



# Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR B** **24 January 2021**

## 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.**



## The Gospel of the Lord!

*This reflection on this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 1:14-20) is an excerpt from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M. ([www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org).)*

Jesus came to announce to all the good news of God's eternal plan for them. He spent his public life convincing the Jews of Palestine of the truth of this message, and he died on the cross because he claimed to be that he was God's divine Son. That very death, cruel and unjust though it was, was part of the divine plan. He conquered death and was raised from the grave to prove that we too, if we accept his Gospel and live by it, will be raised from the dead and reign with Christ in the kingdom of his Father forever. Christ preached this doctrine in Palestine. It is the doctrine for which he gave his human life and which he gave to his Apostles to hand down to all future generations. It is the good news of God's mercy and love towards us weak, mortal creatures. To some it seems too good to be true; it would indeed be so if God were a limited, finite being like us, but he is Being itself. He is without limit, his goodness and love are limitless as is his nature. What God can see in creatures has ever been a puzzle to us. One of the psalm-writers said centuries ago: "What is man that you should spare a thought for him, the son of man that you should care for him?" (Ps. 8 :4)

We cannot fathom the mind of God, nor do we need to. He has gone to such a length as the humiliation of his divine Son in the Incarnation to give us a new standing in relation to himself and a new mode of eternal living after death. We are still God's creatures, "the work of his hands," but through accepting Christ and his Gospel—his message of divine truth—we are no longer mere mortals. We shall die, but death is the beginning of the true life which God has arranged for us. It is no wonder that St. Paul could cry out: "O death where is your victory, O death, where is your sting?"

We Christians should be the happiest people on earth. We know why we are here, we know where we are going and we know how to get there. There are trials and troubles which beset us on our journey; there are rough parts of the road and weaknesses in our human nature which often lead us off the right road, but we are not left to our own human resources. We have help from above to strengthen and comfort us on our journey. We have divine aids in the Church which Christ set us and we have the guarantee of our Good Shepherd that he will keep us in his fold or bring us back should we foolishly wander from it (Jn. 10: 14; Lk. 1.5:4-7).

*Fr John Paul*

## DAILY READINGS



**M 25 Jan:** Acts 22:3-16;  
Mk 16:15-18

**Tu 26 Jan:** Is 32:15-18;  
1 Cor 12:4-11; Mt 5:2-12

**W 27 Jan:** Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

**Th 28 Jan:** Heb 10:19-25;  
Mk 4:21-25

**F 29 Jan:** Heb 10:32-39;  
Mk 4:26-34

**Sa 30 Jan:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19;  
Mk 4:35-41

**Su 31 Jan:** Deut 18:15-20;  
1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

## 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.



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 95:1,6**

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

**FIRST READING: Jon 3:1-5,10**

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

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

**SECOND READING: 1 Cor 7:29-31**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 1:41. 17**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The kingdom of God is near:  
believe the Good News!  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: Mk 1:14-20**

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 33:6**

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

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**

Charalambous Family

**SICK**

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

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

Lillian Mossfield, Paul Borg, Julius Cadelina Lapa, Andreana & Flex Muscat

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Peter Attard

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



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*Frankly Speaking...*

“When we listen to the Word of God, we obtain the courage and perseverance to offer the best of ourselves to others.”

...Pope Francis



## Catechism of the Catholic Church

### I. Christ - The Unique Word of Sacred Scripture

101 In order to reveal himself to men, in the condescension of his goodness God speaks to them in human words: "Indeed the words of God, expressed in the words of men, are in every way like human language, just as the Word of the eternal Father, when he took on himself the flesh of human weakness, became like men."<sup>63</sup>

102 Through all the words of Sacred Scripture, God speaks only one single Word, his one Utterance in whom he expresses himself completely.<sup>64</sup> You recall that one and the same Word of God extends throughout Scripture, that it is one and the same Utterance that resounds in the mouths of all the sacred writers, since he who was in the beginning God with God has no need of separate syllables; for he is not subject to time.<sup>65</sup>

103 For this reason, the Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord's Body. She never ceases to present to the faithful the bread of life, taken from the one table of God's Word and Christ's Body.<sup>66</sup>

104 In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, "but as what it really is, the word of God"<sup>67</sup> "In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them."<sup>68</sup>

### II. Inspiration and Truth of Sacred Scripture

105 God is the author of Sacred Scripture. "The divinely revealed realities, which are contained and presented in the text of Sacred Scripture, have been written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit."<sup>69</sup>

"For Holy Mother Church, relying on the faith of the apostolic age, accepts as sacred and canonical the books of the Old and the New Testaments, whole and entire, with all their parts, on the grounds that, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author, and have been handed on as such to the Church herself."<sup>70</sup>

106 God inspired the human authors of the sacred books. "To compose the sacred books, God chose certain men who, all the while he employed them in this task, made full use of their own faculties and powers so that, though he acted in them and by them, it was as true authors that they consigned to writing whatever he wanted written, and no more."<sup>71</sup>

107 The inspired books teach the truth. "Since therefore all that the inspired authors or sacred writers affirm should be regarded as affirmed by the Holy Spirit, we must acknowledge that the books of Scripture firmly, faithfully, and without error teach that truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to the Sacred Scriptures."<sup>72</sup>

## PARISH GROUPS

### BIBLE STUDY GROUP

**Contact:** Richard Desa, richarddesa@bigpond.com

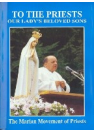
**Meeting Time and Venue :** Every Thursday, 7:30pm to 9:00 pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church.



### 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 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:** Jess Georges, jgeorges@mqofblacktown.org.au

**Meeting Time and Venue :** Every 2nd Sunday at 7:00 pm (after the 5:30pm Mass) at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church.





## COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES COMMENCING 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2021

- With the announcement of new restrictions effective 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2021, we are back to the 4 square meter rule. Therefore we are allowed to have **100 people in St Patrick's church** and **90 people at St Michael's church** at any one time, excluding the clergy and those involved in the liturgy. Therefore, **BOOKING IS NECESSARY!**
- **Wearing FACE MASKS is now MANDATORY** at places of worship, non-compliance will attract a \$200 on the spot-fine for individuals. Children under 12 are exempt but are encouraged to wear masks where practicable.
- Congregational singing **NOT PERMITTED.**
- The 1.5-meter social distancing per household still applies.
- NSW Government still requires **CONTACT TRACING**, there are two ways to do this:
  1. Mass Attendance Slips **MUST** be completed by each household per mass. Slips are available in the church foyers. Feel free to take home a few slips so you can complete them before going to church to avoid delay. Drop the completed card on the day you are attending in the designated box provided in the foyer
  2. Online Booking is available. To register, go to: <https://mqofblacktown.org.au>, registration will close at midday on Friday, if you need assistance, please ring the parish office during office hours (9am to 4pm Mon to Thu and 12pm Fri)
- The elderly, those with health conditions, flu-like symptoms and low-immune system are still advised to stay at home. Catholics from Parramatta Diocese are still dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice.
- You are required to sanitise your hands on arrival at the church and disinfect your chair after the Mass. Sanitizer and wipes are provided at the church foyers.

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

## Please consider online giving.



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

Thank you so much for your continued support of our parish. We are grateful!

## AUDIO AND VISUAL PROJECTS

Thank you for all your support!

We have completed most of the sound and visual requirements at our St Patrick's and St Michael's churches. Without your big hearts, we can't accomplish the said project. God bless you more.

## 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 machine is set at \$10, 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.

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### 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.




Mary Queen of the Family Social Justice Group is having a planning meeting for this year 2021. The meeting is open to all those who are interested in joining the group.

A special invitation goes to Allied Health Professionals.

The aim of the Social Justice Group is to reach out to the needs of the Blacktown Community and beyond.

The meeting is on the 31 January 2021 at 12pm at St Patrick's Church in the Cardinal Clancy Room.

We hope to see some of the Parish Community there.



We will be burning palms from last year for use on Ash Wednesday, 17th February. If you have any palms from Palm Sunday last year, please put them in the containers in the foyers of the Church OR take them to the Parish Office by Sunday 14th February.

Thank you!



### Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for 2021

The Office for Worship Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held again in 2021 commencing in early February.

This is formation for anyone interested in serving in the Liturgical MINISTRIES OF READERS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION, COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND DYING AND MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR (ACOLYTES) in our parish.

There is a Compulsory Introductory Session on Monday 8 February.

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**Time:** Every Tuesday from 7.30-9pm

**The Venue:** St. Pats MPA - Blacktown  
(adjoining St. Patricks Church)

**Facilitators:** Fr. Regie and Richard Desa

## Cost – Registration

**FREE**

For More Information

Contact the Parish Office



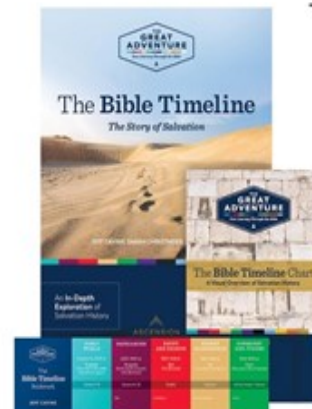
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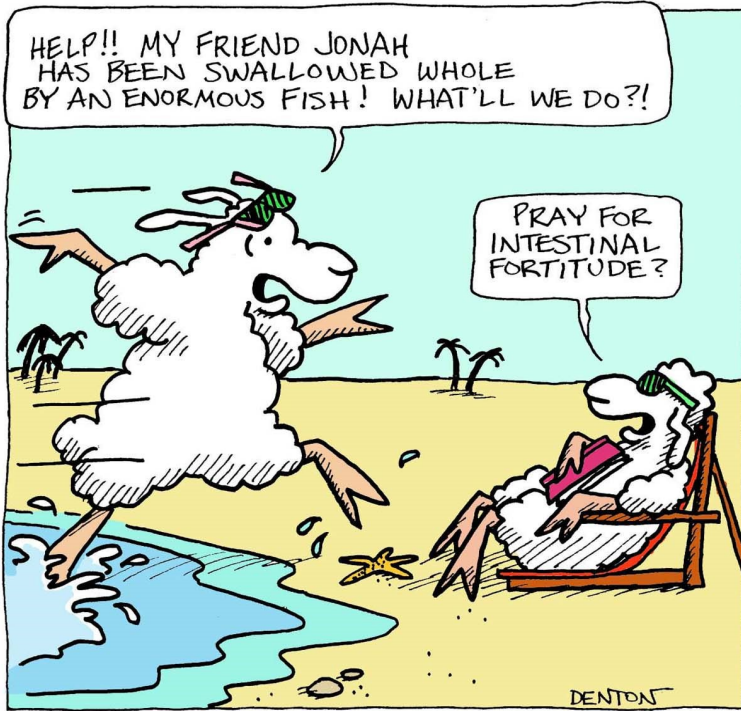
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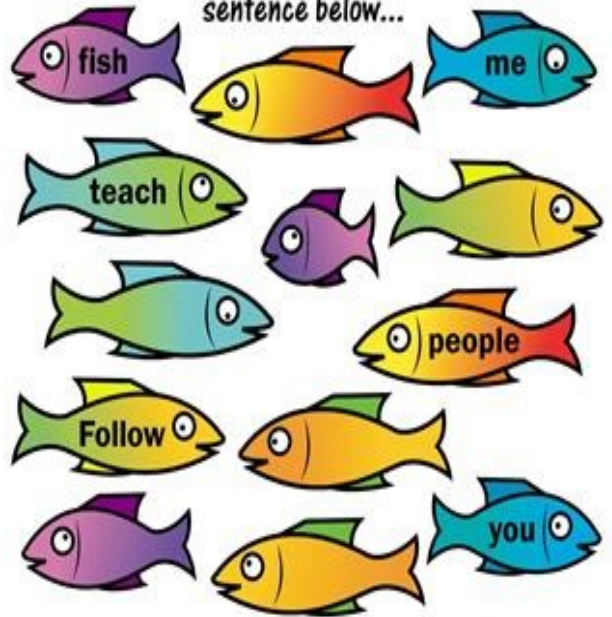
“The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe the gospel.”

### Sheepish Question:

When do I need courage to fully believe and live by God's way?

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Use the words in the fish to complete the sentence below...



----- and I will -----  
----- to ----- for -----

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**An hour with Jesus**

**Be still, and know that I am God—Psalm 46:10**

**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](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au) Click on Adoration Chapel tab, or by calling the Parish Office on 9622 1125.**



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