



# Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY** **31 May 2020**



The Parish Office will be open from 9am to 1pm. These hours will operate until further notice.

We encourage all parishioners to access our parish website for a variety of resources to aid with enriching your spiritual life in this time of isolation and social distancing.

Resources for prayers, online Masses and more are found on the website homepage

Parishioners are invited to watch the Sunday Mass with Bishop Vincent. Please visit ([www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org)) Live stream on You Tube [www.youtube.com/user/](http://www.youtube.com/user/)

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## DAILY READINGS

**M 1 June:** Gen 3:9-15,20  
Jn 19:25-34



**Tu 2 June:** 2 Pt 3:11-15,17-18;  
Mk 12:13-17

**W 3 June:** 2 Tim 1:1-3,6-12;  
Mk 12:18-27

**Th 4 June:** 2 Tim 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34

**F 5 June:** 2 Tim 3:10-17;  
Mk 12:35-37

**Sa 6 June:** 2 Tim 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44

**Su 7 June:** Exo 34:4-6,8-9;  
2 Cor 13:11-13;  
Jn 3:16-18

## OUR 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 Birth of the Missionary Church

This Sunday we celebrate one of the major feasts of our Church: Pentecost Sunday. 'Pentecost' comes from the Greek word meaning 'fiftieth'. It is the fiftieth day since the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We celebrate and experience the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole church and on all those who call themselves disciples and followers of the risen Lord.

The coming of the Holy Spirit has been revealed by Jesus to His disciples. He promised his followers that he would send them the Holy Spirit. He also revealed to them the purpose and role of the Holy Spirit, i.e. another Advocate. The Holy Spirit is to teach them everything and remind them of the teachings of Jesus Christ (cf. John 14:26).

This Pentecost Sunday is a day when we celebrate the birth of our Church. On this day, we are reminded to be missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. We are sent out to the whole world to proclaim the good news of Jesus. We need courage to do this. We know that the first followers of Jesus were not strong, courageous, or even very faithful. They betrayed Jesus. They denied and deserted him when he needed them the most. After his death they hid themselves away in fear. They had lost all heart and hope. Jesus knows well that those who will continue His mission needs help. Consequently, together with the Father, He sent the Holy Spirit to guide and help us in our task as missionary disciples.

The feast day of Pentecost reminds us that through our baptism and confirmation, all of us are filled and anointed with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit challenges and calls us to be transformed. As we celebrate the birth of the missionary Church, may we bear fruit with the [fruits of the Holy Spirit—'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control'](#) (Galatians 5:22-23).

*Fr John Paul*

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 103:1324329-31.34. R. V.30

Lord, send out your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.

### SECOND READING: 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Jn 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit. In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Acts 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
And spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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## PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the sacraments of Eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to members who are unable to participate because of illness or aging.



For more information and to arrange receiving of the sacraments, please contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125.



Are you wondering how the coronavirus pandemic is affecting the Church around the world?

Visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/covid-19](http://www.aidtochurch.org/covid-19) to read messages from bishops, priests, brothers and religious sisters serving in some of the most remote and dangerous countries in the world.

## Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update – Number of worshippers

As a result of the easing of restrictions announced yesterday by the NSW Government, from 1 June 2020 places of worship will be able to accommodate 50 worshippers.

...Diocese of Parramatta

## UPDATE ON THE RE-OPENING OF CHURCH

As mandated by NSW Government, those who enter the church must complete the sign-in form available in the church foyer. Physical distancing must be strictly observed at all time.

- St Patrick's and St Michael's Churches are open for **private prayer and devotions**, Mon-Fri 10am to 4pm. Please see Parish Office Staff to open the church door.

### • Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession .

Regular schedule. If you wish to come on weekdays, contact the Parish Office.

- **Weekday Masses.** Regular Weekday Masses have resumed. If you wish to come to Mass, call the office on 9622 1125 between 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday to book or book via our website: [www.mqofblacktown.org.au](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au). You can check the website after 9pm on the night before if there is a vacancy please register. **Please remember that you must register before attending any Mass, one registration per person.**

- **Sunday Masses.** Sunday Masses commenced on 16/17<sup>th</sup> of May at the usual Mass times. If you wish to come to Mass, call 02 9622 1125, between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday to book; or book via our website: [www.mqofblacktown.org.au](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au). **Please remember that you must register before attending any Mass, one registration per person.**

- **Anointing of the Sick.** Contact the Parish Office.

- **The elderly, those with health conditions and low immune system are still advised to stay at home.**

- Sanitiser dispensers are available at the church foyer.

- Please disinfect the chair you used before leaving the church with the disinfecting wipes provided at the church foyer.

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Harrison Sproule, Theresa, Paul & Alessia Fidele

### SICK

John & Norma McGettigan, Orfeo Marchetti,  
Silvana Murphy, Adolfo V Alcedo, George Collin,  
Candida Irugalbandara,



### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Mercedes Marilla, Monique deChastelgne, Rose Debono

Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will show for 4 weeks at a time.

## CATECHESIS

### “I believe in the Holy Spirit”

**687** "No one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God." Now God's Spirit, who reveals God, makes known to us Christ, his Word, his living Utterance, but the Spirit does not speak of himself. The Spirit who "has spoken through the prophets" makes us hear the Father's Word, but we do not hear the Spirit himself. We know him only in the movement by which he reveals the Word to us and disposes us to welcome him in faith. The Spirit of truth who "unveils" Christ to us "will not speak on his own." Such properly divine self-effacement explains why "the world cannot receive [him], because it neither sees him nor knows him," while those who believe in Christ know the Spirit because he dwells with them.

**688** The Church, a communion living in the faith of the apostles which she transmits, is the place where we know the Holy Spirit:

- in the Scriptures he inspired;
- in the Tradition, to which the Church Fathers are always timely witnesses;
- in the Church's Magisterium, which he assists;
- in the sacramental liturgy, through its words and symbols, in which the Holy Spirit puts us into communion with Christ;
- in prayer, wherein he intercedes for us;
- in the charisms and ministries by which the Church is built up;
- in the signs of apostolic and missionary life;
- in the witness of saints through whom he manifests his holiness and continues the work of salvation.

**689** The One whom the Father has sent into our hearts, the Spirit of his Son, is truly God. Consubstantial with the Father and the Son, the Spirit is inseparable from them, in both the inner life of the Trinity and his gift of love for the world. In adoring the Holy Trinity, life-giving, consubstantial, and indivisible, the Church's faith also professes the distinction of persons. When the Father sends his Word, he always sends his Breath. In their joint mission, the Son and the Holy Spirit are distinct but inseparable. To be sure, it is Christ who is seen, the visible image of the invisible God, but it is the Spirit who reveals him.

Dear fellow parishioners,

I'm Michael Zerafa, MQOF Parish Finance Committee Chair. I'm making this plea on behalf of our parish community.

**Individuals, families and business are hurting and so is YOUR PARISH.**

The absence of weekend Masses means that our parish is no longer receiving donations at this time, other than from those parishioners participating in Planned Giving and who are contributing regularly via credit card or bank account deduction.

*To those parishioners who are continuing to give at this time we say, a very big THANK YOU!*

Whilst our church buildings are closed, our usual expenses such as - insurances, loan repayments, staff salaries, and bills must still be met.

**Thus, the reason for this humble appeal.**

There are three ways you can donate:

**Transfer funds directly to our Parish Bank Account via your own Bank's On-line-Banking portal**

The details of our Parish Bank Account are as follows:

**Name of Account: Blacktown Catholic Church**

**Bank: Commonwealth Bank**

**BSB Number: 067 950**

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**Remitter Name: Your Surname and Initials**

**By physical direct deposit in the bank—you need to request a copy of a deposit slip from the parish office before going to your bank.**

**Transfer funds directly to our Parish Bank Account from your VISA or MasterCard using B-Point**

To do this, go to the MQOF website, [www.mqofblacktown.org.au](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au), go to 'Donate' and then click on 'B-Point'. Once there, select '1400163-Donation' at the Biller Code field, type your Full Name, Phone Number and, at 'Purpose of Payment' type 'Second Collection' then, type in the amount you wish to contribute, and proceed with inputting your credit card details, then finally click 'Proceed'.

On behalf of the Finance Committee and the Parish Clergy Team, we pray God's Blessings on you, and your families at this very difficult time. Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish and we look forward to the day that we all join together, to celebrate Holy Mass, as a family, without Social Distancing!!

God Bless and take care,  
Michael Zerafa

Chairperson, MQOF Finance Committee





## Sacramental Process 2020

Dear families, due to the current circumstances in regard to Covid-19, the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist is postponed until further notice.

Further information on the other Sacraments to follow.

Together we wait in hope and prayer!



## Vinnies Pantry

If you would like to help with food donations to St Vincent de Paul you can drop off your food items at the Hub, 23 David Lane, Blacktown. Monday to Friday. Ph: 8861 9777.

They will also accept financial donations, a receipt will be issued to you and the donation will be forwarded to the Head Office.

Thank you for your continued support.

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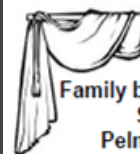
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