

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship THIRTY– SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A 8 NOVEMBER 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.

DAILY READINGS

- M 9 Nov: Exek 47:1-2, 8-9,12; Jn 2:13-22
- **Tu 10 Nov:** Tit 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10
- W 11 Nov: Tit 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
- Th 12 Nov: Philm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
- **F** 13 Nov: 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
- Sa 14 Nov: 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8
- Su 15 Nov: Pr 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

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.



'The Bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him!' (Mt 25:6)

In our Gospel (Matthew 25:1-13) for this 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, Jesus strongly tells us to 'stay awake'. We must be ready for we do not know either the day or the hour. This urgent command has something to do with the second coming of Jesus Christ—a great time that the early Christian disciples were expecting to happen 'soon'. However, this command of Jesus is quite fitting as we remember and pray for the dead especially in this month of November. We do not just remember and pray for the dead but also, we are reminded by our own mortality too.

We must certainly be prepared and spiritually awake for our own death. We never know when we depart from this world. It can be scary to think about it, but this is the reality that all of us will experience. Nobody is immune from earthly death. We are all going to die!

Confronted by this reality, we must ask our ourselves: have we foolishly or wisely lived out our life? The world we are living in is filled with people who are foolish enough to think that it does not matter whatever we do with our life! It is a presumption that Jesus is a 'nice guy' who will just allow us to foolishly commit sins. We can be trapped into this mentality.

All of us will be judged by God accordingly. All must stand before God, the just and merciful judge. There will be no borrowing of the oil of merit from others and there will be no time to buy any. Now is the TIME for all of us to say 'Lord, Lord, open the door to us'—open to us the doors of your mercy and kindness. Open to us the eyes of our understanding that we may see our defects and remedy them while there is yet time. It is up to us now to decide, with the help of God's grace, where shall we be found on the last day when we go and meet the bridegroom—with the wise or with the foolish?

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING: Wis 6:12-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 62:2-8.R.v.2

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: 1 Thes 4:13-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 24:42.44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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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 Souheesh Reddy & Family, Anthony Coutinho †

SICK Colleen Bradford, 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 Rodney Flewitt, Susannah Rajayah, Danica Valjak

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

Frankly Speaking...

"Allow God to answer you. Then you will see how your life is filled with joy."



...Pope Francis

"Take this and eat it, all of you": communion

1384 The Lord addresses an invitation to us, urging us to receive him in the sacrament of the Eucharist: "Truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."217

1385 To respond to this invitation we must *prepare ourselves* for so great and so holy a moment. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself."²¹⁸ Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion.

1386 Before so great a sacrament, the faithful can only echo humbly and with ardent faith the words of the Centurion: "Domine, non sum dignus ut intres sub tectum meum, sed tantum dic verbo, et sanabitur anima mea" ("Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed.").²¹⁹ And in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom the faithful pray in the same spirit:

O Son of God, bring me into communion today with your mystical supper. I shall not tell your enemies the secret, nor kiss you with Judas' kiss. But like the good thief I cry, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

1387 To prepare for worthy reception of this sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required in their Church.²²⁰ Bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.

1388 It is in keeping with the very meaning of the Eucharist that the faithful, if they have the required dispositions, ²²¹ receive communion when they participate in the Mass.²²² As the Second Vatican Council says: "That more perfect form of participation in the Mass whereby the faithful, after the priest's communion, receive the Lord's Body from the same sacrifice, is warmly recommended."223

1389 The Church obliges the faithful to take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and feast days and, prepared by the sacrament of Reconciliation, to receive the Eucharist at least once a year, if possible during the Easter season.²²⁴ But the Church strongly encourages the faithful to receive the holy Eucharist on Sundays and feast days, or more often still, even daily.

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.

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.

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.

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



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

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



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!



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 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.



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.

ROSARY GROUP

Contact: Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566

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

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/</u><u>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

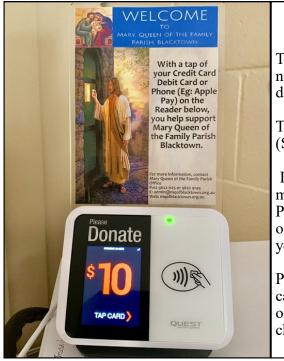
SECOND COLLECTION: For the Parish Account Name: Blacktown Catholic Church Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 0677 Reference: Donor's name

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

Audio and Visual Project Update-donation received as at 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.



MQOF Parish invites you to be FORMED

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Follow the steps below to get access

- 1. Scan the QR code to go to the FORMED website;
- In the Parish search field type "2148" to find our Parish name;
- 3. Select "Mary Queen of the Family" and press "Next";
- Enter your Name and your Email address to register a new account and press "Sign Up";
- Download the FORMED app on your phone and "Sign In" using your email address in step 4;
- 6. Browse, Watch, Listen, Read, and Study to form your catholic conscience.

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 children who have been through the sacramental process, will be receiving First Holy Eucharist this weekend. We pray that our children along with their families, will go on to further deepen their relationship with Jesus.
- 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 Piety Store

These books are now available in our Piety Store.

Adore-Advent Reflections Cost \$4.95

God's Word-Daily Reflections Cost \$18.95

Why not come in and have a look at the many beautiful gifts available for purchase in the Piety Store.

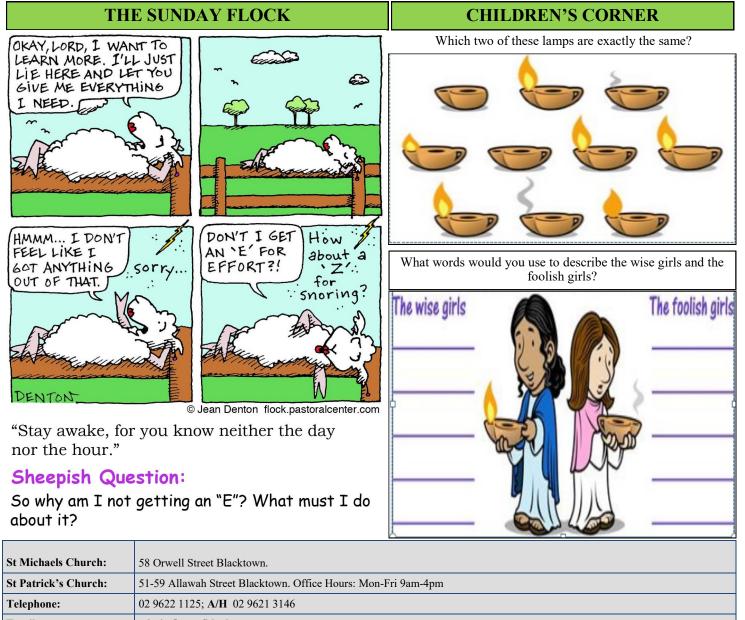
Registration for Christmas Masses

As Christmas is just around the corner, registrations are now open for the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Registrations are required if you want to attend any of the Masses.



The Sacramental Team.



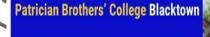
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Book of Remembrance

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.



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