



# 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.

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### The Meeting of Heaven and Earth

Every time we celebrate Christmas we behold the mystery of God who came among us, who was born among us, and his name is Jesus (Incarnation of God). In the Annunciation, the angel told Joseph that Mary “conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:20-21). The name means Yahweh saves. The all-holy God, in his divinity now has embraced humanity so that through it we can be saved, saved by the crippling effects of sin and set free from its slavery. Christmas is the beginning of the actual meeting of heaven and earth. God condescended and did not hesitate to embrace our broken humanity, not for any other reason but for the sake of his love- pure and liberating. If this is the true spirit of Christmas what makes us run away from him. Why not embrace his divinity?

Let us ponder this mystery in our hearts. Let us allow the Spirit of God to bring us into awe and wonder at the greatest story of humanity, our salvation history. Let us listen to the words of the angel to Mary and Joseph, “Do not be afraid.” Their yes to God made it possible for Him to make in a very tangible way his presence among us. The world is never the same when “God took on flesh.”

At times we are afraid to say “YES” to God, to take the risk to allow the Good News, the Word of God to disturb us and shape our lives, mould and transform us to God’s image and likeness. If we only know what JOY does it bring to us when we finally behold God in our life until we finally reach heaven, our eternal home!

With Jesus we are always assured that he is always with us until the end of time (Matthew 28:20). He is our Lord who gave himself up on the cross and by the power of God conquered death in his resurrection. He is the one who gave his own flesh as he instituted the Holy Eucharist- “This is my body, this my blood...” His presence among us is real. The greatest gift of Christmas is God himself. He continues to make this happen when Jesus left us the sacraments of his presence. Indeed, God unfolds the meeting of heaven and earth!

*Fr Regie*

### 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 1625  
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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## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Is 9:5

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

### First Reading: Is 62:1-5

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: . R. V. 3

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

### SECOND READING: ACTS 13:16-17, 22-25

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Mt 1:1-25

A genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham:

Abraham was the father of Isaac,  
Isaac the father of Jacob,  
Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers,  
Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah, Tamar being their mother,  
Perez was the father of Hezron,  
Hezron the father of Ram,  
Ram was the father of Amminadab,  
Amminadab the father of Nahshon,  
Nahshon the father of Salmon,  
Salmon was the father of Boaz, Rahab being his mother,  
Boaz was the father of Obed, Ruth being his mother,  
Obed was the father of Jesse;  
and Jesse was the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,  
Solomon was the father of Rehoboam,  
Rehoboam the father of Abijah,  
Abijah the father of Asa,  
Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat,  
Jehoshaphat the father of Joram,  
Joram the father of Azariah,  
Azariah was the father of Jotham,  
Jotham the father of Ahaz,  
Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,  
Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh,  
Manasseh the father of Amon,  
Amon the father of Josiah;  
and Josiah was the father of Jechoniah and his brothers.  
Then the deportation to Babylon took place.  
After the deportation to Babylon:

Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel,  
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,  
Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud,  
Abiud the father of Eliakim,

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Eliakim the father of Azor,  
Azor was the father of Zadok,  
Zadok the father of Achim,  
Achim the father of Eliud,  
Eliud was the father of Eleazar,  
Eleazar the father of Matthan,  
Matthan the father of Jacob;  
and Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary;  
of her was born Jesus who is called Christ.

The sum of generations is therefore: fourteen from Abraham to David; fourteen from David to the Babylonian deportation; and fourteen from the Babylonian deportation to Christ.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son  
and they will call him Emmanuel,

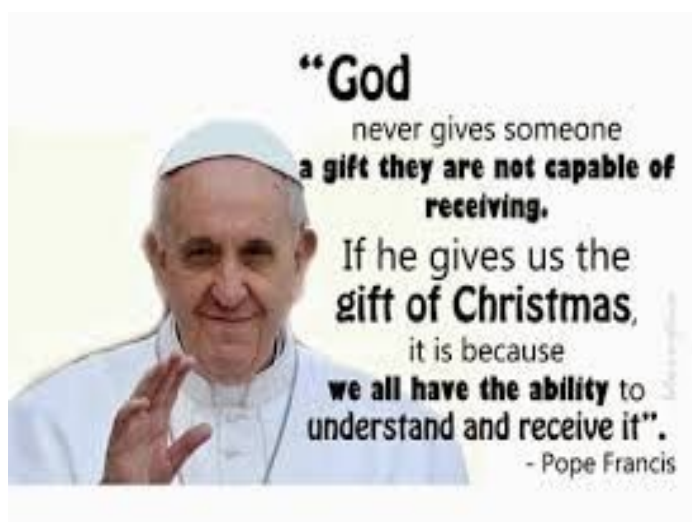
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord told him to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: cf. Ps 97:3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.







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# FAMILY MOVE NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, 12th January 2020

TIME: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

LOCATION: TBA (weather permitting)

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Please contact the parish office to get a permission form and register your child on 9622 1125 or [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)

Registrations close 8th January 2020

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**MQOF Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 24 December 2019 and reopen on Monday 6 January 2020. From Monday 6 January 2020 to Friday 24 January the office will operate between the hours of 9am and 12 noon. Normal operating hours will commence from Tuesday 28 January 2020.**

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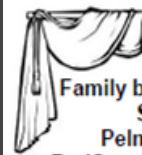
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