



# Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.  
**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR. A** **16 AUGUST 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 Michael'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.**



This week we celebrated one of the biggest feasts in our calendar, the Assumption of our Blessed Mother into heaven. In fact, this is such a big feast throughout the Catholic Church that Christians in Egypt have a mini-lent in the lead up to it, like we do for Easter. This is to prepare them for the feast and signify its importance.

So what is so important about this feast? What's the significance of Mary being taken up, body and soul, into heaven?

The most obvious reason is that it signifies our Lady's unique and essential role in the plan of salvation. She was particularly chosen by the Father, out of all women on earth and throughout history, to bear his Son, Jesus Christ. Early Christians saw in this a special grace that made it only fitting that Mary should not lay in a tomb to decay, but instead be taken up into heaven.

But there is another reason this feast is so important for Christians throughout the world, and that is that the Assumption of Mary into heaven shows to us our own destiny. Mary's Assumption shows that she was not made for death, not ultimately. She was not willed into existence by God, brought into the world through her parents, only to return to dust and remain so forever. No, she was made for heaven. She was made to 'dwell in the house of the Lord', not to remain in the grave. Death was a passing on to her real homeland. And this is the same for us. St. Paul spoke about this to the Philippians: "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself." (Phil. 3:20-21).

We might think that is too 'other-worldly' or 'escapist' but for those of us weighed down by illness, the loss of a loved one, or just lacking hope, it is a real encouragement. God has created us for a glory beyond what we experience now, and he calls us to that by his grace. He calls us to follow where Mary has gone before: to our real homeland; to the halls of heaven.

## DAILY READINGS



**M 17 Aug:** Ezek 24:15-24;  
Mt 19:16-22

**Tu 18 Aug:** Ezek 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

**W 19 Aug:** Ezek 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

**Th 20 Aug:** Ezek 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

**F 21 Aug:** Ezek 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

**Sa 22 Aug:** Ezek 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12

**Su 23 Aug:** Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36;  
Mt 16:13-20

## 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.

*Fr Jack*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 83:10-11**

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**FIRST READING: Is 56:1, 6-7**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 66:2-3,5-6.8.R.v.4**

O God, let all the nations praise you!

**SECOND READING: ROM 11:13-15, 29-32**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 4:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick .  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: Mt 15:21-28**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, ‘Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.’ But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. ‘Give her what she wants,’ they said ‘because she is shouting after us.’ He said in reply, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.’ But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. ‘Lord,’ she said ‘help me.’ He replied, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the house-dogs.’ She retorted, ‘Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master’s table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.’ And from that moment her daughter was well again.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 129:7**

With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption .

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*Frankly Speaking...*

“Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.” ...Pope Francis



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**

George Zahra, Connie Sultana

**SICK**

Marlene McCarthy, Selim Stamati,  
John & Norma McGettigan,  
Orfeo Marchetti, Edwin & Cely Aguilera,

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

Cynthia Shafton, Louisa Lobo,

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Ann-Marie McGettigan, Licia Rizzi, Joselito Villanueva,  
Gregoria deLeon Cuevas

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



**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](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au)  
Click on Mary Mackillop Adoration  
Chapel tab, or by calling the Parish  
Office on 9622 1125.**



# Catechism of the Catholic Church

## THE SACRAMENTS OF FAITH

**1122** Christ sent his apostles so that "repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations."<sup>41</sup> "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."<sup>42</sup> The mission to baptize, and so the sacramental mission, is implied in the mission to evangelize, because the sacrament is prepared for by *the word of God and by the faith* which is assent to this word:

The People of God is formed into one in the first place by the Word of the living God. . . . The preaching of the Word is required for the sacramental ministry itself, since the sacraments are sacraments of faith, drawing their origin and nourishment from the Word.<sup>43</sup>

**1123** "The purpose of the sacraments is to sanctify men, to build up the Body of Christ and, finally, to give worship to God. Because they are signs they also instruct. They not only presuppose faith, but by words and objects they also nourish, strengthen, and express it. That is why they are called 'sacraments of faith.'<sup>44</sup>

**1124** The Church's faith precedes the faith of the believer who is invited to adhere to it. When the Church celebrates the sacraments, she confesses the faith received from the apostles - whence the ancient saying: *lex orandi, lex credendi* (or: *legem credendi lex statuat supplicandi*, according to Prosper of Aquitaine [5th cent.]).<sup>45</sup> The law of prayer is the law of faith: the Church believes as she prays. Liturgy is a constitutive element of the holy and living Tradition.<sup>46</sup>

**1125** For this reason no sacramental rite may be modified or manipulated at the will of the minister or the community. Even the supreme authority in the Church may not change the liturgy arbitrarily, but only in the obedience of faith and with religious respect for the mystery of the liturgy.

**1126** Likewise, since the sacraments express and develop the communion of faith in the Church, the *lex orandi* is one of the essential criteria of the dialogue that seeks to restore the unity of Christians.<sup>47</sup>

Source: Catechism of the Catholic Church

## PARISH GROUPS

### BIBLE STUDY GROUP

**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.



### MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

**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

**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.



### TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP

**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

**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.



### LEGION OF MARY ST PATRICK'S

**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

**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



### TEHILLAH PRAYER GROUP

**Contact:** Ash & Rozario Fernando , 0416 861 976 or 0412 195 916

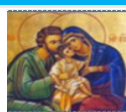
**Meeting Time and Venue :** Every 2nd & 4th Saturday (school term) between 2pm & 4pm at the MPA, St Patrick's Church.



### MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

**Contact :** Kathie Collins, 0414 194 052

**Meeting Time and Venue :** Every 2nd Sunday, 12pm—2pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church



### ROSARY GROUP

**Contact:** Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566

**Meeting Time and Venue :** Every Tuesday after the 8am Mass, at St Michael's church.



### INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

**Contact:** Tony Fernando, 0434 828 297

**Meeting Time and Venue :** Mondays & Tuesdays, 7:00pm-8:00pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patricks Church



### YOUTH GROUP

**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.





## OUR CHURCH IS OPEN!!!

To our dear parishioners and visitors,

With the recent NSW Health advice of wearing FACE MASK at Masses and other services in worship places, we would like to let you know that we highly recommend it as we are committed for your health safety and that of the wider community at these difficult times.

We would like to assure you that we have put in place measures to ensure that we still operate at capacity to meet your spiritual needs and demands.

This includes:

- **Regular Weekday and Weekend Masses – BOOKING IS NECESSARY, 100 PEOPLE ONLY in the church at any one time**
- **Reconciliation – normal schedule or call the parish office**
- **Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and Anointing of the Sick – By Appointment**
- **Private Devotions and Prayers – register/sign-in when you come to church**

MQOF have put the following measures in place to ensure the safety of our parishioners, visitors and staff:

- Parishioners, visitors and staff that are unwell are advised to stay home
- Practice social distancing at all times
- Highly recommends worshippers to wear a face mask at Mass and other services
- Sanitise and disinfect the chairs used and shared areas in the church
- No more collection plates passed during Mass instead donors to donate Online or via Tap and Go Machines or place envelopes directly to the Collection buckets at the church foyers.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation, we look forward to continue supporting you through this tough time. God bless us.



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**National Emergency  
Appeal for Lebanon**

In response to the horrific explosion in Beirut on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, the Australian office of the international Catholic Charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, has launched a national emergency appeal to raise funds to support the people of Lebanon. To read more about the appeal, and to make a donation, please visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon](http://www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon) or call **1800 101 201** during business hours: 8am-5pm, AEST.

### 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.



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: [www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations).

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

**FIRST COLLECTION: For the Diocesan Clergy**

Account Name: Diocesan Clergy

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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](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au).

***Audio and Visual Project Update-donation received as at 31st of July 2020, \$13,880.25. Thank you to all the donors. Donations are still welcome.***

This is your church and your parish, we depend on your financial support to grow and nourish our parishioners.



## **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.



# Mary Queen of the Family Feast Day

***Saturday 22nd August 2020***

***At St Patrick's***

**8:00am Adoration**

**8:30am Rosary**

**9:00am Mass**

## Sacramental Process 2020

**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.**



- The Confirmation Process begins on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August. We pray for our candidates and their families, that they may be empowered by the Holy Spirit and become witnesses to Christ in their daily lives!
- The First Holy Eucharist process will be in mid-October to mid-November, and Reconciliation in mid-November to mid-December.
- Details for the Sacrament of Confirmation, First Holy Eucharist and First Reconciliation have been sent out to parents. To enable a safe and 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

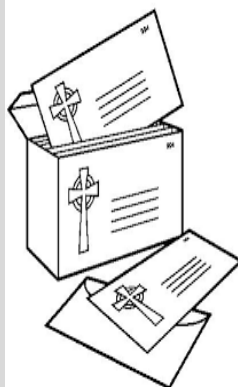
We thank God that we can walk this faith journey 2020 with you!

The Sacramental Team.

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

If you are part of the Planned Giving Program, your new set of envelopes are now available in the church foyer. Please collect them.

Thank you.



## Bishop Vincent Edmund Rice Centre Webinar: 19 August

Join Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv as he addresses the climate emergency in the Pacific and how Australia should respond during an online webinar on Wednesday 19 August from 6.30pm to 8pm. The webinar, hosted by the Edmund Rice Centre, will also feature the former President of Kiribati. Registrations are essential, so please visit <https://www.erc.org.au/events> to receive the link to the webinar.



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## THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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“So shall your way be known upon the earth; among all nations, your salvation.”

### Sheepish Question:

How do I experience God's natural creation praising his name for all to know?

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Canaanite woman persisted because of her strong belief that Jesus would cure her daughter. Use the words below to find out what Jesus said.



\_\_\_\_\_, you have

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_

be \_\_\_\_\_.

- granted
- wish
- faith
- Woman
- Let
- great

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED  
PREISTS  
FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2020**

Owing to COVID19 pandemic and its social and financial impact on families, communities and Churches, the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta will not be holding its Annual Bishop's Collection for Retired Priests, i.e. the Father's Day appeal, this September. Like many other organisations, the CSF will use its own resources to support the retired priests in this financial year. Donations will always be accepted, however, via our BPOINT portal at [www.parracatholic.org/csf](http://www.parracatholic.org/csf) or electronic funds transfer to BSB 067950 Account No 00001691 Account Name CSF No 1 with Reference your name. IF you would like a tax deductible receipt for your donation, please send email to [csf@parracatholic.org](mailto:csf@parracatholic.org) with your name and address details.

The CSF Committee thanks you for your support of the Clergy Support Foundation over the last 15 years. May God bless you at this difficult time in all our lives.

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