

# 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, 17 Nov 2019: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Holy Communion: second update on changes to the liturgy at MQOF

In 2017, there was a decision made to introduce communion at Mass under both kinds at MQOF, that is, under the signs of bread and wine. This is a legitimate practice in the Church. However, since arriving, the clergy team have noticed that this has placed a strain on acolytes and senior servers who, due to the shortage of extraordinary ministers of holy communion at several Masses, have frequently had to try to find extraordinary ministers at the last minute just before Mass starts. This has often not been possible and so communion has been distributed under only one kind.

In an effort to address this, the clergy team have consulted with the liturgy committee who together have decided to reduce the offering of communion under both kinds to Masses of a more solemn nature where the required ministers would be guaranteed.

As a result, communion under both kinds will only be offered on such occasions as Maundy Thursday and other like solemnities. This will mean that as of the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019, communion will no longer be offered under both kinds at every Sunday Mass, nor during the week.

We realise this is a significant change, but would like to remind parishioners of the clear teaching of the Church on this

'Above all, they [pastors] should instruct the Christian faithful that the Catholic faith teaches that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and consequently that as far as the effects are concerned, those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any of the grace that is necessary for salvation.'1

And again, 'Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace.'2

This teaching of the Church reassures us that even if we only receive Holy Communion under the species of bread, we are not deprived of any of the graces and blessings that Christ offers us in this most holy Sacrament. We receive it all. This change can be seen then as an opportunity to reflect on what it is we receive in Holy Communion, or rather, Who.

- <sup>1</sup> General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 282.
- <sup>2</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1390.

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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 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 riday 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)

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# **YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR C**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Jer 29:11,12,14** 

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading: Mal 3:19-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 97:5-9. R. SEE V.9

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

**SECOND READING: 2 THES 3:7-12** 

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Rv 1:5.6** 

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 72:28**

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: : Gus Aquilina, Paulino Marca Jr.

**Special Intentions:** Victoria Mifsud, Allan Wells, Leopoldo Martirez, Fredrick James Bell Chambers, Mary Wong

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We remember and pray for those who are ill at home or in hospital at this time: Claudia Taberas Estelle Magee, Lekisha Grace Panlilio, Amy Hliounakis, Candida Irugalbandara, Fr Peter Njau, C.S.Sp, Ardanette

Seguban, Sandra Gaye Mee, Lucina Canete, Felipe Castillo, Beato Justiniano G. Toledo, Frank & Anjela Barglik, Joseph El Khoury, Maricel Sarmiento, Michelle Makin

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.

#### **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.



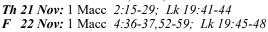
If you feel that you are an ordinary woman, come be empowered, be enriched in faith and be anointed. I assure you ordinary is more than enough for Jesus!

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#### **Daily Readings**

M 18 Nov: 1 Macc 1:10-15; Lk 18:35-43 T 19 Nov: 2 Macc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10 W 20 Nov: 2 Macc 7:1,20-31; Lk 19:11-28



Sa 23 Nov: 1 Macc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

Su 24 Nov: 2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

### Frankly Speaking...

"Gossip can also kill, because it kills the reputation of the person! It is so terrible to gossip! At first it may seem like a nice thing, even amusing, like enjoying a candy. But in the end, it fills the heart with bitterness, and even poisons us."



- Pope Francis

#### St Mary Mackillop **Adoration Chapel**

We are happy to announce that approval was granted and work will commence next week on the Adoration Chapel. If you would like to make a donation towards this project please contact the parish office on 9622 1125.









CHURCH AND MAINTENANCE.



#### **Break Open the Word**

**2020 Break Open the Word** is a great resource for readers to help in preparing to proclaim the Sunday readings.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy please put your name on the list. In the Sacristy. Price is at Cost

#### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

The Giving Tree will be up in St Michael's and St Patrick's on Saturday 16th November. All donations of gifts to be in by Saturday 14th December. The Christmas Appeal will be on 14/15 December. Hampers will be given out on 21/22 December. If you can help with delivery of any hampers on Sunday 22nd December please be at St Michael's church at 9:00am.



#### **Sponsor a Christmas Lunch**

Saturday 21st December, hosted by MQOF Social Justice Group, for those doing it tough.

Your donation of \$20 per lunch will go towards making this Christmas that little bit more special for those in need. All donations can be given to the Parish Office marked, "Christmas Lunch."

#### A PLACE OF REST ON CHURCH GROUNDS

St John XXIII parish in Stanhope Gardens has completed their Garden of Remembrance and Columbarium. The columbarium, which has niches for cremated remains, is now available to other parishes. The garden provides restful respectful space on church grounds for remembrance of your loved ones and preservation of their mortal remains.

Please contact the Columbarium Coordinator on 8883 5981 or businessmanager@john23rd.org.au



The Maltese Welfare is organising a seminar on how to avoid being SCAMMED on social media, phone calls, messages and emails. The Scammers target in particular the elderly in our

community. It's important to know how to deal with this situation.

Speaker: Detective Senior Constable Shawn Schussler. When: Wednesday 27th November 2019 at 7pm. Where: Dun George Preca Hall, OLQP Church, Greystanes.



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#### Memorial Mass for those bereaved by suicide: Tuesday 19 November

CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains together with the Diocese of Parramatta invite those bereaved by suicide to a Mass to honour loved ones who have taken their lives.

Mass will be celebrated at St Oliver Plunkett Church, 35 Wigram Street, Harris Park. 6:45pm for 7pm start. RSVP for catering purposes Ph: 02 8843 2575 or <a href="mailto:rita.chater@ccss.org.au">rita.chater@ccss.org.au</a>

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