



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

5TH DECEMBER 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)

7.15pm Sun (St Michael's) - Arabic Mass

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.

The Last Month

I pray that you and your family are experiencing a reflective Season of Advent!

You may have heard a statement that I mentioned many times in our parish before that 'we, priests in the parish, come and go'. On Sunday, 3 October, it was announced at the Mass and published in the parish bulletin that Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, 4th Bishop of Parramatta, has appointed me as Administrator of St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, effective from Saturday, 1 January 2022.

I am now in my last month here in the parish as one of your priests. Since January 1, 2019, when I started my priestly ministry in Blacktown, I have indeed experienced challenging and joyous moments in serving you and journeying with you in our earthly pilgrimage.

I want to finally take this opportunity to thank you once again for your love and faith in God and in generously welcoming me in your parish. Some of you were asking me if there is a Farewell Mass and gathering before I leave.

Rather than inviting you to come to one 'Farewell Mass', I have decided that I will instead come and celebrate 'Farewell Masses'—during the regular Sunday Masses that you usually attend. Below are the dates and times when I am celebrating my Thanksgiving Masses as my 'farewell Masses' at St Patrick and St Michael's churches as an opportunity for me to personally express my gratitude to all of you.

St Patrick's church: Sunday, 12 December at 7:00AM Mass and 5:30PM Mass.
Saturday, 18 December at 5:30PM Vigil Mass.
Sunday, 19 December at 10:00AM Mass.

St Michael's church: Sunday, 19 December at 6:00PM Mass
Sunday, 26 December at 8:00AM Mass and 9:30AM Mass.

Kindly remember me in your prayers as I continue to serve God and His people through the gift of ministerial priesthood.

Mary, Queen of the Family; pray for us!

Fr. John Paul Escarlan.
Assistant Priest

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C YEAR B

ENTERANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Is 30:19,30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING: BAR 5:1-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 125. R. V.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING: PHIL 1:3-6. 8-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bar 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday 6th December: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday 7th December: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14.

Wednesday 8th December: Gen 3:9-15. 20; Eph 1:3-6. 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Thursday 9th December: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday 10th December: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19.

Saturday 11th December: Sir 48:1-4. 9-11; Mt 17:10-13.

Sunday 12th December: Zep 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

FEAST DAYS

SAINT NICHOLAS, BISHOP ~ 6th December

SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH ~ 7th December

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ~ 8th December

SAINT JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATZIN ~ 9th December

OUR LADY OF LORETO ~ 10th December

SAINT DAMASUS I, POPE ~ 11th December



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 5 "HE DESCENDED INTO HELL. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN"

631 Jesus "descended into the lower parts of the earth. He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens."⁴⁷⁵ The Apostles' Creed confesses in the same article Christ's descent into hell and his Resurrection from the dead on the third day, because in his Passover it was precisely out of the depths of death that he made life spring forth:

Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all mankind, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.⁴⁷⁶

Paragraph 1. CHRIST DESCENDED INTO HELL

632 The frequent New Testament affirmations that Jesus was "raised from the dead" presuppose that the crucified one sojourned in the realm of the dead prior to his resurrection.⁴⁷⁷ This was the first meaning given in the apostolic preaching to Christ's descent into hell: that Jesus, like all men, experienced death and in his soul joined the others in the realm of the dead. But he descended there as Saviour, proclaiming the Good News to the spirits imprisoned there.⁴⁷⁸

633 Scripture calls the abode of the dead, to which the dead Christ went down, "hell" - Sheol in Hebrew or Hades in Greek - because those who are there are deprived of the vision of God.⁴⁷⁹ Such is the case for all the dead, whether evil or righteous, while they await the Redeemer: which does not mean that their lot is identical, as Jesus shows through the parable of the poor man Lazarus who was received into "Abraham's bosom".⁴⁸⁰ "It is precisely these holy souls, who awaited their Saviour in Abraham's bosom, whom Christ the Lord delivered when he descended into hell."⁴⁸¹ Jesus

634 "The gospel was preached even to the dead."⁴⁸³ The descent into hell brings the Gospel message of salvation to complete fulfilment. This is the last phase of Jesus' messianic mission, a phase which is condensed in time but vast in its real significance: the spread of Christ's redemptive work to all men of all times and all places, for all who are saved have been made sharers in the redemption. did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him.⁴⁸²



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary Apap, Maureen Cherian

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Ivanka Bradizza, Romanos Zouki

IN MEMORIAM

Marcelina D. Payot, Claudette Mendonca

SICK

Joel Uvero; Lourdes Domingo; Robert Vesey, 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.



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 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 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
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

MARY QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH BLACKTOWN

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO OFFER YOUR SERVICE TO THE PARISH IN THIS MINISTRY PLEASE CONTACT BLAKE AT 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



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



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!



@mqofyouth



@mqof_youth



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.

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



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

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



Please Note: Appeal will take place this weekend. We invite parishioners to take a Bishop's appeal envelope. A special collection will take place at Mass this weekend for this appeal. We appreciate your ongoing support and generosity!

MARY'S PANTRY



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

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 12th 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.
SVDP Blacktown Conference

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

CHRISTMAS GALA & CONCERT

Settle into the spirit of the season



Christmas Gala & Concert



Hosted by **Mary, Queen of the Family Parish**

Food Festival | Christmas Raffle | Christmas Concert* | Christmas Workshops**

Saturday **11th December** from **12:00 noon**
St Michael's Church, 58 Orwell St, Blacktown

Call: **(02) 9622 1125** – Or scan QR code to visit
www.mqofblacktown.org.au

*Limited seating, hurry tickets on sale for \$10

**Some funds raised will be for charity in PNG

Sponsors call: **0434 626 237**



Mary Query of the Family Parish, Christmas Gala and Concert
Saturday 11th December, 2021
Venue – St Michaels Church Grounds
Time – 12.30 pm Christmas Gala & 7.30pm Christmas Concert

We are making this Christmas truly memorable for the Blacktown Community with a Christmas Gala and Concert, our very first face to face event in two years. With all these past two years have thrown our way, our community in Blacktown really is in need of a good fun time.

On Saturday December 11th, from 12 pm onwards St Michaels Church, Blacktown, beautifully decorated in festive streamers, will come alive with loads of Fun,

- A Food Festival with multi-cultural cuisine, representative of our diversity community, with food trucks, deserts and coffee trucks on site.
- Christmas Craft and Cookie workshops – (Registrations on our website <https://www.mqofblacktown.org/christmas-gala-workshops>) making cards and decorations for the less fortunate
- Live music, Karaoke and song requests by local performers. Our Christmas Concert “Coming Home to Christmas” from 7.30pm will host an original musical. The Nativity play directed by Marianne Fernandes. (Tickets - \$10 on sale from our website - <https://www.mqofblacktown.org/event-details/>)

We are planning to have a lot of fun and truly welcome the Christmas Spirit in our beloved neighbourhood. Join us and help us spread the merry this Christmas.

For further details please contact Kiran Saldanha, 0434 626237
Fund Raising and Events Sub Committee
Mary Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown

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 this Sunday 5th December after the 8am & 9:30 am Mass, together with **bake sale** (with free tea & coffee)

St Patrick's this Sunday 5th 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!



WEEKLY ARABIC MASS

There is an Arabic Mass open to everyone in the parish to attend, celebrated every Sunday at 7.15pm in St Michael's Church for more information please do not hesitate to contact Fr Chadi at the parish office between our office hours.

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

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

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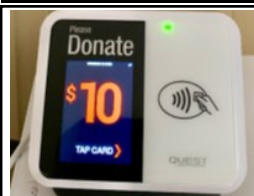
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