



# 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*

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

4 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.

## Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

You and I are called to believe, and we receive our faith through these early witnesses—those witnesses who have encountered the risen Christ, who appeared only to his disciples. These witnesses have a sacred obligation to preach the message of conversion and salvation to all.

The Acts of the Apostles gives us the testimony of Saint Peter and ends with a very clear statement of faith: To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. These early believers, in spite of all of their doubts about and rejections of Jesus finally acknowledge, and act in a way, that Jesus is the one chosen by God, that Jesus is the Savior and that, finally, Jesus is God.

The Letter to the Colossians begins with this affirmation: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. In Baptism we share in the merits of Christ's Death and Resurrection. Through Baptism, we die to sin and rise to new life. If we remain united to him, we will one day rise in glory as he did. Once again, this is a clear affirmation that the early followers of Jesus had arrived at this clear Divine Truth that Jesus is Lord and Saviour.

We certainly see in the Gospel (John 20:1-9) for Easter Sunday with Peter and John running towards the empty tomb, after Mary Magdalene had run to them with the news that the Lord was no longer in the tomb! We read again, in the same Gospel, that Mary encounters Jesus outside the tomb after Peter and John had hurried off and she, in turn, runs to tell the disciples: "I have seen the Lord!" Mary was not only the first disciple to see the risen Lord, but she was a missionary disciple -a running disciple -she symbolises the Church that goes forth with a message of hope and joy!

As with the disciples, this missionary discipleship must become our own and it must become so powerful that we act out our declaration: 'Christ is risen! He is risen indeed' We know from the Scriptures that faith in the risen Christ may not immediately take away all of our defects or even keep us from all sin, but it does show us the path on which we are to walk: complete trust in the Lord Jesus and a faithful following of His teachings. Let us proclaim the message of mercy, love, peace, and justice of the risen Christ!

Have a joyful and grace-filled Easter season!

*Fr 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 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

### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 138:18,5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia,  
alleluia.

#### FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34. 37-43

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. V.24

(R) This is the day the Lord has made; let us  
rejoice and be glad.

#### SECOND READING: COL 3:1-4

#### SEQUENCE:

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice  
and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!



#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL: Jn 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved. Away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: 1 Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; Therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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### Daily Readings

Monday 5th April: Acts 2:14, 22-33 ; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday 6th April: Acts 2:36-41 ; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday 7th April: Acts 3:1-10 ; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday 8th April: Acts 3:11-26 ; Lk 24:35-48

Friday 9th April: Acts 4:1-12 ; Jn 21:1-14 ;

Saturday 10th April: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday 11th April: Acts 4:32-35 ; Col 3:1-41 Jn 5:1-6 ; Jn 20:19-31



## 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. On the Third Day He Rose from the Dead

**638** "We bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this day he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus."<sup>489</sup> The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross:

Christ is risen from the dead! Dying, he conquered death; To the dead, he has given life.<sup>490</sup>

##### I. THE HISTORICAL AND TRANSCENDENT EVENT

**639** The mystery of Christ's resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears witness. In about A.D. 56 St. Paul could already write to the Corinthians: "I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. . ." <sup>491</sup> The Apostle speaks here of the living tradition of the Resurrection which he had learned after his conversion at the gates of Damascus.<sup>492</sup>

##### The empty tomb

**640** "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."<sup>493</sup> The first element we encounter in the framework of the Easter events is the empty tomb. In itself it is not a direct proof of Resurrection; the absence of Christ's body from the tomb could be explained otherwise.<sup>494</sup> Nonetheless the empty tomb was still an essential sign for all. Its discovery by the disciples was the first step toward recognizing the very fact of the Resurrection. This was the case, first with the holy women, and then with Peter.<sup>495</sup> The disciple "whom Jesus loved" affirmed that when he entered the empty tomb and discovered "the linen cloths lying there", "he saw and believed".<sup>496</sup> This suggests that he realized from the empty tomb's condition that the absence of Jesus' body could not have been of human doing and that Jesus had not simply returned to earthly life as had been the case with Lazarus.<sup>497</sup>

## GOSPEL FOCUS

### The disciple Jesus loved

*In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as 'the one Jesus loved'. It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun - I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as 'the Son of God' or 'the Son of Man' rather than say 'I', John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.*

CHANGE  
YOUR  
CLOCKS



# 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, 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 Allawait 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:

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au) or 0422 724 008

# Parish News and Events...

## MQOF YOUTH MINISTRY

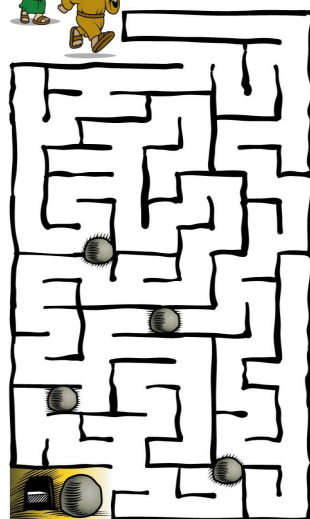
# COME JOIN US!



“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

Help the disciples find their way to Jesus' empty tomb.



Mary Magdalene was the first to see the empty tomb. She ran to Jesus' disciples to tell them what she saw. Draw Mary looking into Jesus' empty tomb.



**This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice!**

What can you do to make people glad today?

Fill in the missing words below to find out what the letters in the boxes spell.

Mary M  went to the tomb.

"They have taken the  from the tomb", she said.

Peter was a d  of Jesus.

The other disciple ran f  than Peter.

He saw the strips of  cloth lying inside the tomb.

B  he did not go in.

When he saw  he believed.

The Scriptures s  Jesus would rise to life.

## THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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“I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.”

### Sheepish Question:

Where do I see and celebrate new life today?

## 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

Joe Paul, Maria Thuc Trinh Dang, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam, Dominic Tung Phuong Lam, Anton Sy Phuong Lam, Bich Thi Le, Nga Thi Le

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Albert "Butch" Rodriguez

### SICK

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

### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Euphress, Mark & Sharon, Michelle Flick, Emilina Pascual, Zenaida Lozada, Remie Bermudez, Joan Cameron

# Parish News and Events...

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.



## 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*

## 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.

## 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.

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Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2021 Lenten appeal. [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) #projectcompassion 1800 024 413

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## PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

and easy. Just go to: [www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations](http://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  
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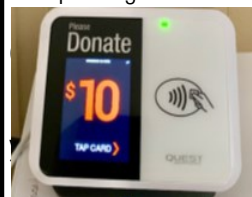


If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Sarah at [accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au).

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 as most dioceses and churches have already to help stop the spread of the virus.



\$10, to donate more than \$10 simply tap any times as you like. It also accepts Apple 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.

## '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](http://www.thewell.org.au)

## 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](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call (02) 8838 3460.

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DIocese of Parramatta

**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**

## 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](http://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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