



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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

17TH OCTOBER 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.

Suffering Servant



On Monday 11 October, the New South Wales government roadmap eased restrictions for the people of the state. Some people named it Freedom Day, others called it a time to visit loved ones or family members, which they have not seen for 106 days due to lockdown at the great expense of the global pandemic. It was not easy for each one of us. Yet such anguish is a trial enough to realise the kind of physical and mental sufferings. Why do the innocent suffer? What did human beings do to deserve this suffering? These are natural questions that no one of us has ever been able to answer with a truthful satisfaction.

In the First Reading of 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, prophet Isaiah is well concerned with these questions. The reading speaks of the Lord's Servant undergoing undeserved punishment. The act of punishment is an atoning sacrifice for sinners who are more deserving of punishment. Who are the people creating this great suffering? We may say probably those in the authority who have power. They would like to control and exercise their oppressive ideology to others to win their glory for their own benefit. It becomes an addiction to see others suffered. But good leaders exercise their power and authority gently, rightly, and truthfully to help people in need. Abraham offered his son, seen to be the innocent lamb offered in the sacrificial atonement for the sins of humankind. Sacrificial suffering, if we let it be, can be a means for us to become open to the will of the Lord, to realise how noble we can be like martyrs. But we should understand that always the good things come from what is painful when we open ourselves to suffering atonement, either as an individual or a group.

In the Gospel, St Mark tells us that the Suffering Servant, Jesus Christ was submissive to the will of his Father. He told his disciples that, he must suffer to establish the kingdom. This casting role involves suffering and death. This is out of love. His offering was a total submission to the divine will that has atoned for the wickedness of all of us and made us righteous. We deserve the suffering, not Jesus. Because he obeyed, he has been raised up and sees the fruit of his painful effort. His heart and side keep us strong and resilient.

Therefore, as Jesus suffered for us, the suffering serving, let us open our heart, mind, soul, and body to be totally handed to the will of God. He will help us, and we will be helpful to others. Amen.

Deacon John Cinya.

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:

Parish Priest: Fr. Regie Lavilla, MSP.

Assistant Priests: Fr. John Paul Escarlan & Fr. Chadi Ibrahim, SDB.

Deacon: John Cinya

Finance Officer: Sarah Damole **Email:** accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au

Secretaries: Ann Hart (Wed-Fri) & Gerald "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 Chadi Ibrahim, 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.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 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR~B

ENTERANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING: IS 53:10-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. V.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING: HEB 4:14-16

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mk 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Romana Bonifacio

IN MEMORIAM

Sergio Lintag

SICK

Joel Uvero; Lourdes Domingo; Robert Vesey, Joan Clout, Laurie Grima, D.J. Nelson, Angela Mikhael, Ike Lutaos.

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

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

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"

Paragraph 2. JESUS DIED CRUCIFIED

II. CHRIST'S REDEMPTIVE DEATH IN GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

"God takes the initiative of universal redeeming love"

604 By giving up his own Son for our sins, God manifests that his plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part: "In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins."⁴⁰⁸ God "shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."⁴⁰⁹

605 At the end of the parable of the lost sheep Jesus recalled that God's love excludes no one: "So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."⁴¹⁰ He affirms that he came "to give his life as a ransom for many"; this last term is not restrictive, but contrasts the whole of humanity with the unique person of the redeemer who hands himself over to save us.⁴¹¹ The Church, following the apostles, teaches that Christ died for all men without exception: "There is not, never has been, and never will be a single human being for whom Christ did not suffer."⁴¹²

DAILY READINGS

Monday 18th October: 2 Tm 4:10-17; Lk 10:1-9.

Tuesday 19th October: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-21; Lk 12:35-38.

Wednesday 20th October: Rom 6:12-18, Lk 12:39-41.

Thursday 21st October: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53.

Friday 22nd October: Rom 7:18-25; Lk 12:54-59.

Saturday 23rd October: Rom 8:1-11, Lk 13:1-9.

Sunday 24th October: Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

FEAST DAYS

SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST ~ 18th October
SAINTS JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS & SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST
~ 19th October

SAINT JOHN PAUL II, POPE ~ 22nd October
SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST ~ 23rd October

Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen.



This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023.



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 Besterwirth, 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 Sunday from 4pm & 6:30pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church.

IMPORTANT COVID~19 UPDATE



As was previously communicated, when the 80% double dose vaccination target is achieved by the state of NSW, our churches will be able to open to our entire community from the following Monday. From that time, all religious services will only be limited by the 4 sqm rule. As of Saturday 16th October 2021, the NSW government has advised that our state has now reached the 80% milestone of double vaccination. This means from Monday 18th

October our churches will resume Mass services as per the usual schedule.

Our churches will be open to the entire community. There is no requirement from the government to check the vaccination status of people attending our churches.

Please note that we are **no longer taking bookings** to attend Masses at our parish churches. Those who wish to attend Mass are asked to come early as we will be welcoming people on a **"First Come, First Seated Basis"**.

For each Mass the maximum number of people that may attend will be based on the one person per 4 sqm rule which is as follows at each of our churches: **St. Michael's Church ~ 80 people & St. Patrick's Church ~ 250 people.**

Once we reach the capacity at each Mass, the church will close until the next service. Overflow from St. Michael's Church can be accommodated at St. Patrick's Church.

Our Sunday 10.00am Mass at St. Patrick's church will continued to be LIVE streamed until further notice.

We ask parishioners and visitors to our church to observe the following:

- Use the hand sanitiser located in the foyer of the church.
- Sign in using QR code or manually registering your details.
- Face Mask to be worn at all times.
- Please use the cleaning materials available to wipe the areas you have been in contact with before leaving the church.
- Social distancing must be observed at all time.
- Do not congregate at the carpark before or after Mass.

The Diocese has also advised that the parish office and other facilities (meeting rooms) will continue to be subjected to people's vaccination status at this stage. Due to this, it would be prudent for parishes to continue to delay face to-face meetings, and gatherings until the next stage of the reopening from 1 December 2021.

While we do respect the right of people to make a decision in conscience about the vaccination, we do also expect them to make an informed decision about the possible consequences of not being vaccinated for themselves and for other members in the community.

We thank you for your continued prayers, support, understanding and patience during this time. God Bless and stay safe!

PLEASE CHECK IN BEFORE ENTERING OUR PREMISES



We're helping keep our community COVID safe by recording contact details. It's easy to check in:

- 1 Scan QR Code with your smartphone camera or QR reader.
- 2 Follow the prompts on the Service NSW app or on the Service NSW webform.
- 3 Show a volunteer that you've signed in. We respect your privacy.

This QR Code is for Mary Queen of the Family Blacktown, located at 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown



THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Parents wishing to have their children baptised are to contact the parish office prior to attending a Baptism workshop. The next workshop will be announced. For more information please logon to our website: <https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/#baptism>

An important note:

On the advice from the Diocese of Parramatta, in conjunction with the NSW government our church will reopen for religious services again, once the 80% threshold of double dose vaccinations target is achieved in the state of NSW. As we have reached the target our church will reopen for public Masses from Monday 18th October and Baptisms can now take place. This week, we will be contacting families who have booked and or registered their interested in getting their child baptised at our parish to make bookings. Thank you for understanding and patience.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

BE PART OF THE SACRAMENTAL TEAM

The Parish is looking for volunteers to be part of our sacramental team to assist in the planning and facilitating of our parish sacramental process.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

Gerald "Ged" Oblea

(Parish Sacramental Coordinator)

0422 724 008 or ged@mqofblacktown.org.au

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2021

For Confirmation & Reconciliation postponed until 2022.

On the advice from the Diocese of Parramatta, in conjunction with the NSW government our church will reopen for religious services again, once the 80% threshold of double dose vaccinations target is achieved in the state of NSW.

Unfortunately, we have been also advised that face to face meetings at the parish are not to take place until Stage 3 of the NSW Government's "Pathway out of the pandemic and lockdowns", which is due to take place from the 1st December 2021. Therefore, we are required to postpone the remaining sacramental programs until next year.

We anticipate that the new sacramental dates for 2022 will be available in early February where you will be invited to register your child into the program once again. Please note our registrations will be moving to an online platform, therefore you will need to resubmit your child's application.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our sacramental coordinator on the details below:

Gerald "Ged" Oblea

Sacramental Coordinator – Mary Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown.

Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

Ph: 02 9622 1125 – option 4

Email: 0422 724 008.



MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY
PARISH, BLACKTOWN



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.

For more information contact our sacramental coordinator: Gerald "Ged" Oblea - sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au or 0422 724 008

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

YOUTH CORNER

MQOF YOUTH MINISTRY



Lockdown Events



Wednesday:

Holy Hour with the Saints
6:30pm - 7:30pm
Led by Fr. Regle MSP PP

Friday:

Rosary to Recovery
7pm - 7:45pm
Led by MQOF Youth

**Sunday:
1st & 3rd**

Social & Games Night
6:30pm - 7:30pm
MQOF on CYP Discord

**Sunday:
2nd & 4th**

Youth Bible Study
6:30pm - 7:30pm
Led by MQOF Youth



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MQOF Youth

GET INVOLVED WITH

MQOF YOUTH



BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER

All who have made their 1st Eucharist

Altar serving is a great way to put your faith into action during the Mass. Share your time and talents with the parish community and make some great friends! Training sessions run regularly throughout the year.



HELP OUT AT CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Word of God at your level

Breathe life into the weekly Gospel, through prayer, songs and other activities. Have fun and teach other young people about the Word of God with your family and friends.



JOIN THE YOUTH BAND

Musicians and Singers wanted

Your talent in music helps transform the Mass into a welcoming and inviting space. If you play an instrument or sing, come and join the Youth Band and use your talents to jam for Jesus.



VOLUNTEER AT A PARISH EVENT

All hands on deck

All year round the parish organises events not only to celebrate our faith but also to perform acts of service in our community. Generously offer your time and efforts towards one of these events and give our faith a face. All parish events are published in our weekly bulletin.



GIVE MINISTRY A GO

Offer your gifts and talents in service

Our parish ministries are always looking to grow. We can help to link you up with a ministry to use your gifts and talents. Together, we can live life to the full.

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES CONTACT THE YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM AT MQOFOYOUTH@GMAIL.COM OR ON 9622 1125.

WE ARE WITH YOU!



"I am with you always" Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people.

The website parracatholic.org/withyou contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families .

PARISH SCHOOLS ENROLMENTS



**PATRICIAN BROTHERS'
COLLEGE, BLACKTOWN**



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St Patrick's Primary School

Are you looking for a primary school to enrol your child?

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2022. We would love to meet you and take you for a virtual tour of our beautiful school.



Don't Miss Out!

Enrolling Now
for
Kindergarten
2022

Download an enrolment application form from our school website
<https://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/How-to-enrol>

Follow us on

<https://www.facebook.com/stpatsprimaryblacktown>



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ENROLMENTS ARE BEING TAKEN

FOR KINDERGARTEN 2022 AT

ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

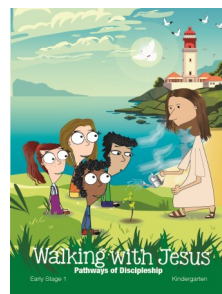
Ring 8869 6200 for information.

Download an enrolment package from our webpage

www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au

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.

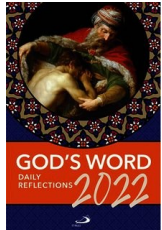
PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2022



This book is designed for those who proclaim the Scriptures at Sunday Mass. The Readings are given in two translations: the Jerusalem and the NRSV for a comparison. For each Reading and the Psalm, there is a commentary which provides a brief background to the text and assists the reader to proclaim the text well. A pronunciation guide is included, as well as a new section entitled "The Ministry of Reader". If you would like to order a copy please email or call the parish office. These \$25.00 each.
ETA end of October 2021.

BIBLE DIARY ~ GOD'S WORD 2022



Designed to help you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life. A companion on the journey to pray, to share, to grow in God's love and be nourished by the Word of God. Includes the Bible readings set down for each day, with a reflection.

God's Word 2022 ~ Daily Reflections brings you:

- * Scripture readings of the day from the Jerusalem Bible
- * Inspiring reflections by eminent Australasian spiritual writers
- * Liturgical information for the day
- * Space to note down important events and personal reflections

Available from the parish office or the piety store for \$20.00.

WORLD MISSION MONTH

For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD ACTS 4:20

Next week Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, like Churai, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most.

Next week you will have the opportunity to respond to what you have seen and heard, and the Home, as well as other vital mission programs supporting children and communities in need around the world.

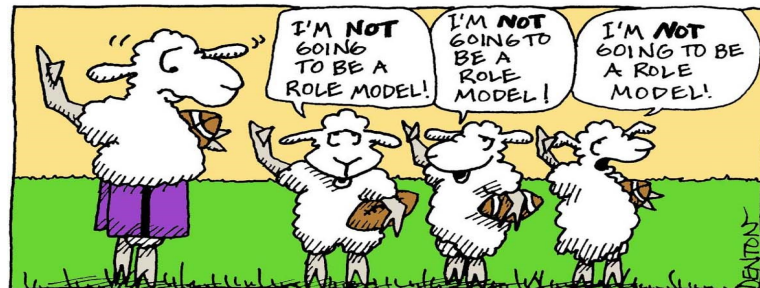
Please come with an open and generous heart.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand

THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Can you drink the cup that I drink?"

Sheepish Question:

With all God's given me, what's stopping me from reflecting his image for others to see?

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MARY QUEEN OF THE FAMILY - PARISH BLACKTOWN

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ALL WELCOME TO JOIN!



SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER 2021 11.30AM

ONLINE EVENT - JOIN VIA OUR LIVE STREAMING CHANNELS



XVI SYNOD OF BISHOPS



This coming Sunday, 17 October 2021, dioceses around the world will launch local preparations for the XVI Synod of Bishops. The Synod, themed "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission", was solemnly opened in Rome last week by Pope Francis. If you haven't already done so, you may be interested to watch the Mass and read Pope Francis' homily as published on Catholic Outlook [here](#).

For parishes in Australia, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has provided us with the enclosed document "Suggestions for the Liturgy to celebrate the opening of the Synod in local Churches." They have also provided a prayer for the Synod. (Please see page 2 of bulletin)

This Sunday at 10am, I will be celebrating a livestreamed Mass at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith to mark the opening of the Synod of Bishops in the Diocese of Parramatta. This Mass will be broadcast on the St Nicholas of Myra Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPENRITH>) and shared to the Diocesan Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>).

For this weekend, I look forward to including the Diocese of Parramatta in a journey that will see the entire Church reflecting on a process which Pope Francis has described as 'walking on the same road, walking together.'

*Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
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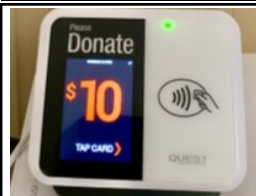
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