



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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C.

13TH FEBRUARY 2022.

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 1st 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.

Dear Parishioners,

A preacher began his preaching on today's gospel by asking for a show of hands from all in the congregation who would love to be poor, starving, weeping and hated by everybody. No hands went up. Then he asked of those who, on the contrary, would love to be rich, well fed, laughing and well-spoken of in the community. All hands went up. A similar survey in any church would probably yield similar results. Yet Jesus in Luke declares happy are those who are poor, hungry, weeping and hated. To make sure we get the point, he goes on and explicitly pronounces an alas on those who are rich, well fed, laughing and well-spoken of. What is going on here? The big questions: how can one be happy who is poor, who is hungry? Weeping and still be happy? How can one be rejoicing when rejected, hated, or cast out? Does Luke want us to understand that material poverty is a sign of divine approval and material prosperity a sign of divine disapproval? Certainly, not! This language of Jesus seems to be totally different than our human language.

Poverty is not a blessing but an evil, a lack. In fact, all the qualifying factors mentioned in Luke's Beatitudes, poverty, hunger, weeping, hatred, exclusion, reviling, defamation, are all evils. These are things no good parents would want for their children. Neither would God want these things for us, God's children. How are we then to understand Luke's beatitudes? The key is to be found in an important clause which he adds at the end of the last beatitude, and the clause is "on account of the Son of Man." What Luke is saying is this, those who accept these evil conditions as the price that they must pay for following Christ, they are the happy ones. Some knowledge of the social background of Luke's gospel would help us here. Luke wrote his gospel at a time of terrible social and religious persecution of believers in Christ. It was so severe that anyone professing to be a Christian knew for sure that he or she would be disowned by family, rejected by friends, and excluded from the synagogue. Even if one was a very rich person with lots of land and farms, the moment they declared their faith in Christ, they were automatically dispossessed and reduced to a state of stark poverty. Now you know why some smart ones among them would go and sell their lands first!

In the passage immediately preceding today's gospel, Luke describes the call of the twelve apostles (Luke 6:12-16). From a large group of followers who were coming and going, still trying to decide one way or the other, Jesus publicly calls out these twelve as his regular associates. So, Jesus looks at these tearful, stranded twelve young men before him, willing but still not so sure they are taking the right step. He was looking at them while he was saying the Beatitudes...

After that you can imagine the newly recruited apostles smiling through their tears. Suffering, yes, but smiling because they now understand they have indeed made the right choice. Then alas, on the other hand, would refer to those who declined the invitation to follow Jesus (like the Rich Young Man) because they were not ready to give up their prestige in the community, lose their circle of friends, not to talk of all the wealth they had spent all their lives accumulating. They have come to attach great importance to the good things of this life, so much so that wealth has become like a god to them. In many ways they are like the men and women of this present age of materialism and consumerism. Jesus says they have made the wrong choice because the path of putting worldly prosperity before God invariably leads not to lasting happiness but to eternal tragedy.

Have a beautiful, lovely, and blessed Sunday.

Fr. Chadi Ibrahim, SDB.

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 Priest: Fr. Chadi Ibrahim, SDB.

Deacon: John Cina

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

Secretaries: Ann Hart (Wed-Fri 9am to 2pm) & Gerald "Ged" Oblea

Email: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

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

Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

Catechist Coordinator: Sandra Baker

Youth Minister & Liturgy Coordinator: Blake Bano

Parish Pastoral Council: **Chair:** Cecil Fernandes; **Asst Chair:** Beato Pudadera; **Secretary:** Eva Cheetley
Members: Sidney Lazum, Jude Miranda, Ekhlis Ambili, Harlane Petersen, Fr. Regie Lavilla, Fr. Chadi Ibrahim, 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:

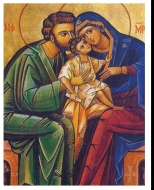
Opal Nursing Home (37 Kildare Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 9852 9600

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



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. ~ *The Parish Team*

IMPORTANT COVID~19 ALERTS

COVID-19 case alert

You may have been in contact with a person infectious with COVID-19 at Mary Queen of the Family Parish

Unless otherwise advised by NSW health, you must monitor for symptoms. If you are unwell, get a COVID-19 test.

To date we have received these alerts for: December, 22nd, 24th, 26th & 30th in 2021. For January 2022, 1st, 2nd, 7th 9th, 16th & 23rd. For February 2022 6th.

The NSW Government is making changes to how it identifies positive COVID-19 cases. Most people who test positive on a rapid antigen test will not need to confirm their result with a PCR (nose and throat swab) test. Instead, people who test positive using a COVID-19 rapid antigen test must register with Service NSW as soon as possible. This will help you:

- quickly understand your relative level of risk
- access support from NSW Health.

On 23 December 2021 the NSW Government updated the previously announced changes to the reopening roadmap for the COVID-19 restrictions.

Most premises in NSW are now open to everyone, regardless of whether you are fully vaccinated or not. For our place of worship the following now apply:

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND - STAY HOME IF YOU ARE UNWELL OR HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH A COVID POSITIVE PERSON.

MASK: THE NSW GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT AS OF MIDNIGHT 23/12/2021, MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO BE WORN IN ALL INDOOR SETTINGS, INCLUDING PLACES OF WORSHIP.

COVID-19 Safe Check-in and Record Keeping: CHECK IN USING THE NSW QR CODE OR MANUALLY SIGNING IN AND RECORD KEEPING OF ALL ATTENDEES ARE STILL REQUIRED FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP. USE HAND SANITIZER.

DENSITY LIMITS: There will no longer be any square meter rules applicable for Parishes. This includes the Church and other buildings within the Parish. HOWEVER OUR SAFETY PLAN STILL RECOMMENDS SOCIAL DISTANCING WHERE POSSIBLE.

CHOIR & SINGING: Congregational singing is discouraged.

MEETINGS & SOCIAL EVENTS: Meetings OK with safety measures. Social events & mingling are discouraged.

PLEASE HELP WITH SANITISING THE SEATS AFTER MASS.

DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY MASS IS NOW REVOKED Bishop Vincent has now (December 15th) revoked the dispensation he gave on the 20 March 2020. The Sunday Mass obligation once again is imposed since the public health orders no longer require limits in our church buildings.

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 LITURGY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

ENTERANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: JER 17:5-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 1:1-4. R. PS 39:5
(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 COR 15:12, 16-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 6:17. 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.
Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.
Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.
'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man.
Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.
'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday, 14th Feb: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13.

Tuesday, 15th Feb: Jas 1:12-18 ; Mk 8:14-21 .

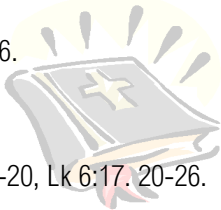
Wednesday, 16th Feb: Jas 1:19-27 ; Mk 8:22-26.

Thursday, 17th Feb: Jas 2:1-9 ; Mk 8:27-33.

Friday, 18th Feb: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34-9:1.

Saturday, 19th Feb: Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13.

Sunday, 20th Feb: Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20, Lk 6:17. 20-26.



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"

Paragraph 2. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD

III. THE MEANING AND SAVING SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

651 "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain."⁵²⁰ The Resurrection above all constitutes the confirmation of all Christ's works and teachings. All truths, even those most inaccessible to human reason, find their justification if Christ by his Resurrection has given the definitive proof of his divine authority, which he had promised.

652 Christ's Resurrection is the fulfilment of the promises both of the Old Testament and of Jesus himself during his earthly life.⁵²¹ The phrase "in accordance with the Scriptures"⁵²² indicates that Christ's Resurrection fulfilled these predictions.

653 The truth of Jesus' divinity is confirmed by his Resurrection. He had said: "When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that I am he."⁵²³ The Resurrection of the crucified one shows that he was truly "I AM", the Son of God and God himself. So St. Paul could declare to the Jews: "What God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus; as also it is written in the second psalm, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you."⁵²⁴ Christ's Resurrection is closely linked to the Incarnation of God's Son, and is its fulfilment in accordance with God's eternal plan.

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday, 14th Feb: SAINTS CYRIL, MONK, AND METHODIUS, BISHOP



Thursday, 17th Feb: THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER .



Saturday, 19th Feb: SATURDAY MASS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary Cuthbert; Lois Roy.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Leanne Thompson, Elsie Lobo, Michelle Makin, Fay Roach, Alejandro Cordero, Felix Canete, Sr. & Lawrence Andrew Jones.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Brenda Simon & Daniel Gami, Lucky Vella.

SICK

Joan Clout; Lourdes Domingo; Robert Vesey, Laurie Grima, D.J. Nelson, Angela Mikhael, Ike Lutaos, Shane Sandot, Bianca Mikhael, Maria Simunovic.

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

DEATH NOTICE

It is with great sadness to announce the death of Lois Roy. Lois was a parishioner at St. Patrick's for a number of years her children attended St Patrick's Primary; Nagle and Patrician Brothers high school. Lois worked for a number of years for the St Vincent de Paul Society and distributed the Eucharist to a number of elderly and disabled Parishioners. Lois passed away on New Year's Eve. May she rest in peace.

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 on Saturday 5 March 2022. For more information please logon to our website:

<https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/#baptism>

We welcome the newly Baptised to our parish community:
Raya Ocampo, Billie Rewi, Genesis Nabunat & William Sutton

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 or after office hours number 02 8705 0830.



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.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2022



The sacramental program dates and online registration forms for 2022 are available on our parish website

<https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/>

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 **Mobile:** 0422 724 008

Sacramental process registration closure dates:

Reconciliation process for Year 4 - 6: **20th February 2022.**
Reconciliation process for Year 3 - 6: **18th September 2022.**
First Eucharist Process: **2nd May 2022.**
Confirmation Process: **26th June 2022.**
High School Process: **3rd April 2022.**



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

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS CORNER

MQOF YOUTH MINISTRY



YOUTH GROUPS



Children's Liturgy

Primary (Ages 5-11)
Sunday: 9:30am & 10am
Commencing **February**

MQOF Youth

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

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

Young Adults

Young Adults Group
COMING SOON
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 MQOFYOUTH@GMAIL.COM OR ON 9622 1125.

HAPPY 2022 MQOF YOUTH!



Last Sunday 6th February the youth of our parish gathered in the Cardinal Clancy room for it's first youth event for 2022. It was amazing to see so many young people join us for our first youth group night. May God continue to guide and bless this amazing group of people as we all journey closer towards Christ.

SAVE THE DATES



Youth Stations of the Cross
Friday 8th April 2022

The Way of the Cross
Friday 15th April 2022

Treetops Adventure (High Ropes)
Saturday 23rd April 2022

Pilgrimage to St. Mary MacKillop
Saturday 9th July 2022



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MQOF Youth

Young people of the Diocese – 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP COURSE

A new pathway for leadership in youth ministry is here! Duc In Altum is an initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta designed to provide practical youth ministry training, build a community between youth leaders across the Diocese, and offer intentional time for prayer and reflection.

For more information and details to sign up visit parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/ or email qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PARISH BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Our parish Bible study has resumed via ZOOM on Thursdays at 7.30pm.



Those who regularly attend these sessions may use the same log on details to participate. For those who wish to participate and are new to the group, to join we ask that you contact the parish office to obtain the log on details.

NAGLE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY



NAGLE COLLEGE OPEN DAY 1 March 2022
3.30pm - 7.30pm

Year 7, 2023 prospective parents and students are warmly invited to attend a tour of the College. Enrolment packages available on the day.

More information please contact the College on 88874500 or visit our website. [Nagle College Blacktown](http://naglecollegeblacktown.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au) (nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au)

PARISH SEEKING A DONATION



The parish is seeking for a donation of a pool table for the parish garage. You may know someone who is giving one a way.

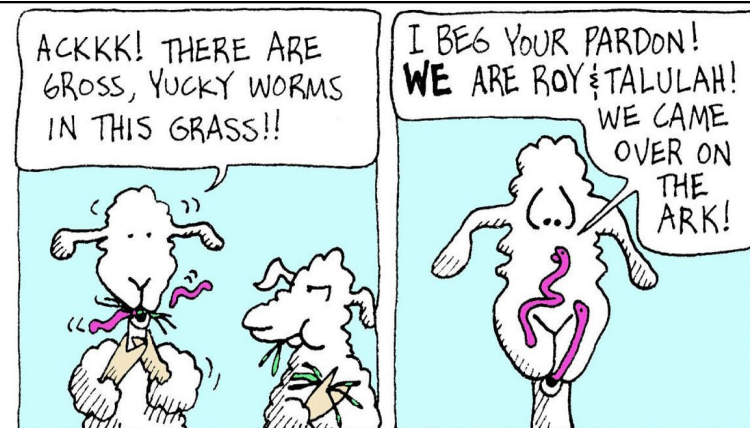
This pool table will be used for the men's groups, Youth & Young Adults and other events. We invite you to contact the parish office if you are available to assist. Thank you in advance!

CATHECHIST UPDATE

REPORT OF MQOF CATHECHIST MEETING

A well-attended meeting took place in the Cardinal Clancy room on the morning of the 10th February. Those present committed to bringing the Good News to the young people in our State Schools in 2022. We look after seven schools and there are approximately 800 students who attend classes. Senior Students from Patrician Brothers are part of the team. We are always looking to engage parishioners who are prepared to teach for half an hour per week. Kindly contact Sandra Baker, the volunteer co-ordinator, via the Parish Office telephone 96221125.

THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.”

Sheepish Questions:

Who have I ignored or disdained lately? What is the root cause of my attitude and how can I change it?

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 – 6 is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. The Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) will nurture students, who undertake the program, to be a light in the world, inspired by the spirit of Blessed Frederic Ozanam and Gospel values. For more information please visit <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>



This is the link to the Vinnies Metropolitan Schools and Youth Term 1 2022 Newsletter: <https://bit.ly/Term1-2022-Vinnies-Metro-News>

CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE



- Day to day living
- Clinical services
- Health and Wellness
- Connecting with others
- Residential Aged Care
- Respite care
- Downsizing or hoarding

Are you or a loved one in
need of extra support?

Call now 1300 883 261 for a chat
with our friendly team.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

POSITIONS VACANT

- Project Officer – Parramatta Young Christian Workers
- Graduate Accountant – Diocesan Development Fund, Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment



PASTORAL FORMATION

Offering leadership and formation courses in 2022

In 2022, we can still deepen our community connections and growth in faith!



To encourage this, Pastoral Formation – Diocese of Parramatta has two programs FOR YOU – all offered in a COVID-safe manner.

- 1) Ministry Leadership Program: Perfect for current and aspiring ministry leaders. 10 or 20 sessions (\$10/session).
- 2) Themes of Faith Program: Ideal for people interested in asking life & faith questions in discussion groups. 10 sessions (\$5/session).

See our website pfparra.org.au or email met@parracatholic.org for more details.

SYNOD 2023: SHARING RESPONSIBILITY

Our Church is all about participation and shared responsibility. How well do we balance authority with teamwork and responsibility? How do we encourage lay participation, involvement and leadership? Have a prayerful conversation with your family, friends or colleagues, and tell Bishop Vincent and Pope Francis what you find! Online submissions close February 26. Find out more at bit.ly/synod2023. Call Wendy on 0427 863 149 or email MET@parracatholic.org if you need assistance.



MASS FOR NIGERIAN COMMUNITY

The Nigerian Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every second and fourth Sundays of the month at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. For more information, please contact community chaplain Fr Chinonye Akamadu on 0451 174 438 or chuk.akamadu@parracatholic.org or Stella Nwosu on 0405 478 472.

HOLY WEEK FORMATION ~ MINISTER AT THE ALTAR

The Office For Worship is conducting a seminar for Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar on Saturday 26 February from 9:30 am to 3pm at the Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM), Blacktown. The workshop will be an opportunity to refine one's skills in their ministry with a special focus on Holy Week celebrations. If you are interested or would like to RSVP, please contact the Office For Worship at anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or (02) 8838 3456.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally in Parishes and/or Deaneries and explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness". Stay tuned for exciting opportunities to participate with the Diocese of Parramatta.

CARITAS ~ PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Australia's Lenten Project Compassion campaign will start on Project Compassion Sunday (27 February) and lead us all the way towards Easter. This year's theme For All Future Generations comes from the biblical story of the great flood (Genesis 9:12-15). It reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Find out more at caritas.org.au/project-compassion.

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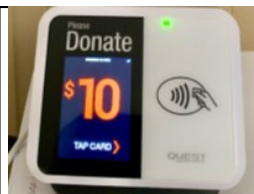
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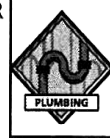
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