



# 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, 19 January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

## Proclaim the Good News

John the Baptist, fully aware of his mission boldly proclaims the coming of Jesus Christ, "Look," he said, "there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world" (Gospel- John 1:29-34). We, Catholics, are very familiar with this proclamation during the celebration of the Holy Mass, when before us the Eucharistic Lord is proclaimed: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world..." He is the fulfilment of God's promise, the Passover Lamb whose blood has been poured out for our salvation. He is the new Moses who leads us into a new exodus from our spiritual slavery into the freedom of the children of God.

St. Paul acknowledged, as a fruit of his encounter with the risen Jesus in the road to Damascus, that Jesus is Lord and Saviour and so propelled him to travel afar to preach the good news. Persecutions and hardships did not stop him from sharing his faith and what he believed Christ can do to humanity. St. Paul had a very deep insight of living a life that evolves in, through and with Jesus Christ and this means everything to him. Therefore, with deep conviction he said, "Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). His letters are proofs of the truth he lived and believed.

Saint John Paul II wrote, "I sense an urgent duty to repeat this cry of St. Paul. My direct contact with peoples who do not know Christ has convinced me even more of the urgency of missionary activity... But what moves me even more strongly to proclaim the urgency of missionary evangelization is the fact that it is the primary service which the Church can render to every individual and to all humanity in the modern world, a world which has experienced marvelous achievements but which seems to have lost its sense of ultimate realities and of existence itself. 'Christ the Redeemer,' I wrote in my first encyclical, 'fully reveals man to himself. The person who wishes to understand himself thoroughly must draw near to Christ... [The] Redemption that took place through the cross has definitively restored to man his dignity and given back meaning to his life in the world" (*Redemptoris Missio* nos. 1-2).

The unfolding of God's mystery in the life and mission of Jesus Christ gives us a new understanding of who we are as human beings, and what is God's mission to us and our mission in this world.

*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  
Parish Secretary: Ann Hart  
Sacramental Coordinator: Christina Rodricks  
Parish Assistant: Kaitlyn Vergano

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: Mon-Fri 9am—4pm  
Sunday 8.30am - 11.30am

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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  
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**Sunday, 19 January**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 65:4**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most  
High!

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:3. 5-6**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R.  
vv.8.9**

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

**SECOND READING: 1 Cor 1:1-3**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 1:14. 12**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt  
among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become  
the children of God. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: Jn 1:29-34**

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is  
the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is  
the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me  
who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not  
know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I  
came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the  
Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and  
resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent  
me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom  
you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is  
going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I  
am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 22:5**

You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

**Daily Readings**

**M 20 Jan:** 1 Sam 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22  
**T 21 Jan:** 1 Sam 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28  
**W 22 Jan:** 1 Sam 17:32-33,37,40-51; Mk 3:1-6  
**Th 23 Jan:** 1 Sam 18:6-9,19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12  
**F 24 Jan:** 1 Sam 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19  
**Sa 25 Jan:** Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18  
**Su 26 Jan:** Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17; Mt 4:12-23



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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Anniversaries:** Andreana & Felix Muscat,  
Simeona Alcantara



**Special Intentions:** Maria Tong

**We remember and pray for those who  
are ill at home or in hospital at this time:** Peter  
Fredu, Rita Attard, Mile Mafi, Joan Clout, Maureen  
O'Reilly, Kathryn McKean, Estelle Magee, Michelle Makin,  
Candida Irugalbandara, Claudia Tabares, Lekisha Grace  
Panlilio, Amy Hliounakis, 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.

**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.**



Prayer : Adoration : Praise  
&  
Worship : Testimony :  
Fellowship

**3rd Friday  
Devotion**  
24 January 2020  
6:30 PM  
St Patrick's Church  
Mary, Queen of the  
Family Parish,  
Blacktown

Please bring a plate  
to share

**Frankly Speaking...**

"We have a Lord who is capable of  
crying with us, capable of walking  
with us in the most difficult moments  
of life" — Pope Francis



# Holy Land Pilgrimage 2020

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



**DEPARTS 3 SEP 2020**

Accompanied by: Father Regie Lavilla

## INFORMATION NIGHT

**Date:** Thursday 6 February

**Time:** 6pm

**Location:** St Patrick's Parish, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown 2148

**RSVP:** 9622 1125  
(Parish Office)

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**BUSHFIRE RESPONSE:** Australia is currently facing an unprecedented bushfire crisis in many parts of the country. The Australian Bishops have announced that special collections will be taken at Masses on Australia Day weekend to support affected communities. They have also urged Catholics to pray constantly for those affected, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the bushfires. To access prayer resources or for more information, visit [www.catholic.org.au/bushfires](http://www.catholic.org.au/bushfires)

### **Bible Study Group Back in 2020 on Thursday 30 January**

Join the Bible Study Group in the Sid Mosley Centre at St Michael's commencing on Thursday 30 January. The study will be from 7.30pm finishing at 9pm.



### **NAGLE COLLEGE WEDNESDAY MASS**

Parishioners please be aware that there will no longer be a Wednesday 8:30am Nagle Mass until further notice.

### **SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2020**



The Sacramental Process dates for 2020 are now available on the parish website. Please read all the information and send in the required forms.

For any further questions, please contact the Parish Office on 96221125 or email: [sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au)

We look forward to walking this faith journey with you!

### **SAINT NICHOLAS FESTA COMMITTEE**

Sunday 2nd February 2020  
Good Shepherd Parish Hall 130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton Sydney NSW (Opposite the shopping centre)

### **RFS FUNDRAISING**

#### **For the fire fighting volunteers**

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Emmanuel Vella on 0405 677 064

## Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 9 February 2020 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be The Reverend Fr Brian Lucas. Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.



The altar linen cleaning service that supports St. Patrick's church is in urgent need of additional volunteers to support with collection/delivery, washing and ironing.

The linen cleaning service is currently co-ordinated by Josephine Miruzzi who can be contacted on 96218330. There is a cleaning roster and volunteers will be rotated based on numbers and requirement. For more details, please contact Josephine directly.



As you may have noticed for the past weeks, fresh flowers were provided in the altar. This is the work of MQOF Flower Ministry which was formed to provide a friendly and welcoming atmosphere to our place of worship. We welcome your support for this purpose. You can put your donation in the donation box for altar flowers which will be placed on the table at the church foyer. We appreciate your generosity and kindness.

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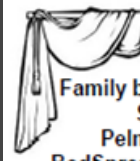
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