



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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR B

16 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.

Fixing our eyes to heaven

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord recalls the 40 days of Jesus' appearance to some of his disciples after his resurrection until he was taken up to heaven in a cloud (Acts 1:1-11), and "is seated at the right hand of the Father...is seated bodily after he became incarnate and his flesh was glorified" (CCC 663). This is one of the articles of the Creed that has been professed by the early Christians and up to this time in the Catholic Church. This is a truth of antiquity. Obviously, this is quite loaded with such depth of the mystery of God. Yet, with openness to the Scriptures, humbly welcoming the teachings of the Church and the promptings of the Holy Spirit, we can truly embrace such truth as God's revelation to humanity.

"He ascended into heaven in a cloud" doesn't mean Jesus' entering into some celestial space beyond the universe. Heaven in the Scriptures can also mean invisible realm where God dwells. Indeed, the ascension of Jesus confirms his divinity where he enters into the glory of God's heavenly throne room, the invisible divine realm where God the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit is. The cloud in many ways tells us of the presence of God. For example, in Isaiah 19:1 says that "the LORD rides on in a swift cloud." Likewise, the confirmation of Jesus as the Father's beloved Son during his baptism and the transfiguration has been manifested when the heavens were opened and a voice came out of the cloud (Mark 1:10-11; Mark 9:7-8).

What does this event in the life of the Lord teach us? Why won't he just stay on earth? St Thomas Aquinas has deep insights that help us live the life of faith, hope and charity. Firstly, he said that it is more profitable for us that Jesus withdrew his bodily presence in order to increase our faith. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" (John 20:29). Thus, Christ wanted us to have faith in things unseen because it's greater faith. Secondly, the ascension of Jesus uplifts our hope. As Jesus entered with his glorified body into the realm of the divine- the life of the Trinity, into the invisible realm of bliss that is heaven itself, he also shows us our destiny. Our hope is to be resurrected and then to be with Christ forever in our bodies in the glorious life of the Trinity. And lastly, in order to direct the fervour of our charity to heavenly things. "Seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God" (Summa Theologica, III, 57, 1).

We can easily fall in love with earthly things and think we are made for this world and so try to find our happiness in finite things that are passing. Jesus' ascension then helps us to increase our love for the heavenly things, to fix our minds and hearts to heaven, on the life of the Trinity. He promised us to send the Holy Spirit, another Advocate, a Paraclete, to dwell in our hearts so that our faith, hope and love might be rightly ordered to our eternal destiny. In this way, we would become true disciples of Jesus who proclaim the good news to others (Mark 16:15). May this feast of the Ascension of the Lord open our hearts and minds to receive the eternal gift of God!

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 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 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.celcblacktownstn.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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 46:2-3. 6-9. R. V.6

(R) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING: EPH 1:17-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mk 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, While they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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Daily Readings

Monday 17th May: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33.

Tuesday 18th May: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11.

Wednesday 19th May: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19.

Thursday 20th May: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26.

Friday 21st May: Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19.

Saturday 22nd May: Acts 28:16-20. 30-31; Jn 21:20-25.

Sunday 23rd May: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART ONE THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

CHAPTER TWO I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD
ARTICLE 6 - "HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER"

659 "So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God."⁵³¹ Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys.⁵³² But during the forty days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity.⁵³³ Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand.⁵³⁴ Only in a wholly exceptional and unique way would Jesus show himself to Paul "as to one untimely born", in a last apparition that established him as an apostle.⁵³⁵

660 The veiled character of the glory of the Risen One during this time is intimated in his mysterious words to Mary Magdalene: "I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."⁵³⁶ This indicates a difference in manifestation between the glory of the risen Christ and that of the Christ exalted to the Father's right hand, a transition marked by the historical and transcendent event of the Ascension.

661 This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is, to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation. Only the one who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus.⁵³⁷ "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man."⁵³⁸ Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house", to God's life and happiness.⁵³⁹ Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us.⁵⁴⁰

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Peter & Phoebe D'Souza, Mary May, George Grech

RECENTLY DECEASED

Terry Wright

SICK

Joan Clout, Nathan Louis, Vicky Caruana,
Angela Mikhael, Rebecca Miruzzi, Tony Clarke,
Joseph Azzopardi, Candida Irugalbandara,
Maryanne Vaz, Melissa Sahin, Tyler Kennedy.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Maria Thuc Trinh Dang, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam,
Anton Sy Phuong Lam, Dominic Pung Phuong Lam,
Nga Thi Le

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



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 Besterwitsch, 0435 588 309
Meeting Time and Venue: 2nd Sunday of every month, 12pm—2pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church

ROSARY GROUP



Contact: Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566
Meeting Time and Venue: Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday after the 8am Mass, at St Michael's church.

TEHILLAH PRAYER GROUP



Contact: Ash & Rozario Fernando, 0416 861 976 or 0412 195 916
Meeting Time and Venue: Every 2nd & 4th Saturday (school term) between 2pm & 4pm at the MPA, St Patrick's Church.

TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP



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

YOUTH MINISTRY



Contact: 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 restrictions commencing Thursday 6th May 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 mandatory for places of worship and congregational singing is not permitted. Observe 1.5 metre social distancing at all times.

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 Alawah 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 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:

Zachary Mathias & Maxine Tolentino



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 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.*

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



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

MQOF YOUTH MINISTRY

COME JOIN US!

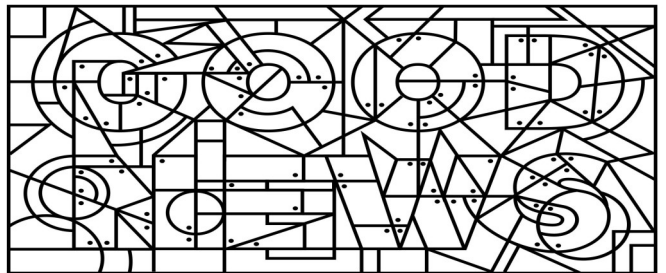
“JOIN US!! Do you have Children in Primary school, High school or just finished school? Interested or curious about what the youth has in-store for you or your children? SAY YES! Sign-up sheets are now outside the church doors, please fill in your details and we will get in touch soon!”

- Parish Youth Council

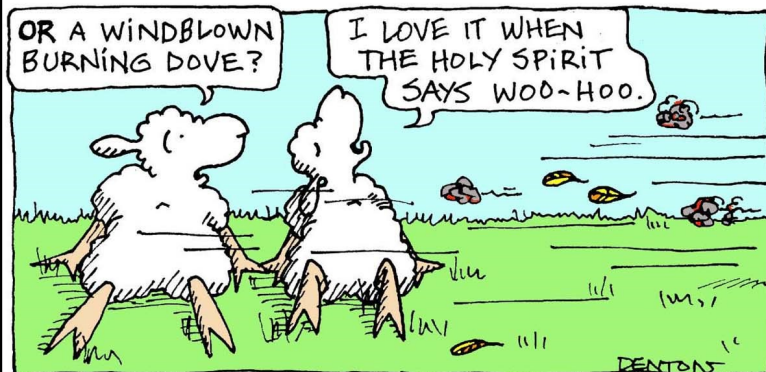


What are some special things we can do for others because of our belief in Jesus?

Colour in all the shapes that contain dots to reveal what Jesus wants everyone to know.



THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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“Grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift.”

Sheepish Question:

What am I doing with the gift of the Spirit?



ASCENSION

How many words can you make from the letters in the word ASCENSION?

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Draw Jesus saying goodbye to his friends and promising to be with them always.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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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 TAKE NOTE!

FOR THOSE PARISHIONERS ON THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTER ROSTER AND WHO TAKE COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND.

Our parish is updating our register of all the Extraordinary Ministers.

In order to do this we need you to give us the following details:

1. We need you to confirm that you had training to be an Extraordinary Minister.
2. When you ask for a pyx we need to know who you are taking the Blessed Sacrament to.
3. We also need a current Working with Children Clearance (WWCC)

For those who have not had training this will be provided to you, however you will not be rostered until you undertake this training.

If you have any question please speak to Fr Jack.

BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER

Bishop Vincent has released a pastoral letter to the pastors, parents and the faithful of the Diocese of Parramatta on the proposed Parental Rights Bill.

The letter can be read here:

<https://parracatholic.org/pastoral-letter-to-the-people-of-parramatta-on-the-parental-rights-bill/>



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: 2 Samuel & 1 Kings 1-11.

Rosary after Mass

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.

www.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, in St Patrick's school grounds. 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.

MQOF Parish Social Justice Group Raffle



The parish social group is holding a raffle to raise funds towards projects supporting the MQOF Social Justice group including Mary's Pantry emergency food assistance, projects targeting domestic violence, homelessness and the annual Christmas hamper for those doing it tough.

Tickets will be on sale from 8th May and drawn on the Sunday 23rd May at the Parish Pentecost Celebration at St. Patrick's. You may pre-order your booklets from the parish office or purchase tickets after Masses at St. Patricks and St. Michaels Church.

Tickets are 1 for \$2 | 3 for \$5 | 7 for \$10

1st Prize: Last Supper Cast Bronze & Silver Framed.



2nd Prize: Sydney Zoo Family Pass.



3rd Prize: Brookland Valley Verse 1 hamper pack Cabernet Merlot 2003 red wine valued at \$100.00.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITY

MQOF FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE!

Dear Parishioners,

You'd be aware that the Finance Committee (FC) has been endeavouring to form a Fundraising sub-committee (FSC) and has been calling on parishioners to volunteer. There has not been a great response to date and so, I'm taking this opportunity to explain the purpose of this sub-committee, in the hope that some of you may consider coming on board.

Whilst the PPC assists the clergy team with the spiritual nourishment of our parish, and, the FC, with the prudent financial management of our parish, the purpose of the Fundraising sub-committee would be, to foster the social aspect of our parish through events and other opportunities, whilst, at the same time, using such events as a means of raising much needed funds, for the ongoing benefit of our parish.

It would be hoped that the sub-committee could organise/run at least two social events per year to help foster a stronger community spirit, whilst at the same time, assisting with the raising of funds. The FSC would work in consultation with the FC and clergy team and, would have their total support. We would hope that other parishioners in turn, would also support the FSC in their endeavours, when organising such events, and, would come along and enjoy the same. Our next step in the establishment of this committee is to hold an information night/meeting for anyone who is interested and so, I look forward to hearing from you if you'd like to join in. I can be contacted on 0432 449 482.

Thanks for your time and attention.

God bless, Michael Zerafa

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

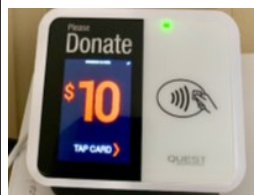
Account Name: Blacktown Catholic Church
Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 0677
Reference: Donor's name

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.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the anonymous person who Donated \$1000.00 to go towards the repair of St Patrick's car park.



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.

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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