

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship. TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR. A 23 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.

DAILY READINGS

M 24 Aug: Apoc 21:19-14; Jn 1:45-51

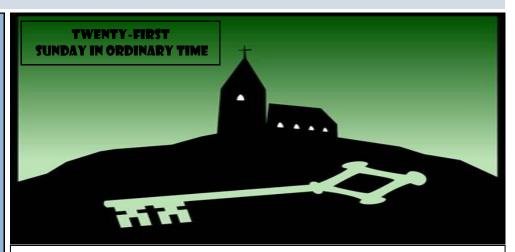
- **Tu 25 Aug:** 2 Thess 2:1-3,14-17; Mt 23:23-26
- W 26 Aug: 2 Thess 3:6-10,16-18; Mt 23:27-32
- Th 27 Aug: 1 Cor 1:1-19; Mt 24:42-51
- **F** 28 Aug: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
- Sa 29 Aug: Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29

Su 30 Aug: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

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.



"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus asked his disciples: 'Who do you say I am?'. It was a powerful question which was personally directed to his disciples who have been following him, listening to his teachings, and witnessing the miraculous works he has done. It was a question that requires them to answer. It requires you and I to reflect upon.

We fully know the correct answer to this question. Peter gave us the correct answer when he spoke up: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' What a profound and firm expression of faith that Peter has publicly professed. He spoke of a very important truth about who Jesus really is. Jesus is the 'Anointed One'. Consequently, Jesus gave him a sacred responsibility to be the bearer of the 'keys of the kingdom of heaven'. Jesus Christ has fully revealed his intention of building His Church and Peter was given the task to lead the Catholic Church.

We are all invited to proclaim this truth about Jesus Christ in our hearts and in our minds. But words are not enough. We need to go deeper in our faith in Jesus Christ. We may fail like what Peter did but let us always be mindful that Jesus is calling us to be faithful in teaching, and preaching that He is the 'Christ, the Son of the Living God'.

Fr John Taul

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING: Is 22:19-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 137:1-3.6.8.R.v.8

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING: ROM 11:33-36

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven: whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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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 Deceased members of the Tanti Family, Sandy Garcia, Ken & Michelle Flick, Joachim Vaz, Lamberto Cadelina Jr.

SICK

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

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Josephine Benedek, Jacinta Sultana, Michelina Degabriele,

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



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.

Frankly Speaking...

"Today let us ask ourselves whether we are afraid of what God might ask or of what he does ask...Do I truly let God into my life? How do I answer Him." ...Pope Francis



Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE SACRAMENTS OF SALVATION

1127 Celebrated worthily in faith, the sacraments confer the grace that they signify. They are *efficacious* because in them Christ himself is at work: it is he who baptizes, he who acts in his sacraments in order to communicate the grace that each sacrament signifies. The Father always hears the prayer of his Son's Church which, in the epiclesis of each sacrament, expresses her faith in the power of the Spirit. As fire transforms into itself everything it touches, so the Holy Spirit transforms into the divine life whatever is subjected to his power.

1128 This is the meaning of the Church's affirmation that the sacraments act *ex opere operato* (literally: "by the very fact of the action's being performed"), i.e., by virtue of the saving work of Christ, accomplished once for all. It follows that "the sacrament is not wrought by the righteousness of either the celebrant or the recipient, but by the power of God." From the moment that a sacrament is celebrated in accordance with the intention of the Church, the power of Christ and his Spirit acts in and through it, independently of the personal holiness of the minister. Nevertheless, the fruits of the sacraments also depend on the disposition of the one who receives them.

1129 The Church affirms that for believers the sacraments of the New Covenant are *necessary for salvation.* "Sacramental grace" is the grace of the Holy Spirit, given by Christ and proper to each sacrament. The Spirit heals and transforms those who receive him by conforming them to the Son of God. The fruit of the sacramental life is that the Spirit of adoption makes the faithful partakers in the divine nature by uniting them in a living union with the only Son, the Saviour.

Source: Catechism of the Catholic Church

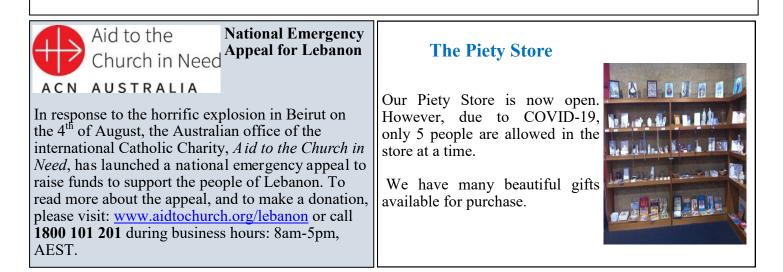
PARISH GROUPS		
BIBLE STUDY GROUP	MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS	
Contact: Richard Desa, richarddesa@bigpond.com Meeting Time and Venue : Every Thursday, 7:30pm to 9:00 pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church.	Contact: Max Rosario, 0490 137 533 Meeting Time and Venue : Monday 9:30am-10:30am at Sid Mosley 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 554 566 Meeting 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.comImage: Contact: Image: Contact: Contact: Image: Contact: Image: Contact: Image: Contact: Contact: Image: Contact: Contact: Contact: Image: Contact: Conta	

MQOF COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN KEY POINTS

as of August 2020

- Following the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers in the Diocese to wear a mask at Masses and other services. This would be as people arrive on parish grounds, during Mass or the service and afterwards as they leave. During Communion, the mask may be removed, but it should be in place at all other times.
- With the regulations in place, St Patrick's Church can only accommodate 100 people and 90 for St Michael's Church at each Mass and service. Therefore, we request that you make a booking via Online or by contacting the Parish Office during office hours. BOOKING IS NECESSARY.
- On arrival at the church, please sanitize your hands using the sanitizer supplied at the foyer.
- You are required to confirm your name on the registration sheet. If you haven't made a booking, you will be asked to provide your name and a contact number for contact tracing purposes as mandated by the NSW Government.
- Please sit on the designated chairs. However, if you are from the same family group, you are allowed to sit together.
- During Communion, please form one line and you are required to maintain physical distancing at all times.
- At the conclusion of Mass, please disinfect the chair you used before leaving with the disinfecting wipes provided at the church foyer.
- You are requested not to socialize inside or outside the church but leave as soon as possible after Mass.
- You are not allowed to enter the church if you are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms, have a temperature, been in contact with anyone that is either a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 even if you have made a Mass booking.
- We understand the inconvenience the above may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern.

We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.



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 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.

An hour with Jesus

<mark>Be still, and know th</mark>at I am God— <mark>Psalm 46:10</mark>

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.

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.



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.



- Our candidates will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next week. We pray that they will use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives. May they grow deeper in their faith as disciples of Jesus and go into the world as His witnesses.
- 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 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 1st Rite of Reconciliation before the Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist only one parent is 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!



Researchers from Macquarie University would appreciate your insights into how COVID-19 is impacting your wellbeing. If residents in your community are aged 55 years or older and want a chance to win an iPad, they can take the 15-minute survey here: www.bit.ly/COV19Seniors.



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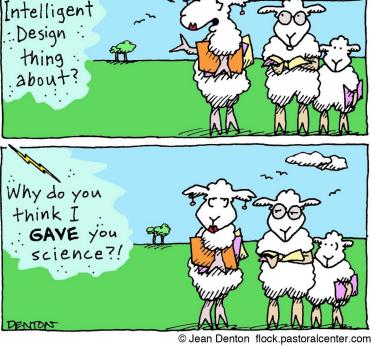
If you missed Scripture Night with Laurie Woods- please visit <u>www.ifm.org.au</u> to watch a reply. If you are interested in continuing on the journey of the Reflective Ministry program, please register via <u>https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry</u>.

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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Parish Staff	Parish Moderator: Fr Regie Lavilla, MSP		
	Priest: Fr John Paul Escarlan		
	Priest: Fr Jack Green		
	Deacon: Rev. John Cinya		
	Finance Officer: Sarah Damole E: accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au		
	Secretary: Ann Hart E: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au		
	Sacramental Coordinator: Christina Rodricks E: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au		
	Parish Assistant: Kaitlyn Vergano E: admin@mqogblacktown.org.au		
	Catechist Coordinator: Sandra Baker		
	Youth Ministry Leaders: Franchecsa Tenadora & Frank Mangion		
Parish Council	Chair: Cecil Fernandes ; Asst Chair: Ruth Miranda ; Secretary: Eva Cheetley ; Members: Nathan Fernandez, Debojit Roy, Sidney Lazum, Phi Nguyen, Jude Miranda, Joseph Azzi, Ashley Azzi, Harlane Petersen, Fr. Regie Lavilla, Fr John Paul Escarlan, Fr Jack Green, Deacon John Cinya		
Parish School	St Michael's Primary: P: 8869 6200 https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au St Patrick's Primary: P: 8869 6000 https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au Nagle College: P: 8887 4507 https://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au Patrician Brothers College: P: 8811 0300 https://www.patsblacktown.catholic.edu.au Catholic Early Learning Centre (St Michael's): P: 8814 8406 https://www.celcblacktownsth.catholic.edu.au Institute for Mission: P: 9296 6369 P: 8843 2530 https://www.Blacktown@ccss.org.au		
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			
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Try to find these words:

Baptist	Keys
Church	Living
Disciples	Messiah
Elijah	Peter
God	Rock
Jeremiah	Son

"Who do you say that I am?" **Sheepish Question:**

How has your knowledge of God grown in the last year? And who is the Son of Man?

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 <u>www.parracatholic.org/csf</u> 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 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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