



Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT -YEAR B **21 February 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.**



Season of Lent: A Special Time of Personal Transformation!

What are you giving up for Lent? This was the question I asked the school kids during the Ash Wednesday Mass when I was at the Parish of Richmond. One of the kids answered; "I'm giving up school". This is the usual question that we will be asked during the Season of Lent. But the season of Lent is more than just giving up something. Lent is a special time of nurturing our deeper relationship with God. Lent is a special time for us to have a total transformation of our life. Lent is a time to listen attentively to the Word of God and to meditate on what this Word means in our lives. We are invited to turn away from anything that misleads us and walk always the way of the Lord. The Season of Lent is a special time of personal transformation.

In order to do this, Jesus gives us three essential spiritual disciplines we ought to do in this Season of Lent: **Almsgiving, Prayer, and Fasting.**

Almsgiving means opening our eyes to the needs of others, especially the needy people in our world.

Prayer offers us all a very special opportunity to grow deeper in our relationship with God. It provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns and sins. We should pray more deeply, experience repentance for what we have done and failed to do.

Fasting is tied closely to almsgiving. Pope Francis says "Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the Good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him." In other words, fasting is a way of concretely expressing our love for God over and above our love for self.

Important note: when we do **Almsgiving, Prayer and Fasting**, Jesus gives us very important advice—that is, to do them with great humility by not seeking the praise and affirmation of other people (Mt 6:1-6. 16-18).

May this holy season of Lent draw us closer to the heart of Christ through our humble prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May we come to the joy of Easter with renewed hearts, and being faithful to God who loves us so much.

Fr John Paul

DAILY READINGS



M 22 Feb: 1 Pet 5:1-4;
Mt 16:13-19

Tu 23 Feb: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

W 24 Feb: Jonah 3:1-10;
Lk 11:29-32

Th 25 Feb: Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14;
Mt 7:7-12

F 26 Feb: Ezek 18:21-28;
Mt 5:20-26

Sa 27 Feb: Deut 26:16-19;
Mt 5:43-48

Su 28 Feb: Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18;
Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

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 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING: Gen 9:8-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 24:4-9. R. see v. 10

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING: 1 Pt 3:18-22

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless
glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that
comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he
remained there for forty days, and was tempted by
Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels
looked after him.

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.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of
God.

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Your donation will help the ministry to continue providing fresh flowers to the altar.
Donation box is placed on the table at the entry of each church.

With thanks and great appreciation.



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 Tanti Family



SICK
Joseph Azzopardi, Eric Fortaleza ,
Candida Irugalbandara, Pat Burns, Maryanne Vaz,
Melissa Sahin, Tyler Kennedy,
Pat Regan, Jim & Mary Ryan

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES
Brigitte Coutts, Sam Malek

RECENTLY DECEASED
Andrew Jones

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

Frankly Speaking...

“Lent is a good time for sacrificing. Let us deny ourselves something every day to help others.” ...Pope Francis



Catechism of the Catholic Church

IV. THE CANON OF SCRIPTURE

120 It was by the apostolic Tradition that the Church discerned which writings are to be included in the list of the sacred books.⁹⁰ This complete list is called the canon of Scripture. It includes 46 books for the Old Testament (45 if we count Jeremiah and Lamentations as one) and 27 for the New.⁹¹

The Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah, Tobit, Judith, Esther, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Songs, the Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach (Ecclesiasticus), Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Baruch, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zachariah and Malachi.

The New Testament: the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of St. Paul to the Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, the Letter to the Hebrews, the Letters of James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2 and 3 John, and Jude, and Revelation (the Apocalypse).

The Old Testament

121 The Old Testament is an indispensable part of Sacred Scripture. Its books are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value,⁹² for the Old Covenant has never been revoked.

122 Indeed, "the economy of the Old Testament was deliberately so oriented that it should prepare for and declare in prophecy the coming of Christ, redeemer of all men."⁹³ "Even though they contain matters imperfect and provisional,"⁹⁴ the books of the Old Testament bear witness to the whole divine pedagogy of God's saving love: these writings "are a storehouse of sublime teaching on God and of sound wisdom on human life, as well as a wonderful treasury of prayers; in them, too, the mystery of our salvation is present in a hidden way."⁹⁵

123 Christians venerate the Old Testament as true Word of God. The Church has always vigorously opposed the idea of rejecting the Old Testament under the pretext that the New has rendered it void (Marcionism).

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 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday after the 8am Mass, at St Michael's



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 12th of
February 2021**

- With the announcement of new restrictions effective 12th of February 2021, we are back to the 2 square meter rule. Therefore we are allowed to have **500 people in St Patrick's church** and **180 people at St Michael's church** at any one time, excluding the clergy and those involved in the liturgy.
BOOKING IS NECESSARY!
- **Wearing FACE MASKS is highly recommended** at places of worship.
- Congregational singing is **NOT PERMITTED**.
- The 1.5-meter social distancing 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.

 **Prayer for
Vanuatu
World Day
of Prayer Service
2021**



Date: 5th March 2021

Time: 10.00am

Location: Blacktown Uniting Church
59 Bungarribee Road, Blacktown

Contact: Rev. Laurel Barr - 0423 152 411

**Please consider
online giving.**



Setting up a one-time or recurring donation/Planned Giving is quick and easy. Just go to:
www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations.

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

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Account Name: Diocesan Clergy
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Reference: Parish Name

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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.

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.

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 are still also available in the church and foyer.



Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family And her community.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2021



Below are our Sacrament dates for 2021. At the moment we only have the preparation dates for our First Eucharist sacramental process. We are currently reviewing the preparation dates for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and Confirmation for 2021. These dates will be made available as soon as possible. Enrolment forms for each of the sacraments are available on the website and the enrolment closure dates are also provided below.

First Reconciliation (Enrolment closes on 1st October 2021)

Thursday 4th and Tuesday 9th November 2021 at St. Patrick's Church

First Communion Mass (Enrolment closes on 16th April 2021)

Sunday 6th, 13th and 20th June 2021 at St. Patrick's and St. Michael's Church.

Confirmation (Enrolment closes on 12th July 2021)

Sunday 22nd August & Saturday 28th August 2021 at St. Patrick's Church.

**If you have any questions, please call Gerald "Ged" Oblea
(Sacramental Coordinator)**

**at the Parish Office on 9622 1125 or 0422 724 008 or
email : sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au**

Baptism

Parents wishing to have their children baptised are to contact the parish office prior to attending a Baptism workshop. The next workshop will take place on Saturday 6th March at 2.00pm at St. Patrick's Church.

With Joyful hearts we welcome the newly baptised to our parish community here at Mary Queen of the Family.:

Conor Minter
(Son of Erin and Scott)

Oscar Luka Catalan
(Son of Shanhani May and Oscar Jesus)

Zain Rademayer
(Son of Ashley and Riann)

Rimiel Kye Tiu
(Son of Kiesha and Riel)

Scarlette May Dela Cruz
(Bernadette and Roy Alexis)

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

BE PART OF THE SACRAMENTAL TEAM

The Parish is looking for volunteers to be part of our sacramental team to assist in the planning and facilitating of our parish sacramental process.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

Gerald "Ged" Oblea

(Parish Sacramental Coordinator)

0422 724 008 or ged@mqofblacktown.org.au

First team meeting 10th April 2021.

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The MQOF Social Justice Group is holding a collection for the House of Welcome in these challenging times and would like to ask for the generosity of the community to support this cause.

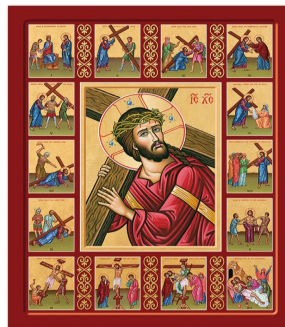
Items needed are listed below. The collection drive is on the weekends of 20th and 21st February and 27th and 28th February.

Food: Vegetable Oil-750ml bottles, Plain flour-1kg packets, Basmati rice-1 kg packets, Tuna cans -either in oil or spring water, Noodles-chicken or vegetable, Tinned diced tomatoes, Raw sugar-1kg packets, Black tea.

Sundries: Shampoos, Laundry detergent powder, Toilet paper, Deodorant, Razors, Chuck wipes, Disinfectant hand wash, Dishwashing liquid.

The items will be distributed by the House of Welcome, which exists to welcome, shelter, and empower people seeking asylum and refugees regardless of their age, gender, sexuality, nationality, or religion.

We thank you for your generosity.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held on Fridays during Lent at St Patrick's Church.

Commencing at 6:30pm with Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at 7:30pm.

Please note the times of Reconciliation for Lent

St Michael's: Wednesday 6:45pm to 7:20pm

St Patrick's: Friday 6:45pm to 7:20pm & Saturday 9:30am—10:25am

There will be no 2nd Rite of Reconciliation.



An hour with Jesus

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

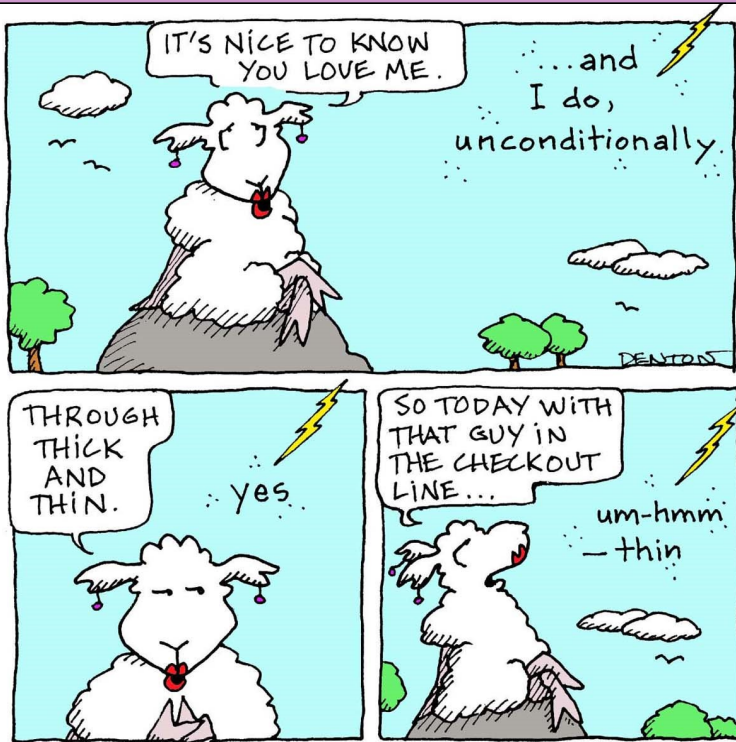
Here at MQOF is an opportunity to be with Jesus and commit with regular meeting with Him. Are YOU available?

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
Click on Adoration Chapel tab, or by calling the Parish Office on 9622 1125.

THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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“I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings.”

Sheepish Question:

How do I respond to God's loving promise of salvation?

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Resist the Temptation

Place ticks ✓ next to what you think are the right things to do.
Place crosses ✗ next to the things you would be tempted to do.



You break your mom's favorite vase when playing basketball in the hallway

What do you do?

- You tell your mom that the cat knocked it over.
- You tell her that you knocked it over with your basketball.
- You glue it back together and hope that no-one notices.



You forget to do your homework

What do you do?

- You tell the teacher that you left it on the bus.
- You pretend to feel sick so that you can get out of class.
- You tell the teacher that you forgot to do your homework.

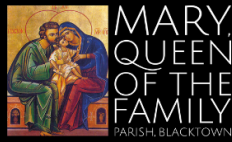


You see money lying on the ground at school

What do you do?

- You pick it up and take it to a teacher.
- You use it to buy icecreams and chocolate for all your friends.
- You leave it where it is.

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St Patrick's Church:	51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown. Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm
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