



# 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*

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C.

20TH 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.

## Love Your Enemies

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' Sermon on the Plain about the four beatitudes of happiness (blessedness) and the four curses (woes). In his teaching, Jesus describes our enemies as those who see us when we are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, driven out, abused, and denounced as criminals on his account. We are to love such people.

In Sunday's Liturgy, Jesus continues to present to us one of the most basic qualities that Christians should demonstrate if we are truly to be his disciples, we must love our enemies.

The message of the readings for this Sunday's Mass is all about something that we need to do for ourselves when we are annoyed and mistreated. The Gospel's passage contains five commands of Jesus: love, forgive, do good, bless, and pray. Jesus' words are challenging to all humanity. These words are the way of life Jesus expects for his disciples. This is to distinguish the specific kind of love that the Christian followers have towards the enemy. The enemy is someone who injures, hates, or rejects the Christians, small or big – could be in the family, Church, community, society, or workplace. This is a difficult thing to do in our natural human life. But Jesus expects us to rise above our good human conscience and imitate the goodness and generosity of God. God has loved and shown mercy to His enemies, because He created us from His own image and likeness.

Jesus has shown us his love in his passion, forgiving his enemies as they made him carry his cross, stripped him of his cloak and tunic, curse him and struck him on the cheek, condemned him to death on the cross. Jesus forgives his enemies. He tells us that without love his mission would not go ahead to all people. Jesus asks us to follow his example and the example of the heavenly Father has given him.

Therefore, the message we need to take from the readings in this Sunday's Mass is that Jesus is teaching and challenging us to accept and endure unjust suffering for his sake and for the sake of his Gospel. We can ask these questions: Do I have anyone in my life I call an enemy? Is there anyone who hates, curses, mistreats me? Does their behaviour of controlling our feelings and thoughts hurt us? The cycle of hurt goes on and on. It becomes difficult to forgive. But Jesus is telling us only his cross will give us courage to return good for evil. Today, Jesus asks us to follow his way of prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit to give us the strength to forgive. 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](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au) **Email:** [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)

#### Parish Team:

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Regie Lavilla, MSP.

**Assistant Priest:** 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

**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)

**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 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:

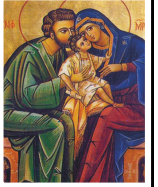
Opal Nursing Home ( 37 Kildare Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148 ) P : 9852 9600

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



# 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



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PARRAMATTA

Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia  
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18 February 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update**

The NSW Government has announced the following changes with regards to restrictions.

From Friday 18 February 2022, the following will apply:

**1. COVID-19 Safe Check-in and Record Keeping**

Check-in using the NSW QR Code and record keeping for attendees is no longer required for places of worship.

**2. Singing**

Both the choir and congregation are able to sing at religious services at our churches.

From Friday 25 February 2022:

**3. Masks**

As of Friday, 25 February 2022, masks will no longer be mandatory for places of worship. However, masks are still strongly encouraged where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others.

As previously communicated, density limits were no longer applicable for our churches since December 2021. There is no change to this directive from the NSW government.

Yours in Christ,

Very Rev Peter G. Williams AM  
Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia

## THE LITURGY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**FIRST READING: 1 SM 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. V. 8**

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

**SECOND READING: 1 COR 15:45-49**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 13:34**

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: Lk 6:27-38**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 9:2-3**

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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## DAILY READINGS

**Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb:** Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29.

**Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19.

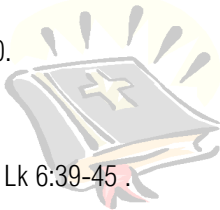
**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40.

**Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50.

**Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Jas 5:9-12, 26; Mk 10:1-12.

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16.

**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45.



## 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**

**654** The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life. This new life is above all justification that reinstates us in God's grace, "so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Justification consists in both victory over the death caused by sin and a new participation in grace.<sup>526</sup> It brings about filial adoption so that men become Christ's brethren, as Jesus himself called his disciples after his Resurrection: "Go and tell my brethren."<sup>527</sup> We are brethren not by nature, but by the gift of grace, because that adoptive filiation gains us a real share in the life of the only Son, which was fully revealed in his Resurrection.

**655** Finally, Christ's Resurrection - and the risen Christ himself is the principle and source of our future resurrection: "Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. . . For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."<sup>528</sup> The risen Christ lives in the hearts of his faithful while they await that fulfillment. In Christ, Christians "have tasted. . . the powers of the age to come"<sup>529</sup> and their lives are swept up by Christ into the heart of divine life, so that they may "live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised."<sup>530</sup>

## FEAST DAYS

**Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb:** SAINT PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb:** THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** SAINT POLYCARP, BISHOP AND MARTYR

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb:** SATURDAY MASS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Millar

### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Lilia Monzon, Lenida Monzon Chumacera,  
Juliet Anthony,

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Stanko Radacic, Ronald & Aravindha

### 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.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral of the late Margaret Millar will be held at St Michael's Church on Tuesday, 1 March 2022, at 11.00am. Margaret was a long-time parishioner of St Patrick's in the 1960s and, when St Michael's was established, she was a faithful churchgoer here. Margaret spent over 30 years as a catechist. She was also a member of several choirs both at St Patrick's many years ago and then at St Michael's. Her retirement took her to the Central Coast in 2014 but her heart and loyalty were always with St Michael's. May eternal rest and peace be always with Margaret's soul.



## 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:  
Aliyah Weston; Sienna Lobo; Allegra Ramos & Cali Gutierrez

## SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2022



The sacramental program dates and online registration forms for 2022 are available on our parish website <https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/>

### 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.**

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 Mobile: 0422 724 008



## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:Blake@mqofblacktown.org.au)  
Meeting Time and Venue: Every Sunday from 4pm & 6:30pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church.

# 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)

# YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS CORNER

## CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA (CYP)

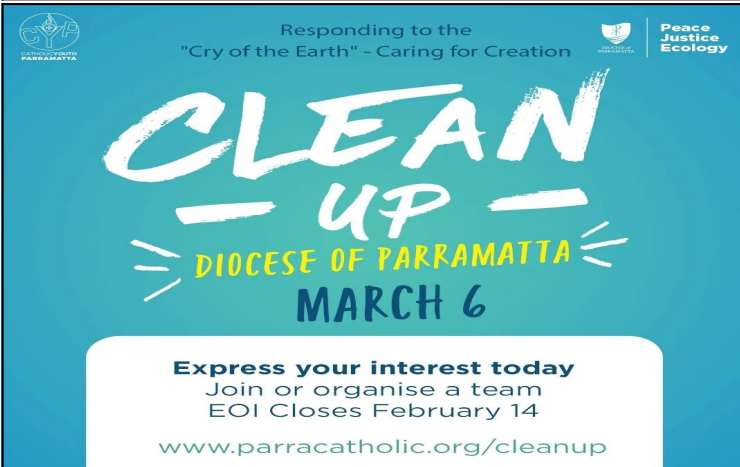


**Lifted LIVE** meets **THE FAITH FEED**

THURSDAY  
24 FEBRUARY 2022  
7:30PM - 9:30PM  
WEST HQ ROOTY HILL

RSVP: [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

Catholic Youth Parramatta is hosting a LIFTED Live x The Faith Feed event on Thursday 24th February 2022 at West HQ, Rooty Hill. This collaboration hopes to bridge the gap between youth and young adults in ministry. There will be live music, special guests and prayer groups. If you're interested in attending, join MQOF Youth and contact Blake, our Youth Minister.



Responding to the "Cry of the Earth" - Caring for Creation

**CLEAN UP**  
DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA  
MARCH 6

Express your interest today  
Join or organise a team  
EOI Closes February 14

[www.parracatholic.org/cleanup](http://www.parracatholic.org/cleanup)

MQOF Youth will be participating in 'Clean up Diocese of Parramatta' on Sunday 6th March 2022. Join the youth team as they clean Fitzsimmons Walkway (outside St. Patrick's Church) from 12:30pm – 2pm. This is open to all children/ youth and families. For more information or to register your interest, contact Youth minister Blake. [Youth@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:Youth@mqofblacktown.org.au)

## 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

@mqofyouth @mqof\_youth MQOF Youth

For all Children/ Youth and Young Adults of the Parish, be sure to keep the following dates free and register your interest by contacting the MQOF Youth Team on social media or [Youth@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:Youth@mqofblacktown.org.au)

## 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!



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

# 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 \(nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au\)](http://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!

## ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY



### St Patrick's Primary School Blacktown



**Looking to Enrol for Kindergarten 2023?**

**2023 Enrolments Now Open! Don't Miss Out!**

**Contact us!**  
**02 8869 6000**

Email: [stpatsblacktown@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stpatsblacktown@parra.catholic.edu.au)  
Website: [www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au/](http://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au/)

Is your child ready to start Kindy?  
Join us for a Kindy Open Day!



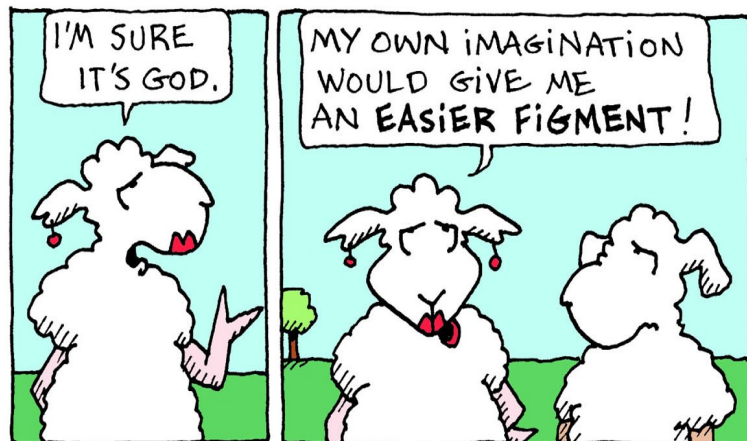
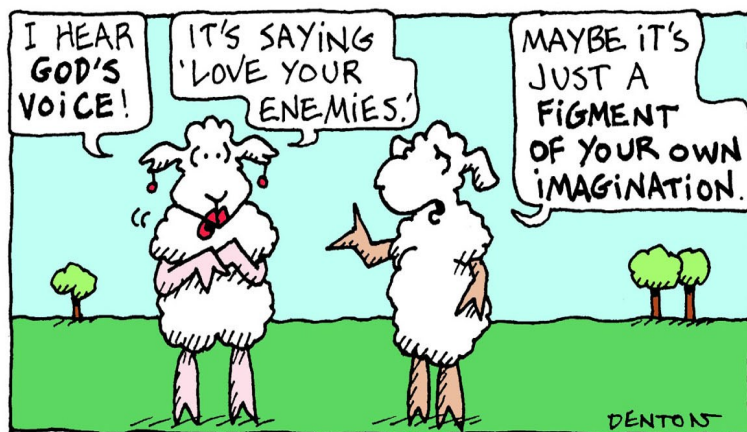
**Open Days**  
15th March 10am  
29th March 10am  
&  
5th May 10am

### Enrolment Packs Available Now!

Please call our school office to organise your enrolment pack or download an enrolment form from our school website.  
[www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au)



## THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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“Love your enemies and do good to them ... be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

### Sheepish Question:

Why is it so hard to love my enemies? How must I pray about this?

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### A LENT AND EASTER OCTAVE RESOURCE

Available now, from the piety store is a Lent and Easter Octave resource for individuals and groups. Written for busy individuals but easily adapted for groups, each day includes a scripture reading and a reflection upon it, some questions to aid prayer and discussion, and relevant quotes from Pope Francis.



The **Spirit and the Cross** will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter.

The daily reflections will invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. This reflection will be followed by a quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer.

The daily reflections will only require a few minutes for a person to read, reflect and pray. This Lenten practice will lead the reader into a deeper reflection on their daily life. As they 'look to Jesus' – in their families, workplaces and the community – they will walk as 'missionary disciples' on the path to Easter, and beyond.

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### ASH WEDNESDAY

This year Ash Wednesday is on the 2nd of March 2022. The Mass times are as follows:

9.00am ~ St. Patrick's Church

7.30pm ~ St. Michael's Church

Please note opportunity reconciliation will occur from 6.30pm at St. Michael's Church.



### 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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion).

### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Setting up a one-time or recurring donation/Planned Giving is quick and easy. Just go to: [www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations). You can also send your offerings/donations thru bank transfer:

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If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Sarah at [accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au).

Thank you so much for your continued support of our parish.  
We are grateful!

### ACOLYTES NEEDED FOR WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Patrick's Church is in need of Acolytes to assist in serving the Weekday Masses. Currently, we have two Acolytes who generously give their time to serve during the week. If you are able to offer your time and service for one of the Masses (Monday – Friday) at 9am, please contact Blake at [Liturgyteam@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:Liturgyteam@mqofblacktown.org.au)

### MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

The parish is in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to visit sick and elderly parishioners around the Blacktown area, many of which are in nursing homes or hospitals. If you are able to offer yourself in this deeply rewarding ministry of taking Christ to the sick and homebound, please contact Blake at [Liturgyteam@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:Liturgyteam@mqofblacktown.org.au) or call the parish office.

### A GENTLE REMINDER

The Clergy Team reminds everyone that only ordained Clergy are permitted to give blessings, especially within the context of the Holy Mass. Should you present yourself to an Acolyte (dressed in an Alb only) or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, they are unable to bless you during communion. If you would like to receive a blessing, please only present yourself to either the Priest or Deacon. Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers are instructed to say: **"Receive Jesus in your heart"** only.

### SEEKING KEY HOLDERS

We are asking those individuals or ministry groups who have keys to the different storage cabinets in the Cardinal Clancy to advise the parish office ASAP, as there will be some renovations done. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter as we would like to organise the work to be done in the near future.

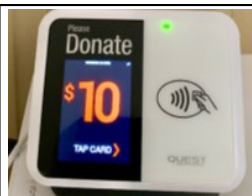
### POSITIONS VACANT

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

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)



### TAP & GO MACHINE



The passing of collection plates by parishioners along the pews is now a thing of the past as most dioceses and churches have already decided to stop using it to help stop the spread of the virus.

The machine is set at \$10, to donate more than \$10 simply tap your credit card as many times as you like. It also accepts Apple Pay, Google Pay and Pay Wave. All contributions go to the maintenance and development of the Parish as does the second collection at weekend Masses.

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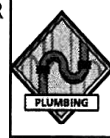
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