

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR B 7 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.

DAILY READINGS

M 8 Feb: Gen 1:1-19;

Mk 6:53-56

Tu 9 Feb: Gen 1:20—2:4; Mk 7:1-13

W 10 Feb: Gen 2:4-9,15-17;

Mk 7:14-23

Th 11 Feb: Gen 2:18-25;

Mk 7:24-30

F 12 Feb: Gen 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

Sa 13 Feb: Gen 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

Su 14 Feb: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46;

1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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.



Sold Slave to Sainthood

This Sunday we celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year B. Mark's Gospel continue to describe Jesus' public ministry of healing illnesses and those possessed by devils. Among those who were healed was Simon's mother-in-law whom Jesus took by the hand. We ask Jesus to take us by the hand when we are sick and troubled.

This Sunday, let us reflect on the life of Saint Josephine Bakhita. Her Feast Day is on the 8th of February each year. She was canonised on the 1st of October 2000 by Pope St John Paul II. Pope Francis named her the Patron Saint of Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. Every year, Catholics are asked and encouraged to pray, reflect and act for all those affected by the crimes of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.

St Bakhita was kidnapped by the Arabs Slave Traders as a child of nine years old and sold three times, one after another into slavery in Sudan. She forgot her birth name, but the kidnappers gave her name Bakhita, meaning "Fortunate." At last, she was sold to an Italian consul in 1882. The consul took her to Italy. Bakhita's life was changed when she was treated with love. As she grew older, and after long painful years of sickness, she had a great hope. She was assigned later on to the Canossian Sisters.

Her hope became alive for over fifty years until her death in Schio (Vicenza) in 1947. She spent her entire life witnessing God's grace and love as a nun of the Daughters of Charity through cooking, sewing, embroidery and attending to the poor. The Italians called her "Our Black."

St Bakhita helped by the grace of God is a witness of hope. She is the bearer of the Gospel of Christ especially to people affected by the act of crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking. When performing her duty, she talked to children with a kind voice pleasing to the littles ones. She returned evil with good. She had comforted the poor and encouraged the suffering.

St Bakhita experienced terrible days of her slavery more than once. In her final days, she begged the nurse who assisted her, "Please, loosen the chain... they are heavy." As we pray during her Feast Day on 8 February, may her lowly and helpless life story inspire hope to those experiencing injustices and the many victims of slavery and human exploitation. Amen.

Deacon John

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 146:1-6. R. v. 3

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

GOSPEL: Mk 1:91-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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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

Angela Mikhaiel, Rita Morgan,
Teresa and Family,
The Charalambous Family,
Brian Fischer, Kathleen WIlliings,
George Zahra, Victoria, Charles,
Don Micallef, Connie Sultana



SICK

Pat Burns, Eric Fortaleza, Roger Fortaleza, Maryanne Vaz, Melissa Sahin, Tyler Kennedy, Pat Regan, Jim & Mary Ryan,

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

George Lobo, Katherine Sultana, John, Buddy Hassarati, Freda Lovejoy, Maria Aquilina, Stella Buttigieg

RECENTLY DECEASED

Samuel Alfred Bartolo, Barry Paskin

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

Frankly Speaking...

"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven."



...Pope Francis

Catechism of the Catholic Church

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT, INTERPRETER OF SCRIPTURE

109 In Sacred Scripture, God speaks to man in a human way. To interpret Scripture correctly, the reader must be attentive to what the human authors truly wanted to affirm, and to what God wanted to reveal to us by their words.

110 In order to discover *the sacred authors' intention*, the reader must take into account the conditions of their time and culture, the literary genres in use at that time, and the modes of feeling, speaking and narrating then current. "For the fact is that truth is differently presented and expressed in the various types of historical writing, in prophetical and poetical texts, and in other forms of literary expression."

111 But since Sacred Scripture is inspired, there is another and no less important principle of correct interpretation, without which Scripture would remain a dead letter. "Sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted in the light of the same Spirit by whom it was written."

The Second Vatican Council indicates three criteria for interpreting Scripture in accordance with the Spirit who inspired it.

112 1. Be especially attentive "to the content and unity of the whole Scripture". Different as the books which compose it may be, Scripture is a unity by reason of the unity of God's plan, of which Christ Jesus is the center and heart, open since his Passover.

The phrase "heart of Christ" can refer to Sacred Scripture, which makes known his heart, closed before the Passion, as the Scripture was obscure. But the Scripture has been opened since the Passion; since those who from then on have understood it, consider and discern in what way the prophecies must be interpreted.

113 2. Read the Scripture within "the living Tradition of the whole Church". According to a saying of the Fathers, Sacred Scripture is written principally in the Church's heart rather than in documents and records, for the Church carries in her Tradition the living memorial of God's Word, and it is the Holy Spirit who gives her the spiritual interpretation of the Scripture ("... according to the spiritual meaning which the Spirit grants to the Church").

114 3. Be attentive to the analogy of faith. By "analogy of faith" we mean the coherence of the truths of faith among themselves and within the whole plan of Revelation.

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 29th of January 2021

- With the announcement of new restrictions effective 29th of January 2021, we are back to the 4 square meter rule. Therefore we are allowed to have 250 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 is **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:
- 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.

CATECHIST NEWS—HELP NEEDED FOR 2021

Welcome back Catechists!

Our first Catechist meeting for 2021 will be held at <u>10am on Thursday 11th February</u> in the Fr Sid Mosely Room at St Michael's. Hope to see you there.

Unfortunately, COVID concerns and family commitments have impacted our Ministry. We sadly farewell Colin Morris after 38 years of loyal service. Thank you Col. We are deeply grateful for your dedication. We also lose Ruth Lee and Josephine Miruzzi after years of service. These 3 people will be greatly missed.

To cover the classes in our seven State schools we need the help of our parishioners.

Please consider joining the Ministry. You are very welcome to attend the meeting.

Just leave your contact details with the Office and I will be in touch.

Sandra Baker

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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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



Break Open the Word 2021

Are still available in our Piety Store for Readers and Commentators who would like to purchase it.

Cost: \$22.00

Comfort is a Lenten Program for 2021, with short daily reflections and longerform Sunday



reflections, questions and prayer—perfect for Lenten groups and individual devotional reading.

These books are available from our Piety Store for \$10.00 each.



Please note the times of Reconciliation for Lent

St Michael's: Wednesday 6:45pm to 7:25pm

St Patrick's: Friday 6:45pm to 7:25pm &

Saturday 9:30am—10:25am

There will be no 2nd Rite of Reconciliation.





MASS TIMES:

17 February 2021 St Patrick's 9am & 7:30pm

St Michael's 8am & 7:30pm



Feast of St Josephine Bakhita

Long after slavery was officially abolished, the practice not only continues but thrives. Whether they are women in electronics, children on cocoa farms or men in bonded labour on construction sites, millions

of people globally, including Australia, are forced to perform labour through coercion, intimidation or deceit.

On Monday 8th February we celebrate the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking and Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan. We are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and for the people who volunteer and work for the eradication of these crimes.



Reflective Ministry is online and a self paced leadership program, with new material

released each week in a presentation style format. It's ideal to encourage those currently or looking to be involved in ministry at your parish. Expressions of interest can be made via https://tinyurl.com/RMIFM

Themes of Faith is an online (with the option to meet face to face if that's the preference) that covers 10 key themes form the Catholic tradition through discussion groups. The average parishioner or someone who has just completed the RCIA program would be someone ideal for Themes of Faith. Expressions of interest can be made via https://tinyurl.com/themesoffaith







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 20^{th} and 21^{st} February and 27^{th} and 28^{th} 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.

<u>Sundries:</u> 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.



Dates - Times - Location

Dates: Every Tuesday from 16th Feb to Aug'2021 (Not including the School Holidays)

Time: Every Tuesday from 7.30-9pm

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

Cost – Registration

For More Information

Contact the Parish Office Scan the QR code to register for the Program



In *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation*, presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end.

Using a unique color-coded chart, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

The Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of the Bible in a way that will transform your life.

I never would have read the Bible if it wasn't for this, and now I simply adore Scripture. It has given me such insight into the Catholic faith and helps me to understand its true beauty.

-Kyley D.





THE SUNDAY FLOCK

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus if the Good News





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"The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many ... and drove out many demons."

Sheepish Question:

Where is God in my concerns? Where am I in his?

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M E A L T T A F N T C V H E N

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Every Tuesday at 10:00am commencing 16 February.

Small faith sharing groups in the Cardinal Clancy Room at St Patrick's Church using resources provided.

If you would like to join a group, please put your name and details on the sign on sheet located in the church foyer, or call the Parish Office on 9622 1125.

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.

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