

# Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship. THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A 25 OCTOBER 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 26 Oct:** Eph 4:32-5:8

Lk 13:10-17

**Tu 27 Oct:** Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21

**W** 28 Oct: Eph 2:19-22;

Lk 6:12-19

**Th 29 Oct:** Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35

**F 30 Oct:** Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6

**Sa 31 Oct:** Phil 1:18-26;

Lk 14:1,7-11

Su 1 Nov: Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14;

1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

#### **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.



#### Make Us Love What You Command

In our Collect (Opening Prayer) for this 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, we humbly pray to our Almighty ever-living God to 'make us love what you command'. We do not need to only hear and know God's commandments, but we must love his commandments. In other words, we must faithfully observe his commandments.

Like last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is once again in a face-to-face encounter with his adversaries—the Pharisees. They tried to disconcert Jesus by asking him, "Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law" (Mt 22:36). It is a tricky question to Jesus as he was asked that out of the more than 600 precepts from the Law of Moses, he must point out the greatest commandment.

But Jesus responds without hesitation: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind". And he adds: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself" (Mt 22:37, 39).

How do we know if you are in love with someone? The people around you will surely know through your words and actions when you are in love. Similarly, if we truly love God, everyone around us should know that we genuinely love God through our prayers, our regular participation in the Holy Mass and our actions in relation to how we treat and relate with those people whom we encounter in our life. God must have a massive space in our life especially during this time of pandemic. Let us not just be content with the Spiritual Communion. We must physically encounter him truly and fully present in the Holy Eucharist.

May Mary, Queen of the Family, intercede for us in faithfully observing these two important and greatest commandments of love of God and neighbour. We must love his commandments of LOVE!

# THIRIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR. A

# ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps. 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING: Ex 22:20-26

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 17:2-4.47.51.R.v.2

I love you, Lord, my strength.

**SECOND READING: 1 Thess 1:5-10** 

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 14:23** 

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

#### **GOSPEL: Mt 22:34-40**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

# **COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf.Ps 19:6**

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God

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# Frankly Speaking...

"Loving God means serving our neighbour without reserve, and trying to forgive without limits."





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.

# **Book of Remembrance**

In the month of November there will be a book of Remembrance for you to write the names of your loved ones who have passed away.

All names in the book will be remembered in the Masses in November.

#### PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

#### **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Phoebe Rose Espinoza, Emanuel Sultana, Eugenie Hogg, Kathy Segulin



#### SICK

Eric Fortaleza, Roger Fortaleza, Maryanne Vaz, Melissa Sahin, Tyler Kennedy, Pat Regan, Jim & Mary Ryan, Marlene McCarthy, Selim Stamati, John & Norma McGettigan, Orfeo Marchett

#### **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

Katarina Gjumbir, Christine Price, Stany Lewis, Veronica & Alex Castelino, Mavis Copalan, Paul Dias, Joe & Paul Apap, Arsenio & Perpetua Villasenor

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Susana Arralde, Kathlynne Anne Abat-Senen

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

#### 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.

#### **Catechism of the Catholic Church**

#### Communion of the Saints.

954 The three states of the Church. "When the Lord comes in glory, and all his angels with him, death will be no more and all things will be subject to him. But at the present time some of his disciples are pilgrims on earth. Others have died and are being purified, while still others are in glory, contemplating 'in full light, God himself triune and one, exactly as he is": 490

All of us, however, in varying degrees and in different ways share in the same charity towards God and our neighbours, and we all sing the one hymn of glory to our God, All, indeed, who are of Christ and who have his Spirit form one Church and in Christ cleave together, 491

955 "So it is that the union of the wayfarers with the brethren who sleep in the peace of Christ is in no way interrupted, but on the contrary, according to the constant faith of the Church, this union is reinforced by an exchange of spiritual goods."492

956 The intercession of the saints. "Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness... They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us, as they proffer the merits which they acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus.... So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped."493

Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life.494I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth. 495

957 Communion with the saints. "It is not merely by the title of example that we cherish the memory of those in heaven; we seek, rather, that by this devotion to the exercise of fraternal charity the union of the whole Church in the Spirit may be strengthened. Exactly as Christian communion among our fellow pilgrims brings us closer to Christ, so our communion with the saints joins us to Christ, from whom as from its fountain and head issues all grace, and the life of the People of God itself"496: We worship Christ as God's Son; we love the martyrs as the Lord's disciples and imitators, and rightly so because of their matchless devotion towards their king and master. May we also be their companions and fellow disciples!497

958 Communion with the dead. "In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honored with great respect the memory of the dead; and 'because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' she offers her suffrages for them." 498 Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective.

959 In the one family of God. "For if we continue to love one another and to join in praising the Most Holy Trinity - all of us who are sons of God and form one family in Christ - we will be faithful to the deepest vocation of the Church." 499

# 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,

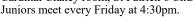
5:30pm – 7:30pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church.



# **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.





#### JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS

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.



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

- 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 accommodate only 250 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.

#### **Call for Nominations for the Diocesan Pastoral Council**

Bishop Vincent is calling for nominations for the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Working with the Bishop, the Diocesan Pastoral Council assists with the pastoral governance of the Church. The Council are seeking a cross-section of people from across the Diocese with different backgrounds and experiences. For more information, or to fill out the nomination form, please visit <a href="mailto:parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils/">parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils/</a>.

Applications close Monday 2 November.

# Catholic Youth Parramatta engaging young people in new ways

Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <a href="https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/">https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/</a> to download and share the resources.

# 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: <a href="www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations">www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations</a>.

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

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Reference: Parish Name

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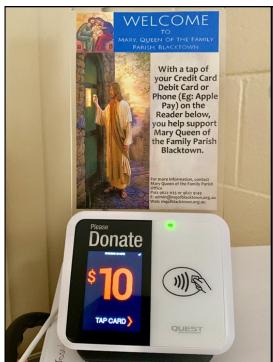
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If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Sarah at accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au.

Audio and Visual Project Update-donation received as at 30th of September 2020, \$16,245.25. 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.

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.



# **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 commenced 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 1st 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.

# NOTICE of MQOF Annual General Meeting

Date/Time: On 1st November 2020 at 11:30 AM

Where: MPA St. Patrick's School

Due to COVID restrictions, and for catering purposes, please register through the parish website or call the parish office. Registration is necessary. ALL ARE WELCOME



Annual General Meeting



# Marriage **Enrichment Weekend**

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn

to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!

Come and join us on November 20 - 22, 2020 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.

Book online at <a href="https://www.wwme.org.au\_or.contact">www.wwme.org.au\_or.contact</a> Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

# **The Piety Store**

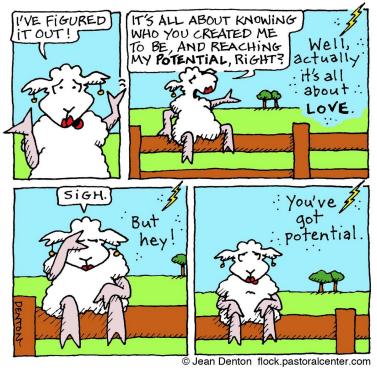
#### Gifts for First Holy Communion

Are you looking for something special as a gift for First Holy Communion? Why not come in and have a look at the many beautiful gifts available for purchase in the Piety Store.



# THE SUNDAY FLOCK

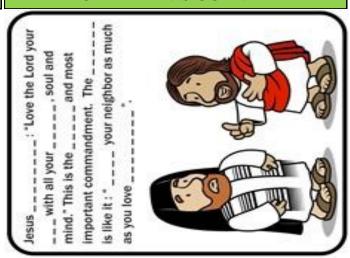
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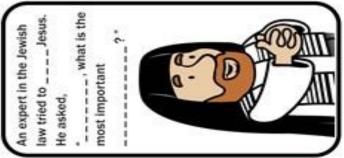


"You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

# Sheepish Question:

The Lord has given me the capability to fully love God and my neighbor—so what holds me back?





Fill in the missing words to complete the story.
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PATHWAYS: prepare

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

# **MOOF MORNINGS**

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

#### **MOOF 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 admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

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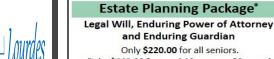
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