



# Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship  
**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD** **25 DECEMBER 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)

1.00pm - Syro Malabar Mass (St Michael's)

5.30pm Sunday (St Patrick's)

6.00pm Sunday (St Michael's)

### **Reconciliation:**

**St Michael's:** Wednesday 6:45pm-7:25pm

**St Patrick's:** Friday 6:45pm-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.**



## **Darkness and Light**

The prophet Isaiah (9:1-6) prophesied a liberation of the people of God during the time of great distress, when the Southern Kingdom of Judah was exiled in Babylon. People were confused, lost and most of all suffering from oppression. The message is about HOPE. The prophecy anticipates the day when “the people who walked in darkness have seen the great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone” (ESV). For those who truly longed for salvation from God, this message was a great consolation and encouragement, while patiently waiting for the Messiah to come and save them. We know that this is being fulfilled in the birth of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. He said in John 8:12, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

## DAILY READINGS



**M 21 Dec:** Zep 3:14-18;  
 Lk 1:39-45

**Tu 22 Dec:** 1 Sam 1:24-28;  
 Lk 1:46-56

**W 23 Dec:** Mal 3:1-4,23-24;  
 Lk 1:57-66

**Th 24 Dec:** 2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16;  
 Lk 1:67-79

**F 25 Dec:** Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-  
 17,22-25; Mt 1:1-25

**Sa 26 Dec:** Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59;  
 Mt 10:17-22

**Su 27 Dec:** Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3;  
 Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19;  
 Lk 2:22-40

The Gospel (Luke 2:1-14) tells us the history, written through the eyes of faith, of what God has revealed. It is the fulfilment of God's promise that through the line of David a king would be born, and his “kingdom will have no end.” This is what the angel Gabriel told Mary in the annunciation (Luke 1:31-33). But this king whose name is Jesus (Yahweh saves) fulfils God's promise in a radical way, because his throne is the cross and he saves his people by the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 1:21). Christmas tells us this story of the Good News of the birth of Jesus Christ that hopefully brings joy to one's heart and gives us hope for our salvation in, through, and with Jesus. If we have faith in him then we can truly see the light radiating in our midst and we can sing with the angels “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased.”

In the midst of what we go through in life, may we see the light that comes from God calling us out of darkness of doubt into faith, misery and despair into hope. May we find in Jesus Christ truly the fulfilment of God's promise of salvation to all humanity. May he dispel the darkness of sin in our hearts as we humbly submit and surrender to his love and mercy. This pandemic has brought chaos, pain and suffering to many in the world, on top of an already existing evil structure that destroy many lives. Are we truly touched by what God has done to humanity, sending his Son, born in poverty so that we may be rich in the sight of God? Let us see the light in our darkness, be assured of hope that God is always with us. By receiving it, may we become ourselves beacon of light and hope to others. Merry Christmas to all!

## 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 Regie*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps. 2:7**

The Lord said to me: You are my Son.  
It is I who have begotten you this day.

**FIRST READING: Is 9:1-7**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 95:1-3. 11-13. R.  
Lk. 2:11**

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

**SECOND READING: Ti 2:11-14**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Lk 2:10-11**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Good News and great joy to all the world:  
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: Lk 2:1-14**

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven  
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jn 1:14**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

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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.

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**PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**SICK**

Pat Burns, Roger Fortaleza,  
Maryanne Vaz, Melissa Sahin,  
Tyler Kennedy, Pat Regan,



**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

Jamie Ross Lee, Francisco Rey, Francia Carino,  
Celso Carino, Candida Valencia Almarez, Luiga Farrugia

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Ananthareddy Boreddy, Paul Attard,  
Vienvenido Arroyo Tongol, Paul Edema, Benrad

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

*Frankly Speaking...*

"God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it." ...Pope Francis





## WHY DID THE WORD BECOME FLESH?

456 With the Nicene Creed, we answer by confessing: "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man."

457 The Word became flesh for us in order to save us by reconciling us with God, who "loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins": "the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world", and "he was revealed to take away sins":<sup>70</sup>

Sick, our nature demanded to be healed; fallen, to be raised up; dead, to rise again. We had lost the possession of the good; it was necessary for it to be given back to us. Closed in the darkness, it was necessary to bring us the light; captives, we awaited a Saviour; prisoners, help; slaves, a liberator. Are these things minor or insignificant? Did they not move God to descend to human nature and visit it, since humanity was in so miserable and unhappy a state?<sup>71</sup>

458 The Word became flesh so that thus we might know God's love: "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him."<sup>72</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."<sup>73</sup>

459 The Word became flesh to be our model of holiness: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me." "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me."<sup>74</sup> On the mountain of the Transfiguration, the Father commands: "Listen to him!"<sup>75</sup> Jesus is the model for the Beatitudes and the norm of the new law: "Love one another as I have loved you."<sup>76</sup> This love implies an effective offering of oneself, after his example.<sup>77</sup>

460 The Word became flesh to make us "partakers of the divine nature":<sup>78</sup> "For this is why the Word became man, and the Son of God became the Son of man: so that man, by entering into communion with the Word and thus receiving divine sonship, might become a son of God."<sup>79</sup> "For the Son of God became man so that we might become God."<sup>80</sup> "The only-begotten Son of God, wanting to make us sharers in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that he, made man, might make men gods."<sup>81</sup>

## PARISH GROUPS

### BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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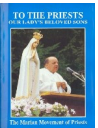
**Meeting Time and Venue :** Every Thursday, 7:30pm to 9:00 pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church.



### 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

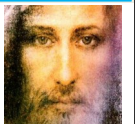
**Meeting Time and Venue :** Every 2nd Saturday 6:30pm-9:30pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church.



### 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 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.



### 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.



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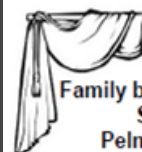
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