



# Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.  
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A 27 SEPTEMBER 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 28 Sep:** Job 1:6-22;  
Lk 9:46-50

**Tu 29 Sep:** Dan 7:9-10,13-14;  
Jn 1:47-51

**W 30 Sep:** Job 9:1-13, 14-16;  
Lk 9:57-62

**Th 1 Oct:** Job 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

**F 2 Oct:** Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5,10

**Sa 3 Oct:** Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17;  
Lk 10:17-24

**Su 4 Oct:** Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9;  
Mt 21:33-43

It is very easy for us, when we read the Old Testament, to look at Israel and think, 'Why would they refuse the Lord so often when he had done so much for them? How could they not see all he has done? Why would they turn away?' Indeed, we don't even have to look at the Old Testament: I'm sure many of us have seen others who know they should be doing one thing, but somehow cannot bring themselves to do it. And standing from our position we just think it's so easy: why can't they just do it?

The reason they can't do it; the reason Israel, despite knowing all that God had done for them, kept refusing the Lord was because they suffered from what the Scriptures call hardness of heart. This is a spiritual malady that is caused entirely by consistently refusing to surrender to the Lord's will. And what happens is that at each refusal, at each act of stubbornness, one's heart grows that little bit more coarse, that little bit harder, until one's heart is as hard as a rock. It's a bit like growing a callus: you rub and bump and scrape a part of your skin so much that over time it becomes hard and impervious.

And there can be many reasons for this hardness of heart. Often it is because we think we know better. So, we refuse to listen to the wisdom of someone else; or refuse to be taught; or refuse to believe that God might have a better plan than us. Sometimes it is because of fear: we don't like being in the middle of some unknown path; we don't know how it will end or where it is leading to, and so we say no because of the fear.

The trick is that we can read the Old Testament and blame Israel, or read the New Testament and blame the scribes and Pharisees, or even just think of that friend who knows they should quit that job but simply won't, and forget that we do exactly the same thing. We are just as much prone to this hardness of heart as anyone in Israel was, particularly if we like to point out other's hardness of heart and never look at our own. Instead, we must be like the first son in the Gospel this Sunday: be quick to turn our hearts back to the Lord so that they do not grow hard.

## 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: Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42**

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name and deal with us  
according to the bounty of your mercy.

**FIRST READING: Ez 18:25-28**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 24:4-9.R.v.6**

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

**SECOND READING: Phil 2:1-11**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 10:27**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: Mt 21:28-32**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 118:49-50**

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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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

**SICK**

Pat Regan, Jim & Mary Ryan, Marlene McCarthy,  
Selim Stamati, John & Norma McGettigan,  
Orfeo Marchetti, Edwin & Cely Aguilera,  
Jo Garcia

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

Joventino Borja, Irene Catacutan, Esnella Arellano

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Edgar Arellano

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



**DAYLIGHT SAVING**



**Just a reminder that Daylight Saving starts next Sunday 4th October 2020.**

**Remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour.**

*Frankly Speaking...*

"Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity"

...Pope Francis



# Catechism of the Catholic Church

## THE DEFINITION OF SIN

**1849** Sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbour caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods. It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity. It has been defined as "an utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the eternal law."

**1850** Sin is an offense against God: "Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight." Sin sets itself against God's love for us and turns our hearts away from it. Like the first sin, it is disobedience, a revolt against God through the will to become "like gods," knowing and determining good and evil. Sin is thus "love of oneself even to contempt of God." In this proud self-exaltation, sin is diametrically opposed to the obedience of Jesus, which achieves our salvation.

## THE GRAVITY OF SIN: MORTAL AND VENIAL SIN

**1854** Sins are rightly evaluated according to their gravity. The distinction between mortal and venial sin, already evident in Scripture, became part of the tradition of the Church. It is corroborated by human experience.

**1855** *Mortal sin* destroys charity in the heart of man by a grave violation of God's law; it turns man away from God, who is his ultimate end and his beatitude, by preferring an inferior good to him. *Venial sin* allows charity to subsist, even though it offends and wounds it.

**1856** Mortal sin, by attacking the vital principle within us - that is, charity - necessitates a new initiative of God's mercy and a conversion of heart which is normally accomplished within the setting of the sacrament of reconciliation.

**1857** For a *sin* to be *mortal*, three conditions must together be met: "Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent."

## 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.







## 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.
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- 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.



### Social Justice cans and plastic bottles collection

#### RECYCLING NOT STOPPED BY COVID

A big thank you to our keen recyclers. You have ensured that funds build up for Christmas Luncheon. The Social Justice Group needs any containers that have 10c recycling written on the container. The containers can be dropped in the recycling bins at both St. Michael's and St Patrick's churches. Every container counts!

### The Piety Store

#### God's Word 2021

If you would like to order a copy of God's Word 2021, please leave your name & contact details at the Piety Store.

While you are in there have a look at the 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

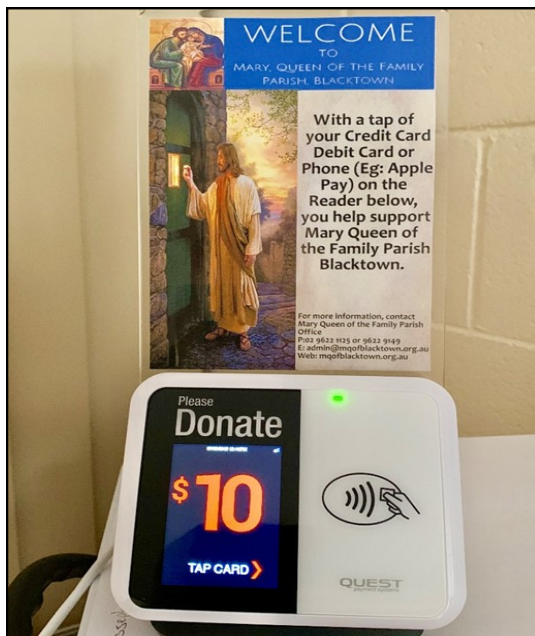
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If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Sarah at [accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au).

***Audio and Visual Project Update-donation received as at 31st of August 2020, \$14,910.25. 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.

**NEXT WEEKEND (4 October) - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A**

<b>Vigil 5.30PM</b>	<b>7.00AM</b>	<b>8.00 AM</b>	<b>9.30 AM</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>5.30PM</b>	<b>6.00 PM</b>
<i>Minister at the Altar</i>	<i>Minister at the Altar</i>	<i>Minister at the Altar</i>	<i>Minister at the Altar</i>	<i>Minister at the Altar</i>	<i>Minister at the Altar</i>	<i>Minister at the Altar</i>
Paul Garland Zaldy Pamintuan	Charles Sant	Max Rosario	Ian Faulkner Annie Pinto	Maurice Bru Francine Bru	Frank Mangion	Beato Pudadera
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Terri Sebastian	Jane Abela	Colin Maxwell	Savita Khan	Perla Billedo	Francesca Tenedora	Harlane Petersen
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Joyce Aitkins	Nancy Venus Lapa	Ron Burgess	Maree Mahony	Antoinette Mangion	Kathie Collins	Nelda Gopez
<i>Commentator</i>	<i>Commentator</i>	<i>Commentator</i>	<i>Commentator</i>	<i>Commentator</i>	<i>Commentator</i>	<i>Commentator</i>
Josephine Miruzzi	Gerry Meura	Ian Ward	Pam Faulkner	Mercy Aquino	John Kurmann	Susan Bawalan-Santos
<i>Junior Servers</i>	<i>Junior Servers</i>	<i>Junior Servers</i>	<i>Junior Servers</i>	<i>Junior Servers</i>	<i>Junior Servers</i>	<i>Junior Servers</i>
Ashleigh Tabusares			Prem Mondeddu Paavan Mondeddu	Gabrielle Miranda Jonathan Miranda Josep Sergio Louise Sergio		
<i>DVP</i>	<i>DVP</i>	<i>DVP</i>	<i>DVP</i>	<i>DVP</i>	<i>DVP</i>	<i>DVP</i>
Len Cruz		Elizabeth	Cecil Fernandes	Joanna Fernando	<b>Volunteer Required</b>	<b>Volunteer Required</b>

**OCT**  
|  
**2020**  
at 7pm

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

with  
**the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth**  
**St Patrick's Church**

**Sacramental Process 2020**



**Enrolments are now closed. We are doing our best to offer the sacraments, whilst adhering to the current government restrictions.**

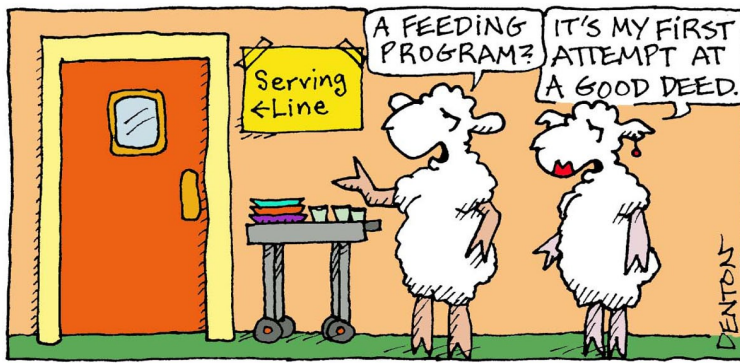
**Thank you for your cooperation.**

- The First Holy Eucharist sessions begin on 14/15October. First Reconciliation sessions begin on 18/19November. Only **one parent** is allowed to accompany the child to the sessions.
- 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.
- Please note that for the 1<sup>st</sup> Rite of Reconciliation before the Sacrament of 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!

The Sacramental Team.



## THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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“Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.”

### Sheepish Question:

When have I been humbled by serving someone in need? How?

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



### Make Good Choices

Jesus asks us to make good choices. Circle the good choices and cross out the poor choices.

When my bedroom needs tidying, I should...



- ... go outside and play
- ... put some of my things away
- ... play with my computer
- ... sort out my rubbish

When I accidentally bump into someone, I should...



- ... tell them it was their fault
- ... say "I'm sorry"
- ... ask them if they are okay
- ... run away quickly

When someone new joins our class, I should...



- ... invite them to come and play
- ... look at them, but not talk to them
- ... ignore them completely
- ... welcome them to our class

<b>St Michaels Church:</b>	58 Orwell Street Blacktown.	
<b>St Patrick's Church:</b>	51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown. Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm	
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<b>Email:</b>	admin@mqofblacktown.org.au	
<b>BPoint payment system</b> Follow the links on our website.		
<b>Parish Staff</b>	<b>Parish Moderator:</b> Fr Regie Lavilla, MSP	
	<b>Priest:</b> Fr John Paul Escarlan	
	<b>Priest:</b> Fr Jack Green	
	<b>Deacon:</b> Rev. John Cinya	
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	<b>Catechist Coordinator:</b> Sandra Baker	
	<b>Youth Ministry Leaders:</b> Franchessa Tenadora & Frank Mangion	
<b>Parish Council</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Cecil Fernandes ; <b>Asst Chair:</b> Ruth Miranda ; <b>Secretary:</b> Eva Cheetley ; <b>Members:</b> 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	
<b>Parish School</b>	<b>St Michael's Primary:</b> P : 8869 6200 <a href="https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au">https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au</a> <b>St Patrick's Primary:</b> P : 8869 6000 <a href="https://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au">https://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au</a> <b>Nagle College:</b> P : 8887 4507 <a href="https://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au">https://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au</a> <b>Patrician Brothers College:</b> P : 8811 0300 <a href="https://www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au">https://www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au</a> <b>Catholic Early Learning Centre (St Michael's) :</b> P : 8814 8406 <a href="https://www.celcblacktownsth.catholic.edu.au">https://www.celcblacktownsth.catholic.edu.au</a> <b>Institute for Mission:</b> P : 9296 6369 <b>Catholic Care:</b> P : 8843 2530 <a href="https://www.Blacktown@ccss.org.au">https://www.Blacktown@ccss.org.au</a>	
<b>Nursing Home</b>	<b>Opal Nursing Home ( 37 Kildare Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148 )</b> P : 9852 9600 <b>Mulluana Retirement Village (61 Bungarribee Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148)</b> P : 8822 2100	



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**The NSW Vinnies Community Sleep out 2020  
is going Virtual on Friday 23 October**

Each year, our NSW Vinnies Community Sleep outs raises vital funds for our essential services and programs, supporting thousands of people in need across our state in regional towns and local suburbs.

This year, participants across NSW will sleep out at home in their cars, backyards or couches and come together in a state-wide effort to help those in our local communities who are doing it tough.

To register go to [www.vinnies.org.au/communitysleepout](http://www.vinnies.org.au/communitysleepout)



PATHWAYS: **prepare**

ADVENT



Take some time out of the busyness to prepare for the joy of Christmas

**MQOF  
MORNINGS**

Small groups meeting using provided resources.  
Tuesdays, 930am  
Cardinal Clancy Room  
Beginning 24th November

**MQOF  
EVENINGS**

Gather to share the Advent readings and small group discussion.  
Tuesday nights 7pm  
Cardinal Clancy Room,  
St Patrick's Church  
Beginning 24th November

Contact the Parish office to express interest: 9622 1125  
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