



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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C.

6TH 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.



Sunday Connection

Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter. Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

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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 Bungaribee 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 and in 2022 for January 1st, 2nd, 7th 9th, 16th & 23rd.

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

ENTERANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: IS 6:1-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 137:1-5. 7-8. R. V.1

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 COR 15:1-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday, 7th Feb: 1 Kgs 8:1-7. 9-13; Mk 6:53-56.
Tuesday, 8th Feb: 1 Kgs 8:22-23. 27-30 ; Mk 7:1-13.
Wednesday, 9th Feb: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23.
Thursday, 10th Feb: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30.
Friday, 11th Feb: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 ; Mk 7:31-37.
Saturday, 12th Feb: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10.
Sunday, 13th 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

II. THE RESURRECTION - A WORK OF THE HOLY TRINITY

648 Christ's Resurrection is an object of faith in that it is a transcendent intervention of God himself in creation and history. In it the three divine persons act together as one, and manifest their own proper characteristics. the Father's power "raised up" Christ his Son and by doing so perfectly introduced his Son's humanity, including his body, into the Trinity. Jesus is conclusively revealed as "Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his Resurrection from the dead".⁵¹⁴ St. Paul insists on the manifestation of God's power⁵¹⁵ through the working of the Spirit who gave life to Jesus' dead humanity and called it to the glorious state of Lordship.

649 As for the Son, he effects his own Resurrection by virtue of his divine power. Jesus announces that the Son of man will have to suffer much, die, and then rise.⁵¹⁶ Elsewhere he affirms explicitly: "I lay down my life, that I may take it again. . . I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again."⁵¹⁷ "We believe that Jesus died and rose again."⁵¹⁸

650 The Fathers contemplate the Resurrection from the perspective of the divine person of Christ who remained united to his soul and body, even when these were separated from each other by death: "By the unity of the divine nature, which remains present in each of the two components of man, these are reunited. For as death is produced by the separation of the human components, so Resurrection is achieved by the union of the two."⁵¹⁹

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday, 8th Feb: SAINT JEROME EMILIANI & SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN

Thursday, 10th Feb: SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN.

Friday, 11th Feb: OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Saturday, 12th Feb: SATURDAY MASS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Arturo Fernandez

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Bro. Joseph Byrne; Nicholas Apap; George Lobo; Antony Abdallah; Angelina Abdallah; Sienna Abdallah; Veronique Sakr, Betty Collins, Maria Aquilina

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Lucky Vella

IN MEMORIAM

Maria Aquilina; Robert Vesey

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.

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>

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2022



The sacramental program dates and online registration forms for 2022 will be available on our parish website from 7.00pm on Sunday 6th February 2022.

<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

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

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.

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

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

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.

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

World Meeting of Families: 22 – 26 June 2022

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 in 2022.

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.

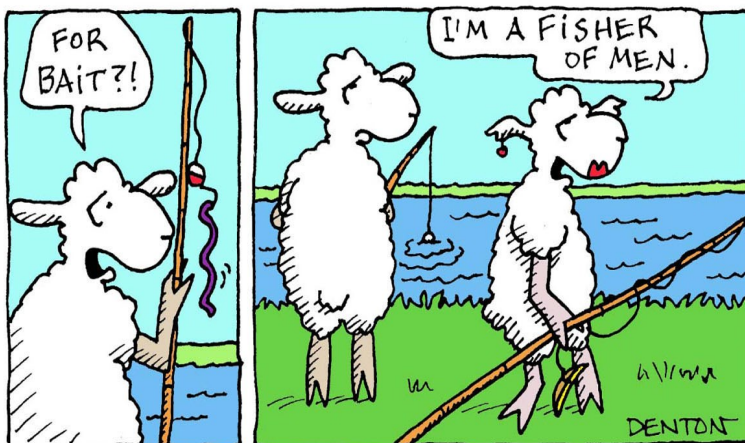
PARISH SEEKING A DONATION



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!

THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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“Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.”

Sheepish Question:

Whom do I know that may need me to help bring them to God?

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 6, 2022



The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK



FEBRUARY 11:00 AM

World Day of the Sick

MASS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES WITH THE RITE OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK
St. Patrick's Catholic Church,
RSVP anne.stanton@parracatholic.org
02 8838 3456

Dear friends. Please be aware that due to the coronavirus, the World Day of the Sick Mass that was scheduled for 11 February 2022 at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown has now been cancelled. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact comms@parracatholic.org or (02) 8838 3400.

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



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.



****POSTPONED****

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA FEAST DAY MASS

Dear friends. Unfortunately, due to concerns around the current strain of COVID-19, the Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan and of the Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, on Tuesday 8 February 2022 has been postponed. Information on a rescheduled date will be sent in due course.

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.

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

Account Name: Diocesan Clergy
Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 4265
Reference: 6004 - Donor's Name

SECOND COLLECTION: For the Parish

Account Name: Blacktown Catholic Church
Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 0677
Reference: 6004 ~ Donor's name

If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Sarah at accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au.

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



LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

Parramatta Diocese Office for Worship Liturgical Ministry Formation ~ February – May 2022

The Office for Worship is conducting Liturgical Formation Courses at no cost from February 2022. We encourage those wishing to join a Liturgical Ministry to complete these sets of courses. As well, this is a great refresher for experienced ministers. Physical forms can be located at the entrances of the churches.

- Introduction to Liturgical Ministry—Monday 14th February 2022 (Compulsory)
- Ministry of the Word - Monday 21st & 28th February 2022.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion - Monday 14th & 21st March 2022
- Communion to the Sick & Dying - Monday 28th March 2022.
- Ministers at the Altar—Monday 2nd & 9th May 2022.

**Please contact the Parish Office for further details.
Endorsement and Signature of Parish Priest required before submitting application form to the office for worship.**

PASTORAL FORMATION

Offering leadership and formation courses in 2022

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

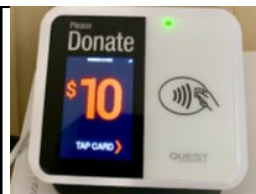


To encourage this, Pastoral Formation – Diocese of Parramatta has two programs FOR YOU – all offered in a COVID-safe manner.

- 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 parracatholic.org.au or email met@parracatholic.org for more details.

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