

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship. SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR. A 26 JULY 2020

LITURGY TIMES

Weekday Masses

St Michael's: 8am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri Wednesday 7.30pm

St Patrick's: 9am Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat and 7.30pm Friday only.

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 Patrick's) 5.30pm Sunday (St Patrick's) 6.00pm Sunday (St Michael's)

Reconciliation:

St Michael's: Wednesday 6:30pm-7:25pm St Patrick's: Friday 6:30pm-7:25pm & Saturday 9:30am-10:25am

Holy Hour:

St Michael's: Wednesday 6:30pm—7:30pm St Patrick's: Friday 6:30pm—7:30pm

Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals by appointment.

Mt 13:31-35

DAILY READINGS M 27 July: Jer 13:1-11;



- Tu 28 July: Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
 W 29 July: 1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27
 Th 30 July: Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
 F 31 July: Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
 Sa 1 Aug: Jer 26:11-16,24; Mt 14:1-12
- Su 2 Aug: Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35,37-39; Mt 14:13-21

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.



'We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him...'

These are undoubtedly very consoling words from St. Paul in the second reading this Sunday, and they are opportune for our moment; for just as we were seeming to get back to normal, our churches opening up to something like pre-covid life, new restrictions have been announced. This can easily leave us wondering what on earth God is doing in all this, or at least how we are supposed to receive this moment.

St. Paul says it all in this brief but profound passage. He speaks to us of how God is ever resourceful, how God does not waste a single moment to work something good for us. Whether we are in sad circumstances, trying, joyful, or hopeful, God is working in all for our goodness. This moment of new restrictions is no different. God is working in this, he is actively attempting to bring out some good for us, all of us. It is certainly not immediately clear what that might be, and it will probably be something slightly different for each of us – time often reveals God's workings. But the Word of God is reminding us on the very weekend when things seem to be getting a bit harder, a bit more unpredictable, a bit more panic-inducing, that he is very much active, and he is trying to bring goodness for us through it all.

Shall we listen to this word from God; a word that should assure us, stabilise us, calm us? Or will we allow the noise of panic, fret, worry, and obsession to flood our ears instead? Are we playing over in our minds: 'God is working for my good in this', or are we repeating: 'This is out of control'? Is this refrain 'Jesus, I trust in you' playing over and again in our hearts, or are we endless repeating, 'What if?'

These are difficult times, and we ought to be prudent and healthy and help each other be healthy. But is our prudence rooted in a deep trust of God's providence, or is it driven by fear and panic. Something to ask ourselves this week.

Fr Jack Green

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 67:6-7, 36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 118:57,72, 76-77,127-130 R.v.97

Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING: Rom 8:28-30

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 100:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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We are a welcoming parish... you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of Mary, Queen of the Family. If you are not an active member of this Community, consider partaking in what we have to offer. We serve the Community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, youth and comfort to the sick and mourning. In addition to our spiritual and outreach organisations, perchance you have an interest in joining one of our many liturgical ministries such as: Minister of Holy Communion, Reader/Commentator, Welcomer, Minister of DVP/ Power Point, etc. Volunteers are formally registered by filling out a *Join a Ministry* form that is then entered into the parish data system *(information supplied remains confidential)*. These forms are available from the parish office or in the church foyer.

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.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

SPECIAL INTENTIONS Romar C. Abad, Evelyn Marca, Francis Abalos Dizon

SICK

Salim Stamati, John & Norma McGettigan, Orfeo Marchetti, Silvana Murphy, Adolfino V Alcedo, George Collin, Candida Irugalbandara.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Josephine Benedek, Daniele Velcich, Cesar Aguas

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



Vinnies is proud to announce the launch of the Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 – 6, who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to https://bit.ly/MVFPinfo

This is the link to the Vinnies Metropolitan Schools July 2020 Newsletter:

https://bit.ly/VinniesMetroSchoolsNewsletter2020Term3

Frankly Speaking...

"What is the secret of finding the Treasure? There isn't one. The Treasure is everywhere. It is offered to us at every moment" ...Pope Francis



Catechism of the Catholic Church

St Ignatius of Loyola (Feast day - 31 July 2020)

St. Ignatius came from a family of minor nobility in Spain's northern Basque region. One thing to know about Ignatius is that he was far from saintly during much of his young adult life. He was vain, with dreams of personal honour and fame. He gambled and was not above sword fighting. As some have noted, he might have been the only saint with a notarized police record: for taking part in a night time brawl.

All that began to change one day in the spring of 1521. Ignatius was 30 years old at the time, an officer in the Spanish army. Leading his fellow soldiers into a battle against the French that they were sure to lose, he was struck by a cannonball in the leg. During a difficult recovery (he limped for the rest of his life), the young man asked for books about chivalry — his favourite reading. There weren't any at the family castle where he convalesced. He had to settle for a book about the life of Christ and biographies of the saints — which he found unexpectedly riveting.

St. Ignatius had always dreamed of imitating heroic deeds, but now, the heroes had names like Francis of Assisi and Catherine of Siena. Ignatius also noticed something strange happening to him. God, he realized, was working within him — prompting, guiding, inviting. As he travelled far and wide, he realized too that God was similarly at work in the lives of all people, in the everyday events of the world.

These experiences would prove to be the beginning of Ignatian spirituality — and Jesuit ministry. While in Paris, Ignatius gathered around him some friends or "companions," as they became known. Together they made religious vows in 1534 and came to call themselves the Compañia de Jesús — the Society of Jesus. Six years later, the order was granted official approval by the pope.

The early Jesuits fanned out to the metropolises of Europe and beyond. They did so with instructions from Ignatius, their leader in Rome, to "seek the greater glory of God" and the good of all humanity. They devoted themselves to the care of souls, to helping people discern God's presence in their lives.

https://jesuits.org

PARISH GROUPS										
BIBLE STUDY GROUP	MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS									
Contact: Richard Desa, richarddesa@bigpond.com Meeting Time and Venue : Every Thursday, 7:30pm to 9:00 pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church.	Contact: Max Rosario, 0490 137 533 Meeting Time and Venue : Monday 9:30am-10:30am at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church. All are welcome!									
HOLY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP PRAYER GROUP	TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP									
Contact: Charles Hyson, 0412 631 602, www.holyfamilyfellowship.com Meeting Time and Venue : Every 2nd Saturday 6:30pm- 9:30pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church.	Contact: Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566 Meeting Time and Venue : 3:00pm every 2nd Saturday at St Michael's Church.									
LEGION OF MARY ST MICHAEL'S	LEGION OF MARY ST PATRICK'S									
Contact: Max Rosario 0490 137 533 (for statue bookings) Meeting Time and Venue : Every Friday, 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church.	Contact: Maurice Bru 0419 626 583 (for statue bookings) Meeting Time and Venue : Every Monday, 7:30pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church. Juniors meet every Friday at 4:30pm.									
JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATION	TEHILLAH PRAYER GROUP									
Contact: Antoinette Mangion, 0414 735 943 Meeting Time and Venue : Every 3rd Monday of the month, 10:00 am at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church	Contact: Ash & Rozario Fernando, 0416 861 976 or 0412 195 916 Meeting Time and Venue : Every 2nd & 4th Saturday (school term) between 2pm & 4pm at the MPA, St Patrick's Church.									
MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP	ROSARY GROUP									
Contact : Kathie Collins, 0414 194 052 Meeting Time and Venue : Every 2nd Sunday, 12pm— 2pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church	Contact: Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566Meeting Time and Venue : Every Tuesday after the 8am Mass, at St Michael's church.									
INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP	YOUTH GROUP									
Contact: Tony Fernando, 0434 828 297 Meeting Time and Venue : Mondays & Tuesdays, 7:00pm-8:00pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patricks Church	Contact: Franchesca Tenedora , ftenedora@gmail.com Meeting Time and Venue : Every 2nd Sunday at 7:00 pm (after the 5:30pm Mass) at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church.									

UPDATE ON MASS ATTENDANCE COMMENCING 24th JULY

The NSW Government tightened the COVID 19 restrictions on places of worship commencing on Friday 24th July. Based on current directives, we are ONLY allowed to have 100 people in the church at any one time, excluding the clergy and those involved in the liturgy.

- For Regular WEEKDAY and WEEKEND MASSES: BOOKING IS NECESSARY. Book via our website: St. Michael's: www.mqofblacktown.org.au click on the tab and follow the prompts. St. Patrick's: www.mqofblacktown.org.au click on the tab and follow the prompts, or call 02 9622 1125 between 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. The Mass Attendance Slip can no longer be used. As you come to church, the Welcomer/ Checker will check if your name is on the list.
- Parishioners are requested to please register for only one Mass per fortnight.
- **NO REGISTRATION NO ENTRY.** The information collected is needed to comply with the NSW Department of Health for contact tracing.
- **Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and Anointing of the Sick** By appointment
- The elderly with medical conditions and those who are unwell are still advised to stay at home. Catholics from Parramatta Diocese are still dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice.
- 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.

Shalom Media is a catholic ministry that works with the church to evangelize those who do not know Christ and strengthen those who are in Christ through all means of media. In the current situation of the coronavirus pandemic, Shalom ministry has taken an initiative to do the Daniel fasting prayer to implore the Lord Almighty.

Daniel Fasting – 21 days spiritual journey with prayers and sacrifices from

Aug 1st to 21st - is the deliberate and intentional dedication to focus on God and humbling oneself in the presence of almighty God. We do this with the same fervor and urgency shown by prophet Daniel for his people and nation. Expecting a great manifestation of God's power upon the current pandemic, we lift our hands and hearts to the Lord for supernatural breakthroughs in our lives and in the world.

"I ate no savoury food, took no meat or wine, and did not anoint myself at all until the end of the three weeks" (Daniel 10:3)

Fr. Roy Varghese Palatty CMI (Spiritual Director, Shalom Media)

will be leading this initiative.

Registration for this event is free. For more details about Daniel Fasting Prayer please visit our website link below.

http://www.shalommedia.org/danielfasting

Thank You!

We have finally completed the installation of Air Conditioning Units at St Michael's church. We would like to thank St Mary of Cherso (SMOC) Association for their financial donation. This big project will not be possible without their support to our Parish.

Please **DONATE**...consider online giving!

Our main source of income is greatly depleted with the restrictions in attending Masses. Please consider how you can still support our Mary Queen of the Family Parish by signing up to contribute online.



Setting up a one-time or recurring donation/Planned Giving is quick and easy. Just go to: <u>www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations</u>.

You can also send your offerings/donations thru bank transfer:

FIRST COLLECTION: For the Diocesan Clergy Account Name: Diocesan Clergy Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 4265 Reference: Parish Name

SECOND COLLECTION: For the Parish Account Name: Blacktown Catholic Church Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 0677 Reference: Donor's name

If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Sarah at accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au.

Audio and Visual Project Update-donation received as at Thursday 23rd July 2020, \$12,880. Thank you to all the donors. Donations are still welcome.

Thank you so much for your support of our parish. We are grateful!



TAP & GO MACHINE

The passing of collection plates by parishioners along the pews is now a thing of the past as most dioceses and churches have already decided to stop using it to help stop the spread of the virus.

The Tap & Go machines are now in the foyers of both our churches (St Michael's and St Patrick's) and is set to \$10.

If you wish to donate more than \$10 simply tap your credit card as many times as you like. It also accepts Apple Pay, Google Pay and Pay Wave. All contributions go to the maintenance and development of the Parish as does the second collection at weekend Masses. Thank you for your generosity.

Planned Giving (Direct Debit) is also an option if you wish to do cashless donation to the parish. Forms are available in the foyer and on our parish website. Collection buckets still also available in the church and foyer.

An hour with Jesus

Be still, and know that I am God—Psalm 46:10

Here at MQOF is an opportunity to be with Jesus and commit with regular meeting with Him. Are YOU available?

The opening hours are: **10am to 4pm Monday to** Friday, and 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday.

You need to register via our website www.mqofblacktown.org.au

Click on Mary Mackillop Adoration Chapel tab, or by calling the Parish Office on 9622 1125.

MQOF Social Justice Group

Is running a "Food Drive" for the House of Welcome, who house refugees.

Donations will be collected this Weekend of 25/26July 2020.

Please refer to the leaflets located at the doors for the items required.

Reopening of the Piety Store

Our Piety Store is now open. However, due to COVID-19, only 5 people are allowed in the store at a time.



We have many beautiful gifts available for purchase.



Enrolments are now closed. We are doing our best to offer the sacraments, whilst adhering to the current government restrictions. Thank you for your cooperation.



- Dates and session times are to be changed to adapt to the COVID-19 situation and restrictions. You will be contacted with the details via email, once the enrolments are in.
- The Confirmation process will take place in August, First Holy Eucharist in mid-October to mid-November, and Reconciliation in mid-November to mid-December.
- Details for the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist have been sent out to parents. To enable a smooth flow especially during this time, please attend the sessions and masses that have been allocated to you according to your last name.
- Please note that for the 1st Rite of Reconciliation before the Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist only both parents are allowed to attend with the child.
- Please also note that on the day of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation only both parents are allowed to attend with the child.

We thank God that we can walk this faith journey 2020 with you!

The Sacramental Team.

Date: Tues 04th August

Webinar, please call the Tribunal Office

ANNULMENT INFORMATION WEBINAR

Each year the Catholic Tribunal Office in the Western Sydney Diocese and CatholicCare WSBM Solo Parent Services present an Information Session to help people understand the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church. Questions are answered in detail on all aspects of the Annulment process. This year this event will be held as an online Webinar via Zoom and is open to anyone interested.

Time: 6pm - 8pm Registration is Essential: To register for this

PH: 8838 3480 or Email Rita at soloparentservices@ccss.org.au





NOTICE – THE FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP

On the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop Saturday August 8th 2020, Mary MacKillop Place will be CLOSED.

Mass in the Mary Mackillop Memorial Chapel will be livestreamed at 10:00am August 8th followed by a time of prayer at the Tomb.

St Michaels Church:	58 Orwell Street Blacktown.							
St Patrick's Church:	51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown. Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm							
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Nursing Home	Opal Nursing Home (37 Kildare Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 9852 9600 Mulluana Retirement Village (61 Bungarribee Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 8822 2100							

THE SUNDAY FLOCK

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Finding the hidden treasure



"Give your servant an understanding heart... to distinguish right from wrong."

Sheepish Question:

When was the last time I asked God to help me form my conscience? Where have I fallen short?

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Try to find these words:

Buy Field Find Happy Heaven Hidden Kingdom One Pearl Sell Shop Treasure

<u>3 quick questions for Church members who know people aged</u> <u>around 20s to 40</u>

1. Do you have a family member or friend aged around 20s to 40 who is open to God but doesn't connect much with the Church - or one who is connected and likes being motivated?



2. Would you like to see more people who are 20s to 40 have a point of connection to a faith network? Will you personally share an invitation with someone 20s to 40 to an online event - and either join him/her for the online event - or - follow up to see what they thought?

IF YOU ANSWERED YES YES and YES - see <u>thefaithfeedparramatta.com.au</u> for an enjoyable, motivating online opportunity coming up **Friday 31st July 7pm** - registration is open now. As well, there are some special small card invitations to The FaithFeed available in the church that you can write someone's name on and give to them.

'The FaithFeed' is a Catholic initiative of Parramatta Diocese. It is a network for those around mid 20s to 40s who have an openness to conversation about life & faith. Its primary means of networking is via social media, with specific FaithFeed handles and online spaces. It also includes periodic audience events with food, drinks, live music and motivating talks connected to life and faith. This time it's online. Welcome - Enjoy inviting someone - Check it out



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