



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, 27 October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

What a powerful prayer that the tax collector prayed! Reflecting on his prayer, I remembered this story:

A newly commissioned colonel had just moved into his office, when a private entered with a toolbox. To impress the private, the colonel said “be with you in a moment, soldier! I just got a call as you were knocking.” Picking up the phone, the colonel said “General, it’s you! How can I help you?” A dramatic pause followed. Then the colonel said “No problem. I’ll phone Washington and speak to the President about it.” Putting down the phone, the colonel said to the private “Now, what can I do for you?” The private shuffled his feet and said sheepishly, “Oh, just a little thing, sir. They sent me to hook up your phone”!

Jesus strongly reminds us of this very important lesson from the Gospel this Sunday: “for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.” The virtue of humility is indeed essential in the way we pray and in our Christian life. Genuine humility is simply recognising the essential truth about ourselves. In the parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple.

The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us. Therefore, let us create a massive space in our hearts for God!

Let me share these words from St John Paul II whose feast day we celebrated on October 22: ‘Listen to his voice. Do not be afraid. Open up your hearts to Christ. The deepest joy there is in life is the joy that comes from God and is found in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He is the hope of the world. Jesus Christ is your hope and mine!’ (15 September 1987).

With the virtue of humility, we can fully recognise our need for God’s mercy and truly listen to his voice.

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

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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 8814 8406
(St Michael’s)

Institute for Mission 9296 6369
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YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR C
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING: SIR 35:12-14, 16-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 32:2-3, 17-19.

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The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

SECOND READING: 2 TM 4:6-8, 16-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Frankly Speaking...

"It is necessary to learn how to rediscover the path to our heart, to recover the value of intimacy and silence, because the God who encounters us and speaks to us is there — Pope Francis



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Tranquilino Paranis Sr

Special Intentions: Richard Navarro,



We remember and pray for those who are ill at home or in hospital at this time:

Candida Irugalbandara, Fr Peter Njau, C.S.Sp, Ardanette Seguban, Sandra Gaye Mee, Lucina Canete, Felipe Castillo, Beato Justiniano G. Toledo, Frank & Anjela Barglik, Rev. Fr. Federico dela Cruz

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.



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Calling all Volunteers to Recommit and anyone interested in joining a Ministry

All existing volunteers are requested to recommit their services, and for those who are interested in joining, please complete a "Join a Ministry" form available in the foyer or approach any of our Priests or contact the Parish Office.

Kindly fill out the form and return to the Parish Office by Monday 18th November.

Thank you to all the volunteers who give their time and their talents to help MQOF Parish, we appreciate your service.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please note, all Mass intentions for those who are ill at home or in hospital will be published in the bulletin for 2 weekends. As there are quite a number of requests we need to ensure there is enough room for other parishioners who also need our prayers.

Thank you for your understanding

Bible Study Group

Join the Bible Study Group in the Sid Mosley Centre at St Michael's every Thursday. The study will be from 7.30pm finishing at 9pm.



Daily Readings

- M 28 Oct: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19
- T 29 Oct: Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21
- W 30 Oct: Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30
- Th 31 Oct: Rom 8:31-39; Lk 13:31-35
- F 01 Nov: Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12
- S 02 Nov: From Masses for the Dead (Lectionary, vol. 3, p. 849-890)
- S 03 Nov: Wis 11:22 - 12:2; 2 Thess 1:11 - 2:2; Lk 19:1-10



Listening and Discernment Plenary 2020

As a part of the ongoing Australian Catholics Bishops Plenary 2020 Council, **you are invited to be a part of the Listening and Discernment program** being conducted at **Mary Queen of the Family Parish**

(St Patricks Church) 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown , on the evening of the 2nd November 2019, commencing at 6:30pm for a 7pm start.

This session commences after the Vigil Mass at St Patricks, so if you wish you may join the local community in Eucharist.


This is the second phase of preparing for the Plenary Council 2020. In this phase, we are continuing to listen to what the Spirit is saying as we move from listening and dialogue, into listening and discernment.

It is expected that the session will last for about 2 Hours, and a light meal will be provided.


For registration please contact

Bill Ryan 96363120/0408613281 or

Danielle Gardner 0414607180




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All Saints Day Friday 1 November.
Mass times: 8am St Michael's
9am St Patrick's

All Souls Day 2 November
Mass at St Patrick's 9am
May all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

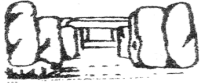


Central Deanery Youth Mass


The Youth of the Central Deanery of the Diocese of Parramatta invites everyone for a Youth Mass on Sunday 17 November at 5:30pm at Mary Queen of the Family Parish St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown.



CATHOLIC YOUTH
PARRAMATTA




The Maltese Cultural Association of NSW
Invites all members of the community to attend our Annual Memorial Mass for our deceased members. You may bring friends who wish to commemorate their loved ones with this Mass to be held at **Our Lady Queen of Peace Greystanes, on 8th November at 7pm.** Refreshments will be served at St George Preca Centre afterwards.
For more info. please ring Charles N Mifsud 9501 5525.




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The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

Marriage Enrichment Weekend :
Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship!
8th-10th November, 2019 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW
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Bring: Morning Tea for your own child.
If you are interested in attending or require further information please call Laura on 0416 099 978.



CatholicCare Blacktown Neighbourhood Aid Volunteers Needed

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you feel you would like to make a positive difference to other's lives in this way, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolcott on 0418 114 055



UNCEASING PRAISE CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

Come along to our annual workshop for a day filled with prayer and praise. We learn about God, sing, worship and have fun together!
We welcome all choir members, and anyone interested in joining us.
WHERE: MQOF (St Patricks Church)
WHEN: Saturday November 9th
TIME: 10:30am—3pm
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:
Ash, Parent Coordinator (0416 861 976)
Colene, Leader (0420 945 648)
Liann, Leader (0481 584 188)

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With a tap of your Credit Card Debit Card or Phone (Eg: Apple Pay) on the Reader below, you help support Mary Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown.

For more information, contact Mary Queen of the Family Parish Office.
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