



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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C.

27TH 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.

Humility and Spiritual Insight

As a good teacher, Jesus often uses parables to evoke deep reflection and realization from his listeners. Parables are not just those stories of Jesus like the prodigal son, or the weeds and the wheat, etc. They also come in the form of riddles and questions. In this Sunday's gospel account (Luke 6:39-45), Jesus asks, "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not fall into the pit?" "Why do you see the speck in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"

The kind of blindness that Jesus was referring to is not from natural sight or physical blindness but a spiritual one. He's talking about people who are blind to their own sinfulness, to their weaknesses and faults. Why is it important to come to our senses to this truth of our existence? We can see in the lives of the saints the depth of their own humility before God, not because they have bad self-esteem, rather their self-knowledge is greater than those who are full of themselves, their ego and pride. "They can clearly see the holiness of God and the greater the light of the holiness of God becomes, the more they become aware of their own sinfulness. They're not exaggerating. They're speaking the truth but from a vantage point that most of us can't see, because most of us are blind to our own sinfulness and our own faults. So, what Jesus' first thing out here is, everyone knows that if a blind person wants to reach a destination, he doesn't ask another blind person to lead him there because they'll both end up falling into a pit. The imagery here is that he's trying to call to mind (kind of make us aware of) the reality of our own spiritual blindness (Brant Pitre).

Likewise, Jesus teaches us to try first to take the log from our own eye, correcting ourselves of our faults, fighting against hypocrisy, not going around judging and condemning others. This is humility and true spiritual insight, the beginning of our spiritual journey, the journey of our salvation in Christ who comes to redeem and save us. This is also the path to grow in virtues which is needed if we would like to become fruitful in our spiritual lives. Jesus says, "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit."

May we all strive to grow in holiness.

Fr. Regie Lavilla.

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) & 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

THE LITURGY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

ENTERANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 17:19-20

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

FIRST READING: SIR 27:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 91:2-3. 13-16. R. SEE V.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING: 1 COR 15:54-58

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 12:6

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday, 28th Feb: 1 Pt 1:3-9 ; Mk 10:17-27 .
Tuesday, 1st Mar: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31.
Wednesday, 2nd Mar: Jl 2:12-18 ; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6. 16-18.
Thursday, 3rd Mar: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25.
Friday, 4th Mar: Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15.
Saturday, 5th Mar: Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32.
Sunday, 6th Mar: Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13 ; Lk 4:1-13.

FEAST DAYS

Wednesday, 2nd Mar: ASH WEDNESDAY

Friday, 3rd Mar: SAINT CASIMIR.

Please Note: As this Memorial of Saint Casimir is within Lent, this Mass of the Saint would not normally be celebrated unless the saint is of a higher status (Patron of Country, Diocese or Organisation).



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fast and Abstinence

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday Catholics are obliged to fast and abstain (see below the Code of Canon Law, canons 1250-1253). We are to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel.

Abstinence means that no meat is eaten on those days for those who are age 14 and above. Everyone of age 18 to 59 must fast, unless exempt due to usually a medical reason. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

To fast means eating one main meal and eating a smaller amount of food at other the times of the day. When fasting, snacking is not permitted. As a way of keeping the memory of the death of the Lord on Good Friday alive in our spiritual life, Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence; the Church also teaches that all Fridays are days of penance, and abstinence is the preferred form of penance.

Meat is the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

The Code of Canon Law says the following on the observance of fast and abstinence:

Canon 1250 All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church.

Canon 1251 Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Canon 1252 All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

Canon 1253 It is for the conference of bishops to determine more precisely the observance of fast and abstinence and to substitute in whole or in part for fast and abstinence other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Vince Bartolo; Fely Relasyon; Sanga Gumaa, Conrado Herrera, Christina Costales, Joseph Dias, Shirley & Steven Cryer.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Maria Bugeja; Romanos Zouki, Felix Canete, Sr

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Frank Vella, Lucky Vella, Teresa & Family.

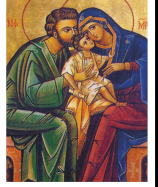
SICK

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.

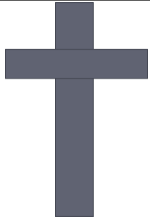


Welcome to the Family...

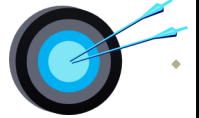


We are a welcoming parish... you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of Mary, Queen of the Family. If you are not an active member of this Community, consider partaking in what we have to offer. We serve the Community through outreach, education, social activities, 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*

MARY QUEEN OF THE FAMILY ~ PARISH MISSION



- Grow as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ
- Deepen our understanding of the Sacred Tradition & Scriptures of the Catholic Church
- Strive to live as a faithful & committed Catholic community
- Evangelise and respond to the needs of the family in the Blacktown community and beyond



OBJECTIVES TO MEET OUR MISSION AT MARY QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH



WORSHIP

Practice the right forms of Worship

Worship → Come to know Christ → He will reveal your identity to you



WORD

Increase the Biblical literacy in the Parish

God's Story of Salvation → We come to know our Role in the story



WALL

Building our community - form our consciences through Catechesis – protecting our core.
We want to protect what we have been given - together

IMPORTANT COVID~19 ALERTS

The NSW Government has announced the following changes with regards to restrictions. From Friday, 25th of 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.
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.**
4. **SOCIAL DISTANCING** - As previously communicated, density limits were no longer applicable for our churches and other buildings within the Parish. **HOWEVER OUR SAFETY PLAN STILL RECOMMENDS SOCIAL DISTANCING WHERE POSSIBLE.**
5. **NOT FEELING WELL** - Please do not attend, stay home if you are unwell or have been in close contact with a COVID Positive person.

GET VACCINATED FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

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>

With joyful hearts, we welcome our newly Baptised to our parish community:
ALESSIO AVALLONE, GRACE GOODWIN & AXEL JOHNS.

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 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

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
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 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.

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

CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA (CYP)



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



Peace Justice Ecology

CLEAN UP

DIocese of Parramatta
MARCH 6

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

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 Fitzimmons 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

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

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

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 OR ON 9622 1125.

THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Remove the wooden beam from your eye first, then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye."

Sheepish Question:

Okay, what IS this log in my eye and how does it weaken my relationships?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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://NagleCollegeBlacktown.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au)

PATRICIAN BROTHERS ~ OPEN DAY



COLLEGE OPEN EVENING



WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 4.00PM - 8.00PM
MONDAY 7TH MARCH 4.00PM - 8.00PM

Online Bookings Essential



[HTTPS://WWW.SCHOOLINTERVIEWS.COM.AU/CODE/DK3EZ](https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/dk3ez)

Enquiries to College Office on 8811 0300

100 FLUSHCOMBE ROAD, BLACKTOWN

ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ~ OPEN DAY



St Patrick's Primary School Blacktown



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

Looking to Enrol for Kindergarten 2023?
Contact Us! 02 8869 6000

ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ~ OPEN DAY



ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SOUTH TOUR OF SCHOOL

Looking to enrol your child for Kindergarten in 2023?

Is your child ready to start Kindy? Come join us for a School Tour at St Michael's Blacktown South, Primary School

Contact us!
02 8869 6200

StMichaelsBlktn@parra.catholic.edu.au



Tour Days:
11th March 4pm
30th April 10am
24th June 4pm



Please call our school office to organise an enrolment package or download it from our school website:

<https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au/>

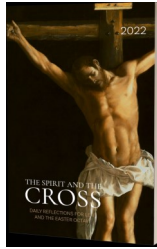


PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

A LENT AND EASTER OCTAVE RESOURCE

Available now, from the piety store. 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.



Available at the piety store for \$5.50 each.

PALMS WANTED!

On Monday, we will be burning palms from last year for use on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March. If you have palms from Palm Sunday last year, please put them in the containers in the foyers of the Church. Also - if you have Palm Trees that you are considering trimming in the next couple of weeks and are willing to donate to the parish, please contact the parish team as they will be used to make palm crosses or to decorate our Churches for Palm Sunday. If you are able to donate palms, please call the Parish Office on 9622 1125 to leave your details. Thank you!

CARITAS ~ PROJECT COMPASSION



Project Compassion Sunday 26 & 27 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.

As St Pope John Paul II said,
"The future starts today, not tomorrow."

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



LENT AT MQOF BLACKTOWN

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH: 9AM
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH: 7:30PM

HOLY HOUR

WEDNESDAY - ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH: 6:30 - 7:30PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH: 6:30 - 7:15PM

1ST RITE OF RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY - ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH: 6:30 - 7:15PM
FRIDAY - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH: 6:30 - 7:15PM
SATURDAY - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH: 9:30 - 10:30AM

IMPORTANT NOTE:

There will be NO HOLY hour on Ash Wednesday at St. Michael's Church, although reconciliation will be available from 6.30pm.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

The Bible study group will resume meeting face to face at the Sid Moseley Centre at St Michaels church from 7.30pm - 9.00 pm starting Thursday 3rd March. This will no longer take place via ZOOM. All are welcome to attend.

BABY NEWS!



On behalf of our parish community we would like to congratulate Ged our parish sacramental coordinator / parish secretary, his wife Samantha and the rest of their family on the arrival of their fourth child, Ethan Xavier Oblea. Born on Tuesday 22nd February 2022, 3.55kgs and 52cm in height. Samantha and baby Ethan are both doing well.

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. You can also send your offerings/donations thru bank transfer:

FIRST COLLECTION: For the Diocesan Clergy

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Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 4265
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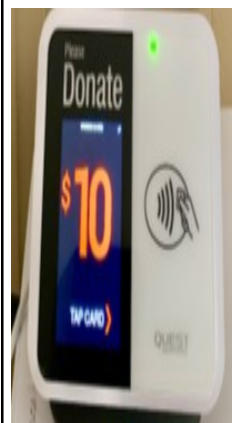
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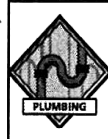
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