



# 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*

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR B

21ST NOVEMBER 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.

## Thank You...

This Sunday is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. May the praise, glory, honour be on Him who sits on the throne of the cross, who reigns over the power of death and the evil one. May our praise and thanksgiving be deeply rooted to the One who created us and redeemed us from sin and darkness, to the Holy Trinity. Thanks to the Divine Son of God who came down to us and took our humanity so we can be raised to God's divinity. By submitting to God's reign in our lives we begin to learn what Jesus told Pilate in our Gospel today, "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not of this world."

Thanks to the Father for the gift of his Son. It is on this spirit that I would like to thank all of you at MQOF Parish for your warm welcome and prayers during my installation as a parish priest last Sunday 14 November. I am truly grateful to the Lord for the gift of priesthood and the task he entrusted to me, to be of service to you, God's holy people and to offer my life and ministry to Him. Thank you also to the members of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal groups of Parramatta Diocese and the Filipino Chaplaincy to which I am entrusted to serve, who have shown their great support on that day. Your prayers are deeply appreciated. With a common vision and mission, we can advance the mission of Jesus Christ wherever we are called to serve. Let us remember that we are only stewards of God's work and the fruits and success of our labour are not ultimately ours but His.

We are so blessed in our parish community with dedicated, generous and dynamic leaders—the parish staff and clergy, PPC, PFC, and the leaders and members of different ministries and prayer groups. Thank you for your great witness of faith. To all of you, our dear parishioners who come together to gather and worship on weekdays and weekends for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, thank you for sharing your life with the Church. You are a shining witness to others who have given up faith and hope. Our Lord Jesus continues to meet us, to love us, and to teach us through his Church. May he reign in our hearts and in our homes. God bless us.

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 8705 0830.  
**Website:** [www.mqofblacktown.org.au](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au) **Email:** [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au)

**Secretaries:** Ann Hart (Wed-Fri) & Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Mon & Tues)

**Email:** [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)

**Sacramental Coordinator:** Gerald "Ged" Oblea. **Mobile:** 0422 724 008

**Email:** [sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto: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 Bungaribee Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 8822 2100

Catholic Healthcare St Hedwig Village Blacktown (140 Reservoir Rd, Blacktown 2148) P: 8822 9920

## THE LITURGY

### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR B

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rv 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

#### FIRST READING: DN 7:13-14

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 92:1-2. 5. R.V.1

(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

#### SECOND READING: RV 1:5-8

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL: Jn 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

ows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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## DAILY READINGS

**Monday 22nd November:** Dn 1:1-6. 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday 23rd November:** Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11.

**Wednesday 24th November:** Dn 5:1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28; Lk 21:12-19.

**Thursday 25th November:** Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28

**Friday 26th November:** Dn 7:2-14 ; Lk 21:29-33 .

**Saturday 27th November:** Dn 7:15-27 ; Lk 21:34-36.

**Sunday 28th November:** Jer 33:14-16;; 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2; ; Lk 21:25-28. 34-36 37.

## FEAST DAYS

**SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR ~ 22nd November**

**SAINT CLEMENT I, POPE AND MARTYR & SAINT COLUMBAN, ABBOT ~ 23rd November**

**SAINT ANDREW ĐÔNG-LẠC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS ~ 24th November**

**SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR~ 25th November**

## 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

##### Paragraph 3. JESUS CHRIST WAS BURIED

**624** "By the grace of God" Jesus tasted death "for every one".<sup>459</sup> In his plan of salvation, God ordained that his Son should not only "die for our sins"<sup>460</sup> but should also "taste death", experience the condition of death, the separation of his soul from his body, between the time he expired on the cross and the time he was raised from the dead. the state of the dead Christ is the mystery of the tomb and the descent into hell. It is the mystery of Holy Saturday, when Christ, lying in the tomb,<sup>461</sup> reveals God's great sabbath rest<sup>462</sup> after the fulfilment<sup>463</sup> of man's salvation, which brings peace to the whole universe.<sup>464</sup>

Christ in the tomb in his body

**625** Christ's stay in the tomb constitutes the real link between his passible state before Easter and his glorious and risen state today. the same person of the "Living One" can say, "I died, and behold I am alive for evermore".<sup>465</sup> God [the Son] did not impede death from separating his soul from his body according to the necessary order of nature, but has reunited them to one another in the Resurrection, so that he himself might be, in his person, the meeting point for death and life, by arresting in himself the decomposition of nature produced by death and so becoming the source of reunion for the separated parts.<sup>466</sup>

**626** Since the "Author of life" who was killed<sup>467</sup> is the same "living one [who has] risen",<sup>468</sup> The divine person of the Son of God necessarily continued to possess his human soul and body, separated from each other by death: By the fact that at Chnst's death his soul was separated from his flesh, his one person is not itself divided into two persons; for the human body and soul of Christ have existed in the same way from the beginning of his earthly existence, in the divine person of the Word; and in death, although separated from each other, both remained with one and the same person of the Word.<sup>469</sup>



## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### November Masses

November is traditionally the month in which we remember our deceased family members and friends. A book of remembrance has been placed in each Church, where we invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones. If you would also like to have those who have gone before us remembered in all Masses during November, please write their names on the 'November Mass Offering' envelopes, located in the Church foyer. Place it on either collection plate, drop in the Parish Locked Box or hand it in to the Parish Office. All names will be typed up and placed near the altar for the duration of November.

*During November only the names of recently deceased will be published in the parish bulletin.*

*May they Rest In Peace*



# 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 on Zoom details on page 7 of bulletin.

### 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 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



The NSW Government has now published on their websites the shift in density limits from 1 person per 4 sqm to 1 person per 2 sqm from Monday, 8 November.

This will apply to all indoor areas, including places of worship. The density limit for outdoor areas remains the same at 1 person per 2 sqm.

As previously communicated, places of worship can have all people attend regardless of vaccination status. As restrictions are further relaxed, please continue to observe the requirements of your COVID-19 Safety Plan for places of worship.

This includes ensuring that:

- people are wearing face masks;
- 1.5m physical distancing is maintained where possible;
- people are recording their attendance;
- parishes are keeping records of attendance;
- choir members must not exceed 10 fully vaccinated persons;
- hygiene measures continue to take place.

As per the 1 person per 2sqm rule the capacity at each church is as follows:

St. Michael's Church ~ 180 & St. Patrick's Church ~ 500

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 & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### 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

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](mailto:sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au)  
Ph: 02 9622 1125 – option 4



MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY  
PARISH, BLACKTOWN

### THE PARISH IS IN NEED!

#### MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR

SATURDAY 5:30PM VIGIL  
SUNDAY 7AM MASS  
SUNDAY 6PM MASS



IF YOU ARE ABLE TO OFFER YOUR SERVICE TO THE PARISH IN THIS  
MINISTRY PLEASE CONTACT BLAKE AT [BLAKE@MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU](mailto:BLAKE@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)**



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



## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### YOUTH CORNER

#### MQOF YOUTH MINISTRY



##### YOUTH GROUPS



##### Faith & Friendship

**Primary (Ages 5-11)**  
3rd Friday of Month  
5pm - 7pm

##### Teens: JR

**High School (Ages 12-16)**  
Sunday: 4pm - 5:30pm

##### Teens: SR

**High School (Ages 16-20)**  
Sunday: 6:30pm - 8pm

##### Young Adults

**Young Adults**  
Thursday: 7pm - 8:30pm  
Watch this Space!



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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](mailto:MQOFOYOUTH@GMAIL.COM) OR ON 9622 1125.

### PARISH SCHOOLS ENROLMENTS



#### NAGLE COLLEGE, BLACKTOWN

Enrolments for year 7 2022, are now available.

Please contact Nagle College on 8887 4501



#### PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE, BLACKTOWN



### ENROL NOW

YEAR 7 2022/2023

Enquiries on 8811 0300

100 FLUSHCOMBE ROAD, BLACKTOWN

Fine young men striving for personal excellence centred in faith



#### 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>



St Patrick's Primary school

51-59 Allawah Street

Phone: 02 8869 6000

Email: [stpatsblacktown@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stpatsblacktown@parra.catholic.edu.au)



#### 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](http://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au)

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### BISHOPS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

**This Christmas,  
will you *help*  
homeless women  
and children?**



“Your kind donation today will help CatholicCare's Houses to Homes change the lives of homeless young women, who like Mary, seek a safe haven to raise their newborn child.”

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta



Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal  
[yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)



### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Mary's Pantry would like to ask the generosity of the community to donate non-perishable food items for Christmas Hampers to be given to those doing it tough in the Blacktown area and beyond. Please place all food items in the baskets/containers marked in the foyers of the two churches. Food items may include Christmas cake, pudding, long life custard, bags of lollies, tinned ham, chocolates, juice etc. Food items are to be brought in by the weekend of 4th & 5th December. Thank you.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ~ CHRISTMAS APPEAL



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

### Christmas Giving Tree

On the first weekend in December, the St Vincent de Paul Society invites parishioners to take a tag from the Christmas tree in the church, to meet the needs of the disadvantaged in our local community, with gifts and non-perishable food.

Christmas is not far away and we would be grateful if all gifts could be **returned by Sunday 19th December**. If you are donating a present, it will help us if you can label it with the gift tag from the tree.

Please note the annual St. Vincent Appeal will take place on Sunday 12th December 2021.

God bless, and thank you for your help.

### CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

Parishioners please note the times for Confession/Reconciliation during Advent will be the same as usual.

St Michael's Wednesday 6:30pm-7:20pm

St Patrick's Friday 6:30pm-7:20pm

Saturday 9:30am-10:30am

There will be no Second Rite of Reconciliation

### SAVE THE DATE

SETTLE INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

## Christmas Gala & Concert

HOSTED BY MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH

- FOOD FESTIVAL
- CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
- CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
- CHRISTMAS KARAOKE
- CHRISTMAS CONCERT\*
- CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS\*



SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 2021, 2PM ONWARDS.  
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH,  
58 ORWELL STREET BLACKTOWN

CALL (02) 9622 1125 OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO VISIT  
[WWW.MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU](http://WWW.MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU) FOR DETAILS

\*LIMITED SPOTS, \$10 TICKETS ON SALE 20 NOV  
\*ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BE FOR CHARITY

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### THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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“His dominion is an everlasting dominion.”

### Sheepish Question:

Why are my questions important to such a vast God?



## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### FLOWER MINISTRY

Please support our MQOF Ministry Fundraising Raffle

**When:** Sale of tickets before and after Mass starting from 21 November at St Patrick's and St Michael's Church.

**Prize:** 2 Gift Baskets worth more than \$100 each.

**Raffle Draw:** St Michael's on 5<sup>th</sup> December after the 8am & 9:30 am Mass, together with **bake sale** (with free tea & coffee)

St Patrick's on 5<sup>th</sup> December after the 10:00 am Mass, together with **bake sale** (with free tea & coffee)

**Ticket prices:** one for \$2.00 and 3 for \$5.00

**Purpose of the raffle:** To raise funds for the Flower Ministry in sustaining the continuous supply of fresh flowers to adorn the altars in both churches.

Donations are welcome.

Thank you for those who have purchased tickets already!



### BIBLE STUDY GROUP



#### JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP VIA ZOOM

You are invited to join our parish Bible study group. We meet every Thursday between 7.30pm-9.00 pm and reflect on the readings for the Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office to obtain the details on how you can join. Ph: 9622 1125 Email: [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)

## 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.

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### FOR NEW DONORS

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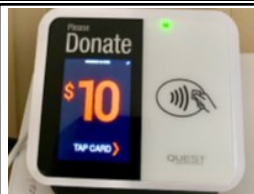
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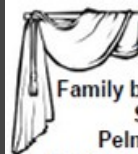
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