

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT -YEAR B 7 March 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

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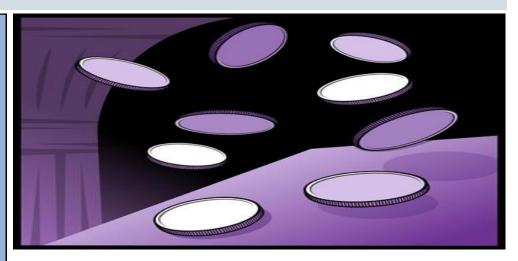
- **Tu 9 Mar:** Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
- **W 10 Mar:** Deut 4:1,5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Th 11 Mar: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
- **F 12 Mar:** Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
- Sa 13 Mar: Hosea 5:15-6:6; Lk 18:9-14

Su 14 Mar: 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

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.



MQOF Youth Ministry 2021 and beyond...

Last Sunday, 28 February 2021, we had formally launched the Parish's Youth Ministry 2021 and beyond at the 5:30PM's Youth Led Mass at St Patrick's church. The members of the newly formed Parish Youth Council (PYC) and youth leaders were commissioned as they take the parish youth leadership in walking and sharing the light of Christ with the youth of our parish and preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to them.

The Parish Youth Council is composed of youth leaders, parents, youth minister and clergy. There will be mainly three youth groups in the parish—young adults' group, secondary school age group and primary school age group. Kindly watch out for more information about the programs for each youth group.

In addition to the specific youth group programs, there will be two main events every month that we invite all young people in the parish. Please join us for the First Friday's Devotion (Holy Hour for Youth) at 6:30PM followed by 7:30PM Mass and the 4th Sunday's Youth Led Mass at St Patrick's church at 5:30PM. We are planning to organise Youth Pilgrimage and Youth Retreat sometime this year.

As the African proverb reminds us that 'it takes a village to raise a child', it is our sacred duty as part of our Christian responsibility to accompany our young people in their faith journey according to the Gospel and teachings of Jesus Christ. We are wholeheartedly asking your support through your prayers as we organise youth programs in our parish for 2021 and beyond. For more information, please do not hesitate to talk to us, your parish team, especially to Jessica Georges, our parish youth minister.

May God bless us always!

Fr John Paul

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING: Ex 20:1-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING: 1Cor 1:22-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Jn 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jn 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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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 Phoebe D'Souza, Peter D'Souza, Michelle Makin, Anthony Coutinho

SICK

Tony Clarke, Joseph Azzopardi, Eric Fortaleza , Candida Irugalbandara, Maryanne Vaz, Melissa Sahin, Tyler Kennedy, Jim & Mary Ryan

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES Joan Cameron

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Frankly Speaking...

"Lent is a time for drawing near to Christ by listening to the word of God and celebrating the Sacraments." ... **Pope Francis**



Catechism of the Catholic Church

IV. THE CANON OF SCRIPTURE

The unity of the Old and New Testaments

128 The Church, as early as apostolic times, 104 and then constantly in her Tradition, has illuminated the unity of the divine plan in the two Testaments through typology, which discerns in God's works of the Old Covenant prefigurations of what he accomplished in the fullness of time in the

person of his incarnate Son.

129 Christians therefore read the Old Testament in the light of Christ crucified and risen. Such typological reading

discloses the inexhaustible content of the Old Testament; but it must not make us forget that the Old Testament

retains its own intrinsic value as Revelation reaffirmed by our Lord himself.105 Besides, the New Testament has to be read in the light of the Old. Early Christian catechesis made constant use of the Old Testament.106 As an old saying put it, the New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New.107

130 Typology indicates the dynamic movement toward the fulfillment of the divine plan when "God [will] be everything to everyone."108 Nor do the calling of the patriarchs and the exodus from Egypt, for example, lose their own value in God's plan, from the mere fact that they were intermediate stages.

V. SACRED SCRIPTURE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

131 "And such is the force and power of the Word of God that it can serve the Church as her support and vigor, and the children of the Church as strength for their faith, food for the soul, and a pure and lasting fount of spiritual life."109 Hence "access to Sacred Scripture ought to be open wide to the Christian faithful."110

132 "Therefore, the study of the sacred page should be the very soul of sacred theology. The ministry of the Word, too - pastoral preaching, catechetics and all forms of Christian instruction, among which the liturgical homily should hold pride of place - is healthily nourished and thrives in

holiness through the Word of Scripture."111

133 The Church "forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful. . . to learn the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ, by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures. Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.112

PARISH GROUPS **BIBLE STUDY GROUP MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS** Contact: Richard Desa, richarddesa@bigpond.com Contact: Max Rosario, 0490 137 533 Meeting Time and Venue : Every Thursday, 7:30pm Meeting Time and Venue : Monday 9:30am-10:30am at to 9:00 pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church. Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church. All are welcome! HOLY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP PRAYER GROUP **TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP** Contact: Charles Hyson, 0412 631 602, Contact: Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566 www.holyfamilyfellowship.com Meeting Time and Venue: 3:00pm every 2nd Saturday Meeting Time and Venue : Every 2nd Saturday 6:30pmat St Michael's Church. 9:30pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church. **LEGION OF MARY ST PATRICK'S LEGION OF MARY ST MICHAEL'S** Contact: Maurice Bru 0419 626 583 (for statue bookings) Contact: Max Rosario 0490 137 533 (for statue bookings) Meeting Time and Venue : Every Monday, 7:30pm at Meeting Time and Venue : Every Friday, Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church. 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Juniors meet every Friday at 4:30pm. Church. **JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS TEHILLAH PRAYER GROUP** Contact: Antoinette Mangion, 0414 735 943 Contact: Ash & Rozario Fernando, 0416 861 976 or 0412 195 916 Meeting Time and Venue : Every 3rd Monday of the month, 10:00 am at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Meeting Time and Venue : Every 2nd & 4th Saturday Church (school term) between 2pm & 4pm at the MPA, St Patrick's Church. **MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP ROSARY GROUP** Contact: Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566 Contact: Kathie Collins, 0414 194 052 Meeting Time and Venue : Every Monday, Tuesday, Meeting Time and Venue : Every 2nd Sunday, 12pm-2pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church Thursday & Friday after the 8am Mass, at St Michael's **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP YOUTH MINISTRY** Contact: Tony Fernando, 0434 828 297 Contact: Jess Georges, jgeorges@mqofblacktown.org.au Meeting Time and Venue : Mondays & Tuesdays, 7:00pm-8:00pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patricks Meeting Time and Venue : Every 4th Sunday at 7:00 pm (after the Church

5:30pm Mass) at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church.



COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES COMMENCING 26 FEBRUARY

With the announcement of the easing of restrictions commencing Friday 26th February 2021, we are now 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.

For us to accommodate more people in the church congregational singing is not permitted, otherwise we have to observe the 4 square metre rule. Eight people are allowed to sing in the choir.

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 midnoon of every Friday.

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

- Families and those living under one household sit together.
- Proceed to end of row if vacant.
- 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.

Catholic**Outlook**

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!



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Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.

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



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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



"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! Signup sheets are now outside the church doors, please fill in your details and we will get in touch soon!"

- Parish Youth Council





Year of Saint Joseph

On the Feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, in the Year of St Joseph, we invite all men in the parish to join us on Friday 19 March at St Patrick's Church commencing at 6:30pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross and Mass at 7:30pm.

There will be a fellowship following the Mass at the MQOF Garage.



THE LEGION OF MARY

Centenary 2021

The Legion of Mary is celebrating its centenary this year.

For this event a special pilgrim statue of Our Lady has been organised to visit all parishes in the Diocese.

The statue of Our Lady will be at St Patrick's church on Sunday 14th of March , the rosary and legion prayers are said after the 10am Mass.

St Michael's church Monday 15th March, the rosary and legion prayers are said after the 8am Mass.

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

Thank you for accompanying them on their journey.



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.: Zyan Berk Nicholas Kammoun



Reconciliation times for Lent

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

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

There will be no 2nd Rite of Reconciliation.



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.

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.

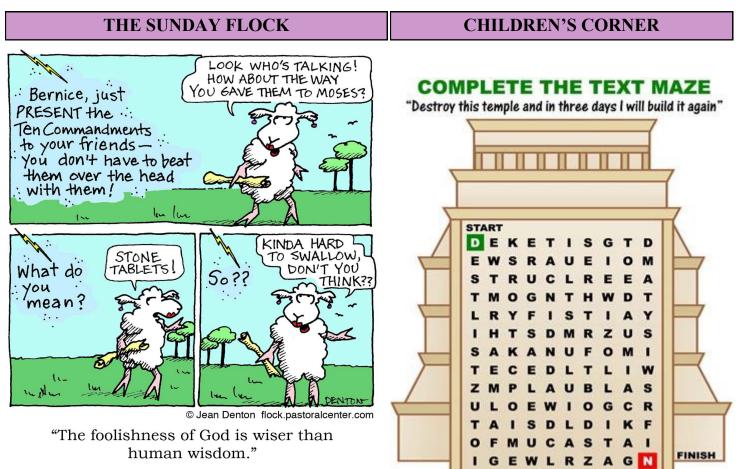
The machine is set at \$10, to donate more than \$10 simply tap your credit card as many times as you like. It also accepts Apple Pay, Google Pay and Pay Wave. All contributions go to the maintenance and development of the Parish as does the second collection at weekend Masses.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage Enrichment Weekend: 16 – 18 April

A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers you the opportunity to revitalise your relationship and rediscover the blessings in your sacrament of love. Set in the tranquil greenery of Mt.Carmel Retreat Centre at Varroville, NSW, the weekend is open to couples of all faiths as well as to religious and priests. More information is available at <u>www.wwme.org.au</u>.

You can book online or contact Christine and Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or <u>nswbookings@wwme.org.au</u>.



Sheepish Question:

Which of God's commandments are hardest for me to swall...uh...follow?

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St Patrick's Church:	51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown. Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm		
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Parish Staff	Parish Moderator: Fr Regie Lavilla, MSP		
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	Priest: Fr Jack Green		
	Deacon: Rev. John Cinya		
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	Parish Assistant: Kaitlyn Vergano E: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au		
	Catechist Coordinator: Sandra Baker		
	Youth Minister: Jessica Georges E: jgeorges@mqofblacktown.org.au		
Parish 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 Cinya		
Parish School	St Michael's Primary:P: 8869 6200https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.auSt Patrick's Primary:P: 8869 6000https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.auNagle College:P: 8887 4507https://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.auPatrician Brothers College:P: 8811 0300https://www.patsblacktown.catholic.edu.auCatholic Early Learning Centre (St Michael's):P: 8814 8406https://www.celcblacktownsth.catholic.edu.auInstitute for Mission:P: 9296 6369P: 8843 2530https://www.Blacktown@ccss.org.au		
Nursing Home	Opal Nursing Home (37 Kildare Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 9852 9600 Mulluana Retirement Village (61 Bungarribee Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 8822 2100 Catholic Healthcare St Hedwig Village Blacktown (140 Reservoir Rd, Blacktown 2148) P: 8822 9920		

