Weekly Bulletin

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish

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

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B — 2 May 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.

Remain in Him

The Gospel is from St. John 15:1-8. The words of consolation and encouragement which our Lord spoke to his Apostles on Holy Thursday night were intended to console and encourage all his followers for all time. They encourage and console us today, and we need encouragement to persevere on the road to heaven. Living a truly Christian life is never easy. We always have the attractions of the world, and the temptations by the agents of evil, to make that life less easy. But in our own day these difficulties have increased a hundredfold. The attractions of this world have been multiplied by the increased comforts, pleasures and means of self-indulgence which science and technology have put within our reach. Human nature, always inclined to choose the easiest way out, has been given so many means of escape from the strain of self-control that even for a fervent Christian it is frequently very difficult to avoid these worldly allurements.

Having the ordinary comforts of life and the possession of some of this world's goods is not wrong or anti-Christian, but the natural temptation is to get more and more of these comforts and riches, and the point is soon reached where this becomes the only purpose in life. When this sad stage is arrived at, God and our future life are forgotten; this world becomes our idol and our prison. The temptations which the agents of evil put in Christ's way are also multiplied today. The communications media are now very technically improved and perfected and can be, and sometimes are, a means for good. Unfortunately, more frequently, they are the channels of bad example. The evil deeds of men have more "news value" than their good deeds. And it is so much easier to follow the bad example! Permissiveness, rejection of authority, glorification of unlawful sexual indulgence, drug addiction, and other such crimes are placed before the minds and the eyes of the youth of today, and are unfortunately copied by far too many.

It is indeed hard to swim against the current; it is so much more pleasant to allow oneself to be carried along without effort by the rushing tide. Our Lord has warned us today, as he warned his first followers, to abide in him, to remain closely united with him, as is the branch to the vine, if we hope to bear fruit worthy of heaven. He promises us that if we remain closely united to him, that is, if we strive daily to keep his commandments, he will be ever ready to answer our requests, and to heed all our prayers. The sincere prayer today of every person who is trying to lead a Christian life is for the grace to overcome the allurements of the world, the flesh and the devil. Let us take courage, then. Christ has promised to remain beside us during life if only we stay close to him. While we remain healthy branches of the vine, Christ, we will be on the road to heaven. Our daily tasks, our work as well as our prayer, our recreation as well as our rest, our joys as well as our sorrows, will give glory to God and prove that we are worthy to be called disciples of Christ.

Reflection from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M. www.catholicculture.org

Father John Paul Escarlan

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 Cinya
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 Coordinator: Theophil Xavier

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 Cinya.

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.celcblacktownsth.catholic.edu.au
Nursing Homes:
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

THE LITURGY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 97:1-2
O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 9:26-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 21:26-28. 30-32. R. V.26
(R) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

SECOND READING: 1 JN 3:18-24

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 15:4-5
Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jn 15:1-8
Jesus said to his disciples:
'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Jn 15:1,5
I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

© The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers.
The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and Gospel Verses, and the Lenten Gospel Acclamations, and

Daily Readings

Monday 3rd May: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14.
Tuesday 4th May: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31.
Wednesday 5th May: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8.
Thursday 6th May: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11.
Friday 7th May: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17.
Saturday 8th May: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21.
Sunday 9th May: Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART ONE THE PROFESSION OF 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.

III. THE MEANING AND SAVING SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

651 "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain."[521] The Resurrection above all constitutes the confirmation of all Christ's works and teachings. All truths, even those most inaccessible to human reason, find their justification if Christ by his Resurrection has given the definitive proof of his divine authority, which he had promised.

652 Christ's Resurrection is the fulfillment of the promises both of the Old Testament and of Jesus himself during his earthly life.[522] The phrase "in accordance with the Scriptures"[523] indicates that Christ's Resurrection fulfilled these predictions.

653 The truth of Jesus' divinity is confirmed by his Resurrection. He had said: "When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that I am he."[524] The Resurrection of the crucified one shows that he was truly "I AM", the Son of God and God himself. So St. Paul could declare to the Jews: "What God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus; as also it is written in the second psalm, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you.'"[525] Christ's Resurrection is closely linked to the Incarnation of God's Son, and is its fulfillment in accordance with God's eternal plan.

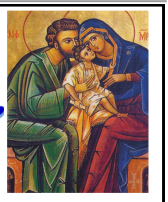
Scriptural context

In context
The imagery that Jesus used in his parables and in extended metaphors such as the one used in this week's gospel sometimes seems a little foreign to a 21st century audience. However, the world in which Jesus lived and taught was dominated by small scale farmers and producers in an agrarian economy. His use of images such as 'shepherd', 'vine', 'tenants', 'farmers' and 'wineskins' would all have been immediately recognisable to his audience. They would also have appreciated much more than we do the subtlety of Jesus' use of such images when he twists them in an unexpected way.

Living the gospel

Bearing fruit
The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.

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:** Theophil Xavier theo@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. Hence we can now accommodate 500 at St Patrick's and 180 at St Michael's churches.

The **wearing of face mask is encouraged** if social distancing is not possible. **Congregational singing** is now permitted. Observe **1.5 metre social distancing** where possible.

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:

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 Allawah Street, Blacktown

THE SACRAMENTS

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 5th June 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:

Theodore Potoi

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 closed 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)

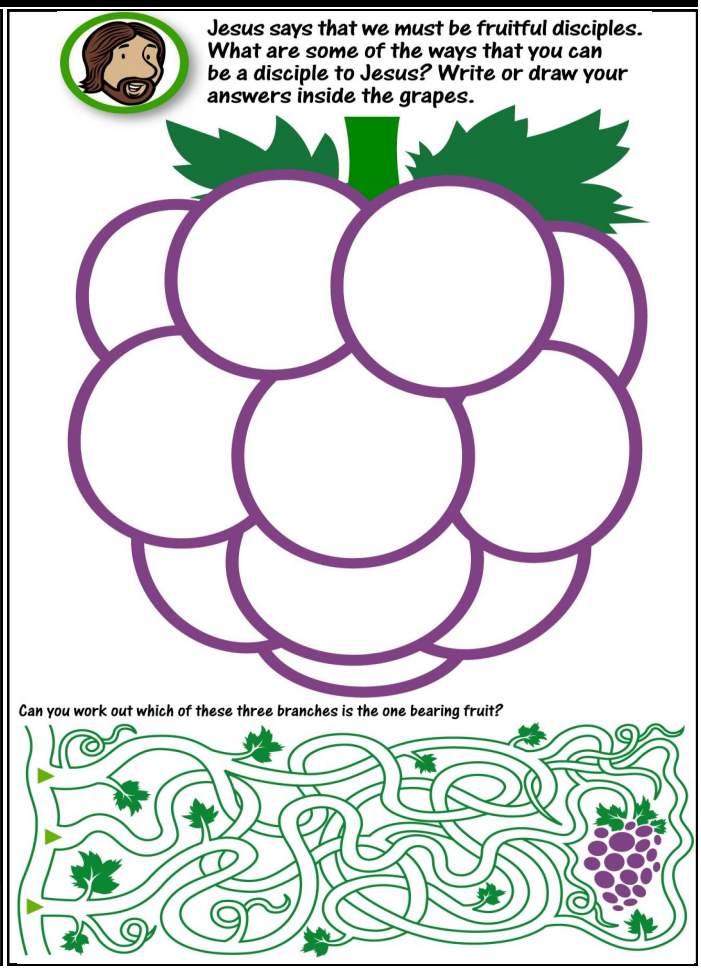
Dates: *Sunday 22nd August & Saturday 28th August 2021 at St. Patrick's Church.*

Sacramental Process for High School Students 2021

Our Parish will be conducting the sacramental process for high school students over eight weeks in Term 3.
(Commencing on the 22nd July 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



THE SUNDAY FLOCK

© Jean Denton flock.pastoralcenter.com

"By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Sheepish Question:

What rewards of my relationship with God can I share with others?

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

Rosa Tabusarus, Anthony Coutinho, Joan Cameron

RECENTLY DECEASED

Pascasio Delrio Vicario II, Gerald O'Neill, Mary Jean Sitjar Sallador

SICK

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

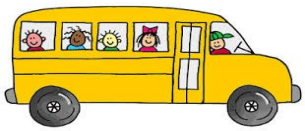
DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Carmel Becker, Aludia Paladin, Leone Corrigan

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Jean & Betty's bus trip is back!!!



It is with great pleasure we announce the return of our bus trips. As in the past we go out on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

On Tuesday 11th May we are going for a 3 hour Georges River Cruise.

Cost $75.00 per person, includes morning tea and lunch.

Departing St Patrick's at 9am
Departing OLQP Greystanes at 9:30am

To book please contact Jean on 9920 3401 or 0425 251 754

BIBLE TIMELINE

Our Bible timeline formation program continues this week, Tuesday 4th May from 7.30pm-9.00pm.

All welcome to attend.
Reading assignment this week: Judges & Ruth.

COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL

We are looking for Ministers of the Eucharist to join the volunteer service at Blacktown Hospital on Sundays once or twice a month. Ideally you are currently serving as a Eucharist Minister at our parish. If you wish to contribute your time and talent to be part of this ministry, please contact the parish office to register your interest.

MQOF FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE!

The Parish Finance Committee is looking to create a new sub-committee to support the parish in achieving its goal of Stewardship…the development of a spirit of gratitude and generosity especially at this time of Covid-19 pandemic.

For those who wish to be part of the MQOF Fundraising Committee, please call Michael Zerafa on 0432 449 482 or the Parish Office on 02 9622 1125.

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.

Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Gerald O'Neill who passed away last week. Gerald has been a part of the Blacktown Community for many years. Gerald's funeral will take place at St Patrick's Church on Monday, 3 May at 10.30am. May he rest in peace.

Rosary after Mass

The rosary is said after mass every weekday, however, in the month of May parishioners are invited to join us in saying the rosary after all weekend masses.

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.

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

PENTECOST CELEBRATION

Date: 23 May 2021 10am Mass.
Followed by: Fellowship & Entertainment.
Everyone is invited to attend.

Please register your attendance through Calendly or the sign up sheet in the foyer of the church by 16 May 2021. (for catering purposes).
https://calendly.com/mqofblacktown2/pentecost-celebration2021

Sausage sizzle (beef & chicken sausages) BBQ – Music, Entertainment.

MARY'S PANTRY

Mary Queen of the Family Parish is excited to announce the launch of Mary's Pantry. Mary's Pantry is a food service for those doing it tough in the Blacktown area and beyond.

Mary's Pantry will run Monday to Friday from 10am to 2pm, from the room which was previously used for Loaves and Fishes.

Any donations will be appreciated.

We thank our Clergy team for their enormous support and the Lions Club for their generosity and support with food donations and making this venture possible.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

NEW TEAM MEMBER

Please join us in welcoming our new Youth Ministry Coordinator Theopil Xavier. Theo joined the team on Monday 26th April 2021.

Get the NETFLIX of the Catholic Faith - FORMED

FORMED Now!

Now free for our Parishioners

Follow the steps below to get access

1. Scan the QR code - to go to the FORMED website;
2. In the Parish search field – type "2148" - to find our Parish name;
3. Select "Mary Queen of the Family" and press "Next";
4. Enter your Name and your Email address to register a new account and press "Sign Up";
5. Download the FORMED app on your phone and "Sign In" using your email address in step 4;
6. Browse, Watch, Listen, Read, and Study - to form your catholic conscience.

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.

Aid to the Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: ACN distributes over one million Bibles and religious books thanks to the help of our benefactors every year.

Jesus commanded "Go out into the whole world and preach the Gospel to all creation." ACN takes this command seriously by spreading the faith through these Children's Bibles. Often in poor countries, the Children's Bible is the first book that children receive in their own language and frequently, it is the only picture book that they will ever hold. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/bibles

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.

Please support the advertisers that support us. Thank you.

If you wish to advertise your business, call the Parish Office on 02 9622 1125. Please understand that Mary Queen of the Family Parish cannot take responsibility if the service provided by an advertiser does not meet expectations.

HARD PRESSED IRONING SERVICES

Tarah
0450 490 591

Pick Up & Drop Off
Blacktown and
Surrounding Areas

LOURDES
Medical Centre - BLACKTOWN
GP Required

Lourdes

- Doctor owned well established practice.
* AGPAL Accredited.
* Nursing, Pathology and Allied health on site.

P: 0421 2180 72
E: therese@lourdesmc.com.au

TALF THE AUSTRALIAN LAW FIRM

Estate Planning Package*
Legal Will, Enduring Power of Attorney and Enduring Guardian
Only **$220.00** for all seniors.
Only **$440.00** for aged 18 years to 59 years!
EDENSOR PARK | PARRAMATTA | MASCOT
MOBILE LEGAL SERVICE ALL OVER SYDNEY!
BY APPOINTMENTS ONLY *T & C's Apply
JOSEPHINE KARIPIS nèe BUTTIGIEG - Solicitor
(02) 9604 9637 | 04 22 70 4357

★★★★★
Five Star Shuttles
Transfers Made Easy

Tony Saba
Director

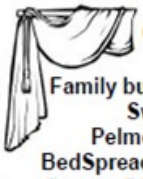
Mobile: 0404 390 620
Website: fivestarshuttles.com
Email: fivestarshuttles@outlook.com

Airport & Cruise Transfers

www.guardianfunerals.com.au
Australian owned | 24 hours
All areas | Prearranged Funerals

BLACKTOWN 9622 1284
Cnr Sunnyholt Rd and First Ave

GUARDIAN FUNERALS
To embrace a lifetime, **we give you time.**
Chapel, catering and DVD facilities at this location.



CURTAINS BY TANYA
Family business for the last 15 years
Swags, Tails, Drapes,
Pelmets, Box Pleat Curtains,
BedSpreads, Shutters, Holland Blinds,
Roman Blinds, Timber Blinds, and All Kinds of BLINDS
Made to Measure
Call TANYA for a Free MEASURE AND QUOTE
0415 829 715

NEED A PLUMBER
E. MAGRI PLUMBING
SERVICES P/L LICENCE L 11703
PROFESSIONAL PLUMBING FOR 30 YRS
*LIC PLUMBER,DRAINER,GAS FITTER
*ALL PLUMBING, DRAINS & GAS
*ALL HOT WATER & RENEWALS
*ALL GUTTERING & CLEANING
*LEAKING TAPS & TOILETS
*BATHROOM,KITCHEN,LAUNDRY RENOVATIONS
NO SERVICE CALL OUT FEE $0
STEPHEN MAGRI 0412 926 185 9625 3353

ABLE CHOICE PTY LTD
NDIS Registered Provider
PO Box 8071
ARNDELL PARK NSW 2148

Are you between 7 and 65 YO with a disability? Are you struggling with accessing Services? Do you need help with managing your **NDIS** funding? We can help! Call Erica 0410 372 076;

FIVE STAR BUILDERS
Grannyflat & Custom Home Builder
(02) 9639 3673
5STARBUILDERS.COM.AU
admin@5starbuilders.com.au

W.WRIGHT & SONS TILINING PTY LTD
12 Emlyn Place
Beaumont Hills NSW
Mobile: 0418 247 880
steppaul@bigpond.net.au
Bathroom renovations
Wall & floor tiles supplied & fixed or fixed only

Monaghan & Gleeson
Funeral Directors
02 9896 3299

"Caring is our Duty"

Servicing the Parish of Blacktown

Glen Murray Plumbing
Lic.No.L11984
Ph: 0419 294 030

Domestic & Commercial
Maintenance & Renewals
Sewer Blockages & Gas Installations

Advertise Here

Advertise Here

Advertise Here

Advertise Here

Advertise Here