



Weekly Bulletin

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish

St. Michael's Church - 58 Orwell Street, South Blacktown. & St. Patrick's Church - 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B

28 March 2021

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Mary Queen of the Family (MQOF) parish strives to live as a faithful and committed Catholic community, continuing to deepen in understanding the Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture of the Catholic Church and to grow as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ, evangelising and responding to the needs of the family in the Blacktown community and beyond.

LITURGY TIMES

Weekday Masses

St Michael's: 8am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
7.30pm Wed only

St Patrick's: 9am Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat and
7.30pm Fri only.

Sunday Masses

5.30pm Sat Vigil (St Patrick's)
7.00am Sun (St Patrick's)
8.00am Sun (St Michael's)
9.30am Sun (St Michael's)
10.00am Sun (St Patrick's)
11.00am 4th Sun - Filipino Mass
(St Michael's)
2:00pm - Sudanese Mass (St Patrick's)
1.00pm - Syro-Malabar Mass (St Michael's)
5.30pm Sun (St Patrick's)
6.00pm Sun (St Michael's)

RECONCILIATION

St Michael's: Wed 6:30pm-7:20pm

St Patrick's: Fri 6:30pm-7:20pm &
Sat 9:30am-10:30am

HOLY HOUR

St Michael's: Wed 6:30pm-7:30pm

St Patrick's: Fri 6:30pm-7:30pm

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals & Anointing of the Sick
by appointment.

Thankfully, this year we too can follow Jesus into Jerusalem amidst a large crowd singing 'Hosanna!' This was not the case last year. This time last year we were sheltering in our houses, going out to get essentials only, stocking up on toilet paper, and wondering what on earth was going to happen next. We were not holding our palm branches up to be blessed, we were not processing with Jesus into the city, we were not even at church. And while we still may be wondering what on earth is going to happen next, particularly after the floods, this year we actually get to celebrate Palm Sunday properly and so we should sing 'Hosanna!'

But amidst our singing we should be careful not to follow the crowd, the crowd that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem, too closely. They rejoiced in Jesus. This was no play-acting from them or posturing. They really were rejoicing in Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. But their joy would not last the week. Their joy in Jesus was too shallow, too hollow, too superficial.

This should be our point of departure from the crowd. We, like them, should rejoice in Jesus, in his movement and activity in us and in our life. But our joy cannot be as shallow, as hollow, as superficial as theirs. Ours cannot turn, as theirs did, to hate, to unfaithfulness; ours must last longer than the week.

And this might seem easier said than done. How can we make our joy last longer than the crowd, longer than the week? Well, one way is to ask ourselves whether we are really rejoicing in Jesus, in his person, in being united to *him*, or are we rejoicing in what he can do for us? That, for some of the crowd, was their point of departure: Jesus was promising a kingdom and he didn't deliver, or at least didn't deliver in the way they expected, so they left him. They actually weren't interested in the person of Jesus; they just wanted him for what he could do for them.

True and lasting joy is not found in what Jesus can do for us, at least in a superficial or material sense. It is found, rather, in Jesus himself, in knowing and loving him, in having a deep, personal relationship with him. This is what really propels us to cry out 'Hosanna!'

Fr Jack Green

Parish Directory

St. Michael's Church - 58 Orwell Street, South Blacktown &
St. Patrick's Church - 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown.

Parish Office: At St. Patrick's Church. **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm
Telephone: 02 9622 1125 **A/H:** 02 9621 3146
Website: www.mqofblacktown.org.au **Email:** admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

Parish Team:

Priests: Fr. Regie Lavilla, MSP (Moderator), Fr John Paul Escarlan & Fr Jack Green.

Deacon: John Cina

Finance Officer: Sarah Damole **Email:** accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au

Secretaries: Ann Hart (Wed - Fri) & Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Mon-Tues)

Sacramental Coordinator: Gerald "Ged" Oblea. **Mobile:** 0422 724 008

Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

Parish Assistant: Kaitlyn Vergano. **Catechist Coordinator:** Sandra Baker

Youth Minister: Jessica Georges **Email:** jgeorges@mqofblacktown.org.au

Parish Pastoral Council: **Chair:** Cecil Fernandes; **Asst Chair:** Ruth Miranda; **Secretary:** Eva Cheetley
Members: Nathan Fernandes, Sidney Lazum, Phi Nguyen, Jude Miranda, Joseph Azzi, Ashley Azzi, Harlane Petersen, Fr. Regie Lavilla, Fr John Paul Escarlan, Fr Jack Green, Deacon John Cina.

Parish Schools:

St Michael's Primary:
P : 8869 6200 <https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au>

St Patrick's Primary:
P : 8869 6000 <https://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au>

Nagle College:
P : 8887 4507 <https://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au>

Patrician Brothers College:
P : 8811 0300 <https://www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au>

Catholic Early Learning Centre (St Michael's) :
P : 8814 8406 <https://www.celcblacktownst.catholic.edu.au>

Nursing Homes:
Opal Nursing Home (37 Kildare Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 9852 9600

THE LITURGY

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!



FIRST READING: IS 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R.

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(R) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING: PHIL 2:6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Mk 15:1-39 (Shorter Form)

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Pratorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him

among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jn 12: 24

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Profession of Faith (Part One) ARTICLE 4 - "JESUS CHRIST SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED"

Paragraph 1. Jesus and Israel

574. From the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, certain Pharisees and partisans of Herod together with priests and scribes agreed together to destroy him.³¹⁷ Because of certain acts of his expelling demons, forgiving sins, healing on the sabbath day, his novel interpretation of the precepts of the Law regarding purity, and his familiarity with tax collectors and public sinners,³¹⁸ -- some ill-intentioned persons suspected Jesus of demonic possession.³¹⁹ He is accused of blasphemy and false prophecy, religious crimes which the Law punished with death by stoning.³²⁰

575. Many of Jesus' deeds and words constituted a "sign of contradiction",³²¹ but more so for the religious authorities in Jerusalem, whom the Gospel according to John often calls simply "the Jews",³²² than for the ordinary People of God.³²³ To be sure, Christ's relations with the Pharisees were not exclusively polemical. Some Pharisees warn him of the danger he was courting;³²⁴ Jesus praises some of them, like the scribe of Mark 12:34, and dines several times at their homes.³²⁵ Jesus endorses some of the teachings imparted by this religious elite of God's people: the resurrection of the dead,³²⁶ certain forms of piety (almsgiving, fasting and prayer),³²⁷ the custom of addressing God as Father, and the centrality of the commandment to love God and neighbor.³²⁸

576. In the eyes of many in Israel, Jesus seems to be acting against essential institutions of the Chosen People:

- submission to the whole of the Law in its written commandments and, for the Pharisees, in the interpretation of oral tradition;
- the centrality of the Temple at Jerusalem as the holy place where God's presence dwells in a special way;
- faith in the one God whose glory no man can share.

Daily Readings

Monday 29th March: Is 42:1-7 ; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday 30th March: Is 49:1-6 ; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday 31st March: Is 50:4-9 ; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday 1st April: Ex 12:1-8. 11-14 ; 1 Cor 11:23-26 ; Jn 13:1-15

Friday 2nd April: Is 52:13 - 53:12 ; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19:42

Saturday 3rd April: Gen 1:1 - 2:2 ; Gen 22:1-18; Ex 14:15 - 15:1;

Jn 7:40-52; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4; Ez 36:16-28;

Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday 4th April: Acts 10:34. 37-43 ; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9



Welcome to the Family...



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.

The Parish Team

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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP



Contact: Tony Fernando, 0434 828 297
Meeting Time and Venue: Mondays & Tuesdays, 7:00pm-8:00pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick'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

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.

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!

MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP



Contact: Jude Besterwitsch, 0435 588 309
Meeting Time and Venue: 2nd Sunday of every month, 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 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.

TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP



Contact: Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566
Meeting Time and Venue: 3:00pm every second Saturday of the month at St Michael's Church

YOUTH MINISTRY



Contact: Jess Georges, jgeorges@mqofblacktown.org.au
Meeting Time and Venue: Every 4th Sunday at 7:00 pm (after the 5:30pm Mass) at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church.

COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES



With the announcement of the easing of restrictions commencing Friday 27th March 2021, we are still limited by the 2 square metre rule. However, the 1.5 metre social distancing from one household to another is still in place.

The wearing of face mask is strongly encouraged if social distancing is not possible. There will be no restrictions on choirs and congregational singing in places of worship.

CONTACT TRACING:

Because NSW Government still requires contact tracing, we are implementing three ways to do this:

- Sign-in using the **QR Code** displayed near the entrance doors.
- **Mass Attendance Slips** MUST be completed by each household per mass. Slips are available in the foyer.
- **Online booking** via Calendly. To register, go to: <https://mqofblacktown.org.au>, registration will close midnight of every Friday.

To maximise the use of our liturgical space, please observe the following:

1. Families and those living under one household sit together.
 2. Proceed to end of row if vacant.
 3. Leave 3 chairs empty between you and another household.
- The elderly, those with health conditions, flulike 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 CHECK IN BEFORE ENTERING OUR PREMISES



We're helping keep our community COVID safe by recording contact details. It's easy to check in:

- 1 Scan QR Code with your smartphone camera or QR reader.
- 2 Follow the prompts on the Service NSW app or on the Service NSW webform.
- 3 Show a volunteer that you've signed in. We respect your privacy.

This QR Code is for Mary Queen of the Family Blacktown, located at 51- 59 Allawai Street, Blacktown



The Sacraments

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 7th May 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:

Clara Tamayo, Aria Audino, Callie Milo,
Shamir Ateem Shamir, Lucy Leke,
Gai Mathoc Gai Thoc, Joyce Mathoc Gai Thoc,
Mangar Mathoc Gai Thoc

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)

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

First Communion

(Enrolment closes on 16th April 2021)

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

Confirmation

(Enrolment closes on 12th July 2021)

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

If you have any questions, please call Ged Oblea, (Sacramental Coordinator) at the Parish Office on 9622 1125 or 0422 724 008 or email : sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

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.



Sacramental Process for High School Students 2021

Our Parish will be conducting the sacramental process for high school students over eight weeks in term 2.

(Commencing on the 29th April 2021).

Preparation sessions will take place at St. Patrick's Church on Thursday afternoon from 4.30pm. This process is for high school students who wish to receive any of the following sacraments: Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

For more information contact our sacramental coordinator: Gerald "Ged" Oblea - sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au or 0422 724 008

Parish News and Events...

EASTER TRIDUUM

Join Us for Easter Triduum at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish ...

31 MARCH, WEDNESDAY

No Adoration and No Mass at St Michael's Church, 7:30PM

1 APRIL, HOLY THURSDAY

No Morning Mass at St Michael's Church, 8:00AM

Morning Prayer at St Patrick's Church, 9:00AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Patrick's Church, 7:30PM

Night Prayer at St Patrick's Church, 9:45PM

2 APRIL, GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross-Re-enactment at St Patrick's School Ground, 10:00AM

Passion of the Lord at St Michael's Church, 3:00PM

Passion of the Lord at St Patrick's Church, 3:00PM

3 APRIL, HOLY SATURDAY

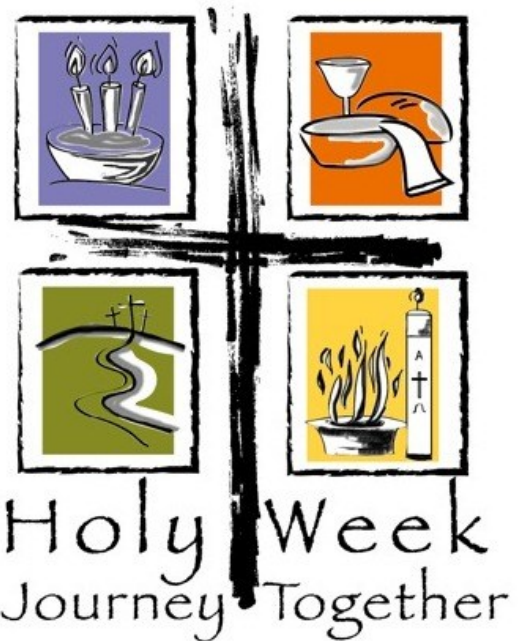
Morning Prayer at St Patrick's Church, 9:00AM

Easter Vigil Mass at St Patrick's Church, 7:30PM

4 APRIL, EASTER SUNDAY

Mass at St Patrick's Church at 7:00AM, 10:00AM and 5:30PM

Mass at St Michael's Church at 8:00AM, 9:30AM and 6:00PM



RECONCILIATION

At St Michael's Church, every Wednesday, 6:30PM to 7:30PM

At St Patrick's Church, every Friday, 6:30PM to 7:30PM and every Saturday, 9:30AM to 10:30AM

GOOD FRIDAY 2021 THE WAY OF THE CROSS!

Would YOU like to participate in this years
Youth led re-enactment for
Good Friday?

Location: St Patrick's Church (meeting point)

Rehearsal Dates & Times:

> 25th March at 6pm

> 29th of March at 6pm

To Confirm attendance, contact Youth Minister Jess
on: JGeorges@mqofblacktown.org.au



PROJECT COMPASSION
BE MORE

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, supporting vulnerable communities before, during and after natural disasters, conflicts and crises – making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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

Parish News and Events...

MQOF YOUTH MINISTRY

COME JOIN US!

“JOIN US!! Do you have Children in Primary school, High school or just finished school? Interested or curious about what the youth has in-store for you or your children? SAY YES! Sign-up sheets are now outside the church doors, please fill in your details and we will get in touch soon!”

- Parish Youth Council

A crowd of people came to see Jesus as he entered Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. Draw yourself amongst a crowd of people waving palm fronds at Jesus.



Draw or write what happened on each of these special days during Holy Week.

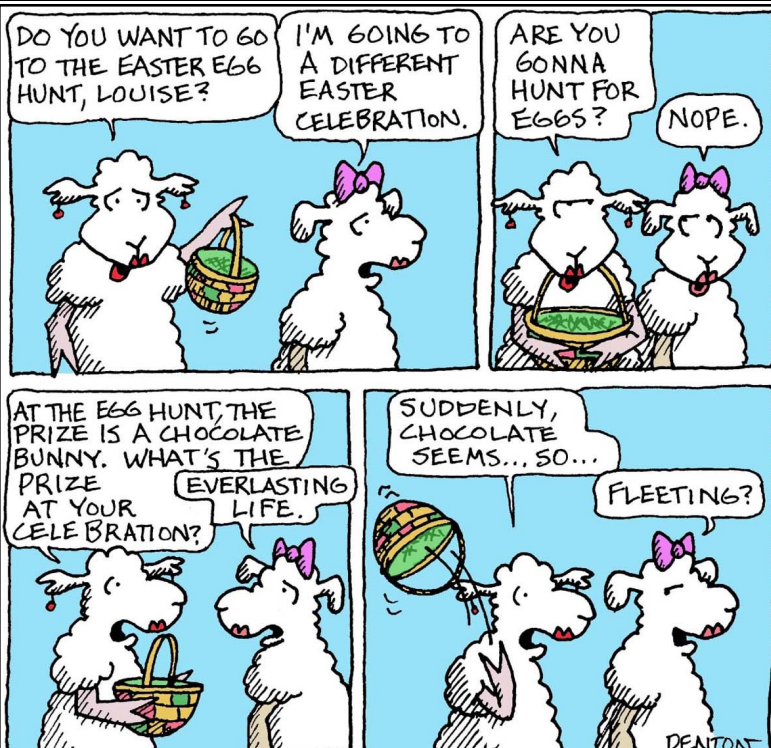
 **Passion Sunday**

 **Holy Thursday**

 **Good Friday**

 **Easter Sunday**

THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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“The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.”

Sheepish Question:

What am I searching for as I approach Holy Week?

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.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jenny Menon, Maria Salve Amparo
Jose R. Gullas

SICK

Angela Mikhael, Rebecca Miruzzi, Tony Clarke,
Joseph Azzopardi, Candida Irugalbandara,
Maryanne Vaz, Melissa Sahin, Tyler Kennedy,
Jim & Mary Ryan.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Francisco Gonzales

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

Parish News and Events...

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:

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

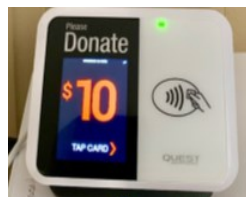
Account Name: Blacktown Catholic Church
Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 0677
Reference: Donor's name



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

Thank you so much for your continued 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 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.

NOTE OF THANKS!

BISHOPS GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Thank you for bringing comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, CatholicCare and our chaplains thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support over the last few weeks.

Our Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal raised \$1,964.00 which will help our CatholicCare chaplains to bring comfort, faith and hope to the isolated, the elderly, the sick, and the dying.

For anyone who hasn't had a chance to donate, please visit www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or use the envelopes available in the church and place them in the donation bucket.

Please pray for our CatholicCare chaplains as they carry on the work of Jesus in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Thank you for accompanying them on their journey.

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITY

FOR HOLY WEEK PREPARATION TEAM

- To set up chairs on 1st April (Holy Thursday at 10.00am)
- Welcomers, Marshalls, Parking Attendants on 2nd April (Good Friday) & 4th April (Easter Sunday) 10.00am Mass.

Please contact the parish office on 9622 1125 to advise of your availability.

FOR MQOF GRANTS TEAM

Our MQOF Finance Committee is looking for volunteers to join in our Grants Team. This is a newly formed ministry to help the parish finance committee raise the much needed funds via grants to fund the projects in our community, like the church CCTV, carpark and toilets refurbishments, etc. If interested, please contact the parish office on 9622 1125 or talk to Michael Zerafa. Thank you and God bless.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: Across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith. Could you help stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and help ease their heavy burdens?

Visit www.aidtochurch.org/refugees



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INVITATION: Thanksgiving Mass & Prayer in honour to the Towns Patron Saints (Traditional Fiesta for each Town in Bohol) for the months of Jan & Feb and towards the succeeding months, EVERY 4th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, held @ St Michael's Church at 58 Orwell St, Blacktown. Fellowship follows and meet your Boholano TOWNMATES ANZ.

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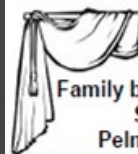
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