



# 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, 24 November: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### Prayer for the sick and housebound: fourth update on changes to the liturgy at MQOF

We have a wonderful and committed ministry in this parish of people visiting other parishioners who are too unwell to make it to Mass with us. There are many who visit people every week, sometimes more than one person, giving up their time and energy to bring Jesus Christ in the Eucharist to those who cannot make it to Mass.

For the rest of us, the way we maintain our link with these fellow parishioners is to pray for them at Mass. Currently, we have been doing this in at least two noticeable places. First, in the Universal Prayers, or the Prayers of the Faithful. Every week we have a petition which focuses on those who are sick, housebound or in hospital. The other place we have been praying for them is at the end of Mass with our prayer for the sick and housebound.

It is very important that we maintain this link of prayer with those who would like to be at Mass but are unable, and so we will continue to pray for our fellow parishioners in every Sunday Mass. However, from the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019, we will no longer be having the prayer for the sick and housebound at the end of Mass. The reason for this is that this type of prayer is petitionary i.e. it lifts up to God some request of his people. The proper place for this kind of prayer is the Universal Prayers, or the Prayers of the Faithful. It is at this time that we bring before God all the needs of the Church, the world, and our local community in order to be raised up by Jesus Christ to the Father. Since this prayer is for those in our local community, it is fitting to have it during this time and not at the end of Mass where we are to be sent out to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Given that, we will be maintaining a petition each Sunday for the sick, housebound, and those in hospital, but we will no longer be reciting the prayer at the end of Mass.

Again, this in no way diminishes our care for our fellow parishioners, but simply channels this care and this prayer into its proper place in the Mass.

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

**Institute for Mission** 9296 6369  
**Diocesan Ministry Centre** 8838 3460  
**Catholic Care** 8843 2530  
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# YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR C

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rv 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

### First Reading: 2 Sm 5:1-3

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 121:1-5. R. SEE V.2

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

### SECOND READING: COL 1:12-20

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mk 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Lk 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

### Daily Readings

**M 25 Nov:** Dan 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4  
**T 26 Nov:** Dan 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11  
**W 27 Nov:** Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19  
**Th 28 Nov:** Dan 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28  
**F 29 Nov:** Dan 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33  
**Sa 30 Nov:** Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22  
**Su 01 Nov:** Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



### BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Bible Study Group will be closed from Thursday 28 November to Thursday 30 January 2020

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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Anniversaries:** Danica Valjak

**Special Intentions:** Fredrick James Bellchambers, Mary Wong, Rex Scott, William Peppin, Reggie Martin



**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](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.

### The Bishop's Christmas Appeal

The Bishop's Christmas Appeal is on next weekend Saturday 30 November and Sunday 1 December. The Bishop's Christmas Appeal will support CatholicCare and will focus on their diverse range of services including family and relationships counselling and positive parenting programs.

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!

Please see the website for further information. Early bird registration available till 30th November 2019 (\$239) Women: 17+years Venue: The tops conference centre, Stanwell Tops NSW.

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=556337>

<https://www.sisterhood.org.au/>



### Frankly Speaking...

"the Kingdom of God is founded on love and is rooted in hearts – the Kingdom of God is rooted in hearts –, conferring on one who receives it peace, freedom, and fullness of life."

– Pope Francis



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MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY  
PARISH, BLACKTOWN

JOIN US FOR

# A Night of Carols

Featuring our singing Priests  
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Saturday, 14 December 2019  
6:30-9:30 PM | St Patrick Primary School  
Grounds

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## Ministry Mass

On Friday 6 December at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Church.  
Followed by Fellowship in the Cardinal Clancy Room.

All Ministers in the Parish are invited to attend.



PATHWAYS: **PREPARE**  
ADVENT

Contact the Parish office to express interest: 9622 1125 : admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

Take some time out of the  
busyness to prepare for the  
joy of Christmas.

## MQOF EVENINGS

Gather to share the Advent  
readings and small group  
discussion.

Tuesday nights 7pm

Cardinal Clancy Room,

St Patrick's Church

Beginning 26th November

RSVP TO 9622 1125 or

ADMIN@MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU

## MQOF MORNINGS

Small groups meeting using  
provided resources.

Tuesdays, 930am

Cardinal Clancy Room

Beginning 26th November

## MQOF HOMES

A small group meeting in  
YOUR home using provided  
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## 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."

BREAK OPEN  
THE WORD



## 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 has been put up in  
St Michael's and St Patrick's.

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.



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## Holy Land Pilgrimage 2020

WITH OPTIONAL 3 NIGHT PASSION PLAY EXTENSION

14 Nights / 17 Days Thu 3 Sep - Sat 19 Sep 2020  
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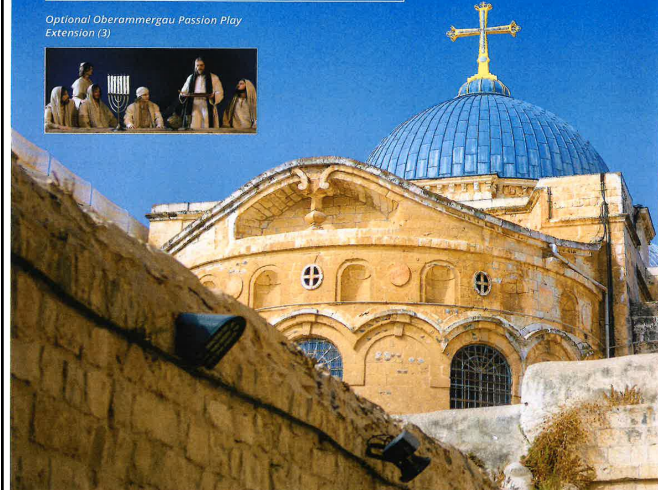
Optional Oberammergau Passion Play  
Extension (3)



17  
DAYS



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Father Reginaldo Lavilla



## "The Dangers of the Occult"

Presented by: Fr John Rizzo

Date: Friday, 22 November 2019

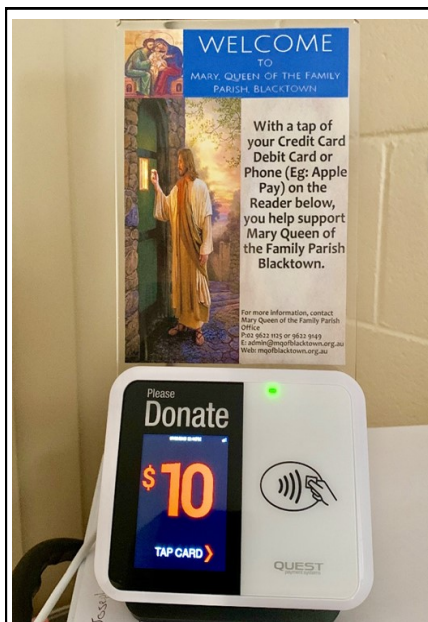
Time: 7:30 to 9:00 pm

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta Cloister hall

The occult comes in many different forms: fortune-telling,  
tarot cards, palmistry, numerology, astrology, séances, rune  
stones, the I ching, ouija boards, and tea leaves. You can  
easily find places of business dedicated to these things. Shows  
featuring mediums are on television now. Witchcraft,  
satanism, and spiritism are practiced openly.

Fr John Rizzo will explain why the occult is dangerous and  
will also take us to understanding of its origin.





## Tap and Go is now up and running in our parish

Have no cash? Don't despair just 'Tap and Go'. The easy way to support our parish with the second collection.

Christmas Cards and Calendars are now on sale:

Pack of 8 Christmas Cards: \$2.00

2020 Calendars: \$4.00

God's Word ( Readings for everyday of the year) \$16.00.

We have many beautiful gifts available for purchase at MQOF Piety Store. Come in and have a look!



### Jean & Betty's Bus Tours

On Tuesday 10th December, to The Burning Log Theatre for Christmas Show at Windsor Conference Centre.

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

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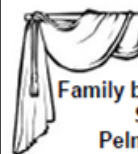
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