



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

11 April 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.

"Come to the Mercy of God"

"Humanity will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." These words of Jesus to St Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) invites us to experience more deeply the gift of God's mercy offered to all. This "Feast of Mercy," the Divine Mercy Sunday brings us the grace of being reassured again that when we trust the mercy of God, welcome his love in our lives, he will overcome for us our fears, and lifts us out from the darkness of sin and death. Peace is the gift of the risen Christ to his disciples when he appeared to them "on the evening of that first day of the week." "Peace be with you," he said and breathed on them the Holy Spirit. (Gospel- John 20:19-31).

The Holy Spirit helps us to know the truth of God. Jesus said, "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you in all truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come" (John 16:13). When we open ourselves to the work of the Holy Spirit and constantly ask for his presence in our lives, we begin to look at things in the light of God's mystery revealed in humanity. The passion, death and resurrection of Jesus will truly come alive in our personal lives and in the Church. We would see the fulfillment of the Scriptures in the life of Jesus and God's plan of salvation to those who turn to him and seek for his mercy.

The weakness of Thomas when he doubted that Jesus is risen, teaches us a lesson of faith today. Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and believed." Our faith in the risen Christ impels us to love God and others, and obey God's commandments (Second Reading- 1 John 5:1-6). It opens our hearts to make ourselves available to be used as God's instruments to extend his love especially to those who are needy and poor (First Reading- Acts 4:32-35). When Jesus breathed on his disciples, he empowered them to become missionaries and bring the Good News to others, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." May we who have received the gift of the Holy Spirit in baptism and confirmation, will allow the mercy and love of God to grow in our lives.

Fr. Regie Lavilla, MSP

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) & Ged Oblea (Mon & Tues) **Email:** admin@mqofblacktown.org.au
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.patblacktown.nsw.edu.au>

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

Nursing Homes:

Opal Nursing Home (37 Kildare Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 9852 9600
Mulluana Retirement Village (61 Bungaribee Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 8822 2100
Catholic Healthcare St Hedwig Village Blacktown (140 Reservoir Rd, Blacktown 2148) P: 8822 9920

THE LITURGY

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: 1 Pt 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:32-35

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. V.1

(R) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING: 1 JN 5:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jn 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, But they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you May believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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Daily Readings

Monday 12th April: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8.

Tuesday 13th April: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15

Wednesday 14th April: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday 15th April: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday 16th April: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday 17th April: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday 18th April: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48 20:19-



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART ONE

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION TWO

THE PROFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

CHAPTER TWO

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD

ARTICLE 5 -

"HE DESCENDED INTO HELL. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN"

Paragraph 2.

The appearances of the Risen One

641 Mary Magdalene and the holy women who came to finish anointing the body of Jesus, which had been buried in haste because the Sabbath began on the evening of Good Friday, were the first to encounter the Risen One.⁴⁹⁸ Thus the women were the first messengers of Christ's Resurrection for the apostles themselves.⁴⁹⁹ They were the next to whom Jesus appears: first Peter, then the Twelve. Peter had been called to strengthen the faith of his brothers,⁵⁰⁰ and so sees the Risen One before them; it is on the basis of his testimony that the community exclaims: "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"⁵⁰¹

642 Everything that happened during those Paschal days involves each of the apostles - and Peter in particular - in the building of the new era begun on Easter morning. As witnesses of the Risen One, they remain the foundation stones of his Church. The faith of the first community of believers is based on the witness of concrete men known to the Christians and for the most part still living among them. Peter and the Twelve are the primary "witnesses to his Resurrection", but they are not the only ones - Paul speaks clearly of more than five hundred persons to whom Jesus appeared on a single occasion and also of James and of all the apostles.⁵⁰²

643 Given all these testimonies, Christ's Resurrection cannot be interpreted as something outside the physical order, and it is impossible not to acknowledge it as an historical fact. It is clear from the facts that the disciples' faith was drastically put to the test by their master's Passion and death on the cross, which he had foretold.⁵⁰³ The shock provoked by the Passion was so great that at least some of the disciples did not at once believe in the news of the Resurrection. Far from showing us a community seized by a mystical exaltation, the Gospels present us with disciples demoralized ("looking sad"⁵⁰⁴) and frightened. For they had not believed the holy women returning from the tomb and had regarded their words as an "idle tale".⁵⁰⁵ When Jesus reveals himself to the Eleven on Easter evening, "he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen."⁵⁰⁶

644 Even when faced with the reality of the risen Jesus the disciples are still doubtful, so impossible did the thing seem: they thought they were seeing a ghost. "In their joy they were still disbelieving and still wondering."⁵⁰⁷ Thomas will also experience the test of doubt and St. Matthew relates that during the risen Lord's last appearance in Galilee "some doubted."⁵⁰⁸ Therefore the hypothesis that the Resurrection was produced by the apostles' faith (or credulity) will not hold up. On the contrary their faith in the Resurrection was born, under the action of divine grace, from their direct experience of the reality of the risen Jesus.





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, Catechists 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.

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 Besterwitch, 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, flu-like symptoms and low-immune system are still advised to stay at home. Catholics from Parramatta Diocese are still dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice.
 - You are required to **sanitise your hands on arrival at the church and disinfect your chair** after the Mass. Sanitizer and wipes are provided at the church foyers.

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

PLEASE 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 Allawah 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 1st 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:

Leilani Bugg, Ethan Garcia, Yaqueen Ghaboush,
Eve Lunguar, Toby Reec

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



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

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 week after Jesus died he appeared to his disciples. They were very happy to see him. Draw the risen Jesus.



Thomas had doubts about Jesus being alive. He wanted to see Jesus' hands and side before he would believe that Jesus had come back to life. Re-arrange the tiles to discover the important message Jesus gave to Thomas.

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What are some things in today's world that show us that Jesus' spirit is with us? Circle the correct answers and add some of your own.

poverty

war

people sharing

people who love us

the Church

selfishness

THE SUNDAY FLOCK

Y'KNOW? SOMETIMES I'M NOT SURE I BELIEVE IN YOU.



I CAN'T SEE YOU, I CAN'T HEAR YOU... IT'S LIKE I'M TALKING TO THE AIR.



You believe in AIR??



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"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Sheepish Question:

What helps me dispel my doubts about God?

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

Renato Calderon Jr, Teresita Calderon, Sydney Belle Stewart, Teresa.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Crisencia Cruz Castillo, Marita Soriano Baluyot, George Braga, David Macura

SICK

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

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Alejandra Ventolero, Caterina Sgro, Buddy Hassarati, Eufemia Canete, Narciso Damole

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

www.mqofblacktown.org.au
Click on Adoration Chapel tab, or by calling
the Parish Office on 9622 1125.

NOTE OF THANKS!

On behalf of the MQOF Community, We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to all the ministers who laboured and helped us in the Easter Triduum Liturgies. The Liturgy is the work of God in Jesus Christ whom we all participate. "Through the liturgy Christ, our redeemer and high priest, continues the work of our redemption in, with, and through his Church" (CCC 1069). We also thank the many people behind the scenes who assisted in the various roles for Holy week and Easter.

Heartfelt thanks, Fr Regie, Fr Jack, Fr John Paul & Deacon John

Good Friday HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The Holy Land Commissariat and the Franciscan Friars who minister in the Holy Land thank you for your generosity, our parish collected \$2545.20.

Your donation helps to preserve the sacred places and supports Christians who live in the Holy Land.

HOLY WATER



Please note that there is holy water available at the church.

We ask parishioners to bring their own bottles to put the holy water in.

POSITION VACANT



Young Christian Students Worker
(full-time) – Parramatta Young Christian
Workers – Applications close Monday
30 April More details at:
parracatholic.org/employment

Mary's Pantry, an initiative of the Social Justice Group of MQOF Parish.



Our parish has a long history for providing for the needs of our community and beyond. Mary's Pantry will provide emergency groceries and essential supplies to persons in need. The pantry is staffed by a team of dedicated volunteers where 100 % of all donations will go directly into providing for those in need.

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITY

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.

Easter Offertory

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3:16

Your gift supports our parish to share Christ's message of love and salvation with all

GIVE TO OUR PARISH

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre is taking bookings for 2021

As a COVID-safe registered business, the Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa, is once again available for personal or small group bookings to discern and plan for what the future might look like. They have also begun taking bookings for 2021, with numbers set to increase as restrictions return to normal. For more information, please call (02) 4773 8338, email info@schoenstatt.org.au or visit www.schoenstatt.org.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage Enrichment Weekend: 16 – 18 April

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter are hosting a Marriage Enrichment Weekend from 16 – 18 April at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love. Book online at www.wmme.org.au or contact Christine and Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419

Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

'Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2021 are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.

'The Well' offers new refreshment in 2021

'The Well' is back in 2021. The team are hoping to drip-feed new and relatable content every 72 hours that supports your ministry with family, friends, students, colleagues and strangers. A range of new resources for Holy Week and Easter will be uploaded this week, including a full re-enactment of the Passion of the Lord. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

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

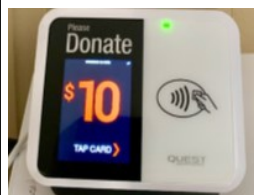
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Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 0677
Reference: Donor's name

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.

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



CELEBRATING 500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY 1521 - 2021 and 30 YEARS OF BOHOLANO & FRIENDS OF AUSTRALIA (BAFA)

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.

Sponsored by: Bohol Golf Town mates at Blacktown Library (a Multicultural Mentorship/Escort that is made Simple & Inexpensive to Learn & Play Golf); TBTK-2021 ANZ; BAFA 2021 Officers; BAFA Simba Gabi Group. Any Enquiries please email: boholgolftownmates@hotmail.com or call 0418 489 155/ 0402 453 688.

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