th Sept,  
(Celebrating the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul)  
9.00am to 4.00pm  
\* PRAISE AND WORSHIP \* PREACHING THE WORD \* EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
\* WAY OF THE CROSS \* DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET \* HOLY MASS

<b>KID'S MINISTRY</b> FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 5 YEARS - 8 YEARS	<b>CHILDREN'S MINISTRY</b> FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 9 YEARS - 12 YEARS	<b>TEENAGER'S MINISTRY</b> FOR TEENAGERS AGED BETWEEN 13 YEARS - 17 YEARS
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Pickup/Transport available from Gosford Station to DRC, pls call 04 6848 6782

**MINISTRY OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK & DYING**  
ONGOING FORMATION

**SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER**  
9:30AM - 2:00PM

INSTITUTE FOR MISSION  
1-5 MARION ST, BLACKTOWN

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✉ ANNE.ALIMANGOHAN@PARRACATHOLIC.ORG  
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2. **Gorgeous Hawaii: Mid-May 2020.** Join us on a hilarious escorted tour: **Honolulu - Pearl Harbour Polynesian Culture - Maui - Hilo - Kona - Kauai.** Call Paul Vassallo: 9666 6684, Mob: 0416 951 502.
3. **NEW TOUR: East Canada & USA: September 2020.** Boston—Montreal - Quebec - Ottawa - Kingston - Toronto - Niagara Falls - Washington - New York. Call Charlie - 9631 2689 or 0412 523 893.  
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