



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

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS (MARY MACKILLOP), VIRGIN

8TH AUGUST 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.

'This Sunday is my last day at this great parish of Mary, Queen of the Family. So, I would like to say thank you to each of you who so warmly welcomed me to MQOF, who took great pains to inform me 'what we usually do' when I first arrived, who invited me into your homes, your families, your struggles, and joys. It has been a privilege for me. I am continually humbled that as a priest, people open their homes and their hearts to someone who would otherwise be a complete stranger!

That doesn't mean, however, that I haven't come to know many of you over these two-and-half years or so, some of you quite closely; I have, and I thank you for your friendship, encouragement, and prayers.

I particularly thank the staff at our parish, past and present. In such a big and busy parish, you play such an important role, and you put up with so much criticism and impatience from people. I am very grateful for you all, and for your support.

Thank you to our schools too, the staff and students there. Being in the schools each week has been one of the great highlights of my time here. And though I regret not winning many soccer games I have loved being involved in the schools and I thank the staff for making that so easy and for being so willing to work with us priests.

I would also like to thank Fr. Regie, Fr. John Paul, and Abona Andrew. I've said this before, but I have often been told that the priests one is placed with in one's first appointment have a big influence on one's priesthood. I believe I landed in a lucky place at Blacktown then, for you have all shown me great kindness, understanding, advice, support, and example. Thank you and we will keep each other in prayer, I'm sure.

I love the priesthood, and I love being a priest. But I have particularly loved being a priest here. It hasn't always been easy, in fact, very rarely was it easy, but I have constantly been assured of God's grace and your prayers. I thank you for that. Please keep me in your prayers, as I will keep you in mine. God bless you and keep you.

Fr. Jack Green

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 8705 0830.
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 & Liturgy Coordinator: Blake Bano

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

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS (MARY MACKILLOP), VIRGIN

ENTERANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Mt 25:34,36,40

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick and you visited me. Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me.

FIRST READING: 1 KGS 17:7-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 62:1-8

(R.) My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

SECOND READING: COL 3:12-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 6:25-34

Jesus said to his disciples:

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear.

Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not worth much more than they are?
Can any of you, however much you worry,
add one single cubit to your span of life?
And why worry about clothing?

Think of the flowers growing in the fields;
they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that
not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these.

Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow,
will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith?
So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat?
What are we to drink? What are we to wear?"

It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things.
Your heavenly Father knows you need them all.
Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice,
and all these other things will be given you as well.
So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself.
Each day has enough trouble of its own.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Jn 13:35

This is how all will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday 9th August: Dt 10:12-22 ; Mt 17:22-27 .
Tuesday 10th August: : 2 Cor 9:6-10 ; Jn 12:24-26.
Wednesday 11th August: Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday 12th August: Jos 3:7-11. 13-17; Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday 13th August: Jos 24:1-13 ; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday 14th August: Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday 15th August: Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10 ; 1 Cor 15:20-26 ; Lk 1:39-56

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS

CHAPTER TWO I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD

Article 4 "JESUS CHRIST SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED AND WAS BURIED"

571 The Paschal mystery of Christ's cross and Resurrection stands at the centre of the Good News that the apostles, and the Church following them, are to proclaim to the world. God's saving plan was accomplished "once for all"³¹³ by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ.

572 The Church remains faithful to the interpretation of "all the Scriptures" that Jesus gave both before and after his Passover: "Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"³¹⁴ Jesus' sufferings took their historical, concrete form from the fact that he was "rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes", who handed "him to the Gentiles to be mocked and scourged and crucified".³¹⁵

573 Faith can therefore try to examine the circumstances of Jesus' death, faithfully handed on by the Gospels³¹⁶ and illuminated by other historical sources, the better to understand the meaning of the Redemption.

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

Princeton D'souza and Family

RECENTLY DECEASED

Yolande Francis, Ana Mikicic

SICK

Tony Clarke, Robert Vesey, Joan Clout, Laurie Grima, D.J. Nelson,
Flamur Bano, Angela Mikhael, Ike Lutaos

FEAST DAYS

TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN AND MARTYR ~ 9th August

SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR ~ 10th August

SAINT CLARE, VIRGIN~ 11th August

SAINT JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS ~ 12th August

SAINTS PONTIAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS ~ 13th August

SAINT MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE, PRIEST AND MARTYR ~ 14th August

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ~ 15th August





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, Collectors, 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 COMMUNITY



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: Blake Bano
Blake@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.

IMPORTANT COVID~19 UPDATE



As announced by the NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, Greater Sydney, the Blue Mountains, Wollongong and Central Coast will extend its lockdown until midnight on Saturday 28th August 2021.

In light of this announcement public Masses, Church buildings are closed and other parish activities / meetings are postponed until further notice.

Dispensation from Mass

The dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation remains in place (Canon 1247, Canons 85 and 87, and Catechism of the Catholic Church 2180-2188). Once the dispensation is lifted it will be communicated to our parishes, agencies and ministries.

**DUE TO COVID-19,
PUBLIC MASSES AND CHURCH
BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**CHURCHES ARE NOT BEING CLOSED.
BUILDINGS ARE BEING CLOSED.
YOU ARE THE CHURCH!
YOU ARE TO REMAIN OPEN.**



DIocese of
PARRAMATTA

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 be announced.

For more information please logon to our website:
<https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/#baptism>

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2021

POSTPONED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

In light of the extended lockdown due to COVID19, the decision has been made to postpone all sacramental programs until further notice.

Once restrictions have eased and things have settled down, we will plan some new dates. This will be communicated to you once this happens.

We apologise for any convenience this may cause.

If you have any questions, please call Gerald "Ged" Oblea, (Sacramental Coordinator) at the Parish Office on 9622 1125 or 0422 724 008 or email : sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

PARISH ONLINE MINISTRY DURING COVID-19

There are an extraordinary amount of initiatives taking place online across the Diocese in a number of parishes. These include games nights, trivia competitions, formation, scripture studies and wellbeing check-ins. If your community is willing to share these opportunities beyond your own Parish, the Mission Enhancement Team (MET Parramatta) would love to hear from you and help connect others who are struggling at this time. Email met@parracatholic.org

THE WELL

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

Sacramental Process for High School Students 2021

Due to the current public health orders we have decided to postpone the sacramental process for High School students until further notice.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

We are still taking expressions of interest for the sacramental process for high school students who wish to receive any of the following sacraments: Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.



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



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

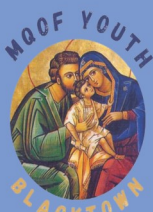
Rosary to Recovery
Every Friday at 7pm | Zoom

MQOF Youth virtually invites you to...
Rosary to Recovery
A parish prayer to end the pandemic

SOCIAL & GAMES NIGHT
1st & 3rd Sunday | Discord



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
2nd & 4th Sunday | Zoom



MQOF Youth



@mqof_youth



Catholic Youth Parra

LIFTED RETREAT UPDATE

STAY WITH US



POSTPONED

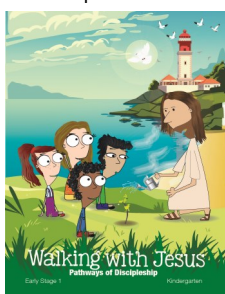
NEW DATES
17TH – 19TH SEPT 2021

New Dates ~ We've got new dates for our LIFTED Retreat 2021: Stay With Us! If you have already registered, you're in! To confirm your place for September, register here:
<https://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat/>
Spots are limited!

JULY 2-4 2021

SRE LEARNING FROM HOME

Here is a direct link to our "Catholic SRE Learning from Home" materials for parish families:



<https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>

New Learning from Home lessons have been uploaded and are available for parents to access across NSW.

These include user-friendly Click & Learn PowerPoints and home activity sheets.



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Pastoral letter to the faithful of the Diocese of Parramatta on the COVID-19 vaccination

Dear brothers and sisters,

As the COVID-19 Delta variant is spreading through Australia, particularly in Western Sydney, with deadly consequences, I am writing to reiterate the importance of vaccination as a means to protect yourselves and others.

It is overwhelmingly evident that the virus is spreading largely among the unvaccinated population. Hence, being fully vaccinated is an important step in not only keeping us safe but also our families and others in the broader community safe, and enabling us to get back to some sort of normality.

I understand some people have concerns about the ethical origins of some vaccines. The Catholic Church, through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, has declared that even the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with abortion. Therefore, all vaccines which are recognised as clinically safe and effective may be taken by Catholics in good conscience.

Pope Francis himself has encouraged Catholics to take the vaccine saying in an interview earlier this year, "I believe that morally everyone must take the vaccine. It is the moral choice because it is about your life but also the lives of others."

Indeed, Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI and many cardinals and bishops have already received their COVID-19 vaccines. For my part, I am fully vaccinated since the end of July.

I call on you to heed this clear and strong message from the Pope. I also alert you to the anti-vaccination movement and those who spread misinformation on social media, and regrettably even some clergy.

Their opposition to vaccines and public health orders is not in accordance with the Catholic Church.

The pandemic has caused much uncertainty, pain and suffering to the whole world. Let us pray, however, that it can be an opportunity for renewal and transformation for the human family. May we grow in the spirit of solidarity and compassion for all who are vulnerable, here and beyond. May we emerge out of this crisis a better people for a better world.

The Diocese and partners are working with health authorities in facilitating the vaccine rollout to members of the community in more vulnerable areas. Let us do our part for the common good and work together to end the pandemic.

In Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta

Given at Parramatta on 6 August 2021 The Feast of
The Transfiguration of the Lord

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

WELCOME FR. CHADI IBRAHIM, SDB.



On behalf of our Parish community we welcome our new assistant priest, Fr. Chadi Ibrahim, SDB.

Fr. Chadi was born in Aleppo, Syria in 1973. He grew up in a catholic family of five members. In his youth he was a member of the Legion of Mary where learned the love of the Mass, and how to pray the Rosary and to love the Virgin Mary. One of the most important people who influenced his faith was his mother. After he finished his technical high school he worked for one year, after which he decided to enter the Salesian Congregation.

During his 10 years of formation he spent it in Egypt where having done his pre-novitiate, in Italy where he studied philosophy, and in the Holy Land where he studied theology. Fr. Chadi undertook missionary work with the Salesians in many countries, including Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Iraq, Palestine and Italy. He is multilingual, fluent in Arabic, Italian and good English, French and Spanish. Fr. Chadi has also held a number of pastoral responsibilities, including director of an oratory and youth centre, bursar, rector and school principal. In all these roles he has felt that he has made a valuable contribution to the mission of the Church and the Order, with the help of God and the Hand of his mother our beloved Virgin Mary.

BIBLE TIMELINE

Our Bible Timeline program will continue via Zoom!
Please find the details below:

Facilitators: Fr. Regie, Richard & Marina DeSa

Session: The Church ~ Part 1

Homework: Read Acts 1-8:4.

Date: Tuesday - 10th August 2021

Time: 7.15pm for (start) 7.30pm - 9pm **Where:** Zoom Meeting

Please contact the parish office to get details of Zoom Meeting.
blacktown@parracatholic.org or 9622 1125.

Same Zoom details for those who attended last week.



LIVE STREAM OF SUNDAY MASS

During the lock down period our parish will LIVE Streaming our Sunday Mass at 10.00am, on the following streaming services.

 **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/blacktowncatholics>

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA0ZQ45DKzD6NW1QuCs2G3Q>



Twitch.tv: <https://www.twitch.tv/MQOFBlacktown>

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?
Would you like to learn more about your Catholic faith?
Let us walk this Journey with you!

Our Journey Commences
SEPTEMBER 2021
Register Your Interest
Call the Parish Office: 9622 1125
Email: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

ONLINE TABLE TALK

FUTURE DREAMING FOR BLACKTOWN LGA

When: 19 August, 7:00pm – 8:15pm

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87590654657>

In the lead-up to this year's local council elections, numerous faith-based and community organisations across Sydney have joined forces to organise such forums. Community Forums give people a chance to engage with councillors that are running for office and jointly ask them to commit to important social and environmental action in the next 5 years.

Join the Online Table Talk on 19 August.

It will be an opportunity to:

- ➔ get connected during lockdown,
- ➔ learn about and discuss the asks that will be put forward to councillors in November,
- ➔ be part of a local movement for more social justice and care for creation.

FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR

****CANCELLED****

**2021 Faith in Marriage Seminar:
13 August**

We regret to inform you that the 2021 Faith in Marriage Seminar, scheduled for Friday 13 August, has been cancelled. The seminar will be rescheduled to a date to be advised. If there are any issues, please contact the Mission Enhancement Team – Parramatta on met@parracatholic.org

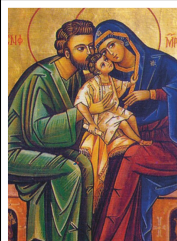


MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

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.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PARISH FEAST DAY



SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday 22nd August 2021

Novena Masses commence from 13th August 2021

LOG ON TO OUR WEBSITE &
CLICK "CONNECT WITH US" TAB ON FRONT PAGE
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

<https://mqofblacktown.org.au>

Get the NETFLIX of the Catholic Faith - FORMED



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.

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR & PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

FOR REGULAR DONORS

We thank you for your financial support to our Parish, your regular and frequent contributions support us in our mission and nourish the parishioners.

New Set of Planned Giving Envelopes are now available for collection in the foyers of both churches. If your envelopes are not in the box please let us know by placing your name, address and envelope number on the registration form provided and we will get them to you as soon as possible.

Receipts for the PLANNED GIVING ONLY – if you need receipts, please write your name down on the clipboards which are in the foyers of our Churches. Receipts will be available on the second weekend of July. It will be kept in the foyers up until the first weekend in August. Please note that Planned Giving IS **NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE**.

Caritas and Catholic Foundation - receipts will automatically be issued to you (if you have indicated to do so). Otherwise, please register your name on the form provided at the foyer if you need one.

FOR NEW DONORS

If you would like to participate in the Regular Planned Giving Program, please complete your details on the form supplied at the back of the church and return it to the Parish Office or put in the collection bucket or email the completed form to accounts@mqofblacktown.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



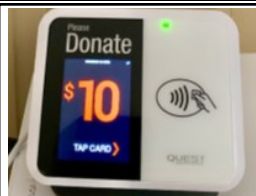
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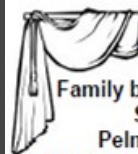
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