



Weekly Bulletin

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish

St. Michael's Church - 58 Orwell Street, South Blacktown. & St. Patrick's Church - 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR C.

13TH MARCH 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.

The ancient Roman Empire established colonies in territories it had conquered as a way of maintaining its influence among them. At first these were simple garrisons where war veterans were settled. Later, entire cities of importance were declared Roman cities with its inhabitants enjoying full Roman citizenship. Such Roman citizens, although they never set foot in Rome, enjoyed equal rights and privileges with the citizens of Rome itself. In return they were expected to be subject to Rome and its laws. This way, the Roman way of life spread and permeated the provinces. The city of Philippi was one such Roman city. In fact, more than other Roman cities, the city of Philippi was designed to be a model Roman city, the city that would be an example to other cities of what it means to be Roman.

In today's second reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians, Paul uses this fact of living as Roman citizens in foreign lands, which was familiar to the Philippians, to teach them what it means to be a Christian in the world. Paul tells them that "Our citizenship is in heaven". By this Paul means that just as the Philippians were expected to live as Roman citizens in their native land of Macedonia, so are Christians expected to live as citizens of heaven in the various countries to which they belong.

What do we mean when we say that we are citizens of heaven? It means a lot. First it means that we see ourselves as citizens of heaven, subject to the laws of heaven before we see ourselves as citizens of a particular country and subjects of its laws. It means we do not allow the laws of our countries to override the laws of God. It means that we appreciate the unity of all Christians without borders. Just as the Roman citizens in Philippi were regarded as one with those in Rome, so should we all citizens of heaven live in unity and communion with one another. In the Middle Ages, the Christian church split virtually along national lines. As a result, some Christians began to see themselves more as citizens of certain national churches than as common citizens of heaven. When we begin again to see ourselves and other Christians as equal citizens of heaven, then we shall begin to overcome the scandal of the disunity of Christians.

To live as citizens of heaven means to reject the standards of success of the world around us. The worldly standard of success can be summarized in four words: fortune, fame, power, and pleasure. This is very different from the standard of success in the kingdom of heaven, which can be summarized as "no cross, no crown." The two standards are so opposed to each other that Paul describes those who live by the world's standards as "enemies of the cross of Christ ... whose minds are set on earthly things, whose god is the belly, whose glory is in their shame; and whose end is destruction". This is not the way you and I want to go. So let us pray for a complete change of heart this Lenten season, so that we may turn our back to the ways of the world and walk in the way that leads to heaven, our eternal home.

Have a 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) & 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

THE LITURGY SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

ENTERANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING: GEN 15:5-12. 17-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. V.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING: PHIL 3:17 – 4:1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Lk 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him.



As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday, 14th Mar: Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38.

Tuesday, 15th Mar: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12.

Wednesday, 16th Mar: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28.

Thursday, 17th Mar: Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20.

Friday, 18th Mar: Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46.

Saturday, 19th Mar: 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24.

Sunday, 20th Mar: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART ONE THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION TWO THE PROFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

CHAPTER TWO I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD

ARTICLE 3 "HE WAS CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY"

Paragraph 3. The Mysteries of Christ's Life

A foretaste of the Kingdom: the Transfiguration

554 From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things. . . and be killed, and on the third day be raised."²⁹⁰ Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he.²⁹¹ In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain,²⁹² before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem".²⁹³ A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"²⁹⁴

555 For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to "enter into his glory".²⁹⁵ Moses and Elijah had seen God's glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah's sufferings.²⁹⁶ Christ's Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God's servant;²⁹⁷ the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit. "The whole Trinity appeared: the Father in the voice; the Son in the man; the Spirit in the shining cloud."²⁹⁸ You were transfigured on the mountain, and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory, O Christ our God, so that when they should see you crucified they would understand that your Passion was voluntary, and proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendor of the Father.²⁹⁹

556 On the threshold of the public life: the baptism; on the threshold of the Passover: the Transfiguration. Jesus' baptism proclaimed "the mystery of the first regeneration", namely, our Baptism; the Transfiguration "is the sacrament of the second regeneration": our own Resurrection.³⁰⁰ From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ. The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body."³⁰¹ But it also recalls that "it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God".³⁰² Peter did not yet understand this when he wanted to remain with Christ on the mountain. It has been reserved for you, Peter, but for after death. For now, Jesus says: "Go down to toil on earth, to serve on earth, to be scorned and crucified on earth. Life goes down to be killed; Bread goes down to suffer hunger; the Way goes down to be exhausted on his journey; the Spring goes down to suffer thirst; and you refuse to suffer?"³⁰³

FEAST DAYS

Thursday, 17th Mar: *SAINT Patrick, Bishop*

Saturday, 19th Mar: *SAINT Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sister Florina Melinz, Tony Tanti

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Nieves Dela Pena, Jess Calvo, Ruel Villamor,
Victoriana Asonbrado Kibir

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Joe Aquilina, Alicia Cercado, Davorka

SICK

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



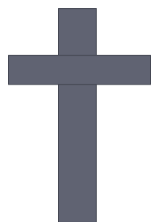
Welcome to the Family...



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



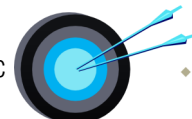
Deepen our understanding of the Sacred Tradition & Scriptures of the Catholic Church



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

FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP

COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES COMMENCING 25 FEBRUARY

The NSW Health has updated the COVID-19 guidelines effective Friday 25 February 2022, as follows:

MASKS - will no longer be mandatory. However, masks are still strongly encouraged where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others.

SINGING - both the choir and congregation can sing.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS - are now permitted.

NSW QR CODE AND RECORD KEEPING - check-in using the NSW QR Code and record keeping for attendees is no longer required.

DENSITY LIMITS - no more density limits.

We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

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:
Philip Plaza, Selwyn Lasalo and Savanah D'Cruz

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 at Sid Mosley Centre St. Michael's Church.

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 Thursday, 5:00pm – 7:00pm 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

MQOF YOUTH MINISTRY



YOUTH GROUPS



Children's Liturgy

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

MQOF Youth

High School (Ages 12-18)
Sunday: 6:30pm - 8pm

Young Adults

Young Adults Group
COMING SOON
Watch this Space!



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@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

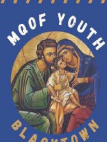
Your talent in music helps transform the Mass into a welcoming and inviting space. If you play an instrument or sing, come and join the Youth Band and use your talents to jam for Jesus.



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.

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

TreeTops Adventure Park

HIGH ROPES

An exhilarating adventure that will test you mentally and physically. With over 100 aerial obstacles to explore per park, you'll move onwards and upwards on a self-guided tour through the Australian bush, whilst tackling activities suspended 2 to 25 metres high!

- ▶ When: Saturday 23rd April
- ▶ Time: 9am-4pm
- ▶ Register your EOI today!

<https://forms.gle/uq6M6XwVirwRPTgcA>

Scan for more information!

MQOF Youth TreeTops Adventure! Join MQOF Youth this school holidays for TreeTops High Ropes course on the 23rd April from 9am - 4pm. Transport, food and the course is included in the price! Register now!! <https://forms.gle/uq6M6XwVirwRPTgcA>

MQOF MAVERICKS



CYPLIFTED SPORTS DAY

JOIN THE TEAM!

TRAINING DAY 1
MARCH 19TH @ 3-5PM
(SOCCER & TOUCH FOOTY)
ST. MICHAEL'S SPORTS FIELD

TRAINING NIGHT 2
MARCH 24TH @ 6-8PM
(VOLLEYBALL & BASKETBALL)
NAGLE COLLEGE HALL

GAME DAY
MARCH 27 @ 10AM - 3PM
PARRAMATA MARIST HIGH SCHOOL



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PARISH LENTEN RECOLLECTION



MARY,
QUEEN
OF THE
FAMILY
PARISH, BLACKTOWN

Parish Lenten Recollection 2022

INVITING ALL PARISHIONERS FOR OUR LENTEN RECOLLECTION

WHAT: THE 7 LAST DAYS OF JESUS BY DR BRANT PITRE

WHERE: ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

WHEN: SATURDAY 2ND APRIL 10AM - 1.30PM

FACILITATED BY RICHARD & MARINA DESA

REGISTER NOW:

[HTTPS://WWW.MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG/PARISHLENTENRECOLLECTION2022](https://www.mqofblacktown.org/parishlentenrecollection2022)



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Join Mary, Queen of the Family Parish for

Holy Week

Holy Thursday - 14th April 2022

Lauds (Morning Prayer) at St. Patrick's Church - 9am
Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Patrick's Church - 7:30pm
Compline (Night Prayer) at St. Patrick's Church - 10pm

Good Friday - 15th April 2022

The Way of the Cross at School Grounds - 10am
Passion of the Lord at St. Michael's Church - 3pm
Passion of the Lord at St. Patrick's Church - 3pm

Holy Saturday - 16th April 2022

Lauds (Morning Prayer) at St. Patrick's Church - 9am
Easter Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Church - 7:30pm

Easter Sunday - 17th April 2022

Holy Mass at St. Patrick's Church - 7am, 10am & 5:30pm
Holy Mass at St. Michael's Church - 8am, 9:30pm & 6pm

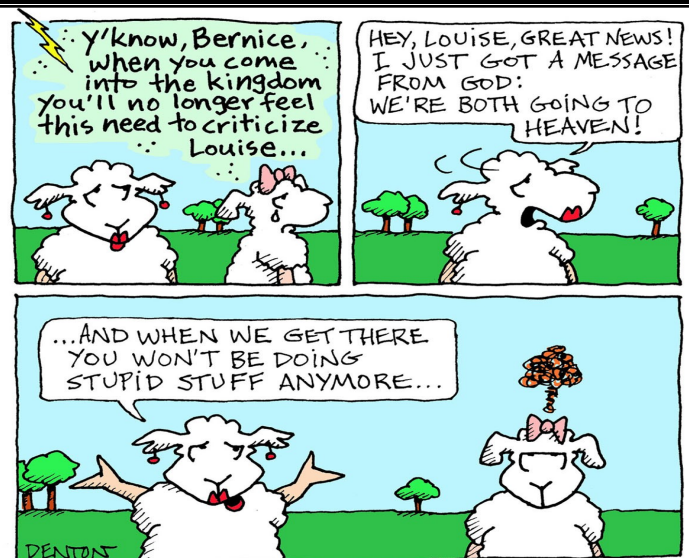
For more information, be sure to check our website or contact the Parish Office
www.mqofblacktown.org.au or (02) 9622 1125

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join us in Praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday this Lent at 6:30pm
on 18, 25 March, 1 April & 8 April 2022

THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Our citizenship is in heaven,
and from it we await a savior."

Sheepish Question:

God has kept his promise, but how am I doing with mine?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

CARITAS ~ PROJECT COMPASSION



Second Sunday of Lent
12 & 13 March



Biru 30, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business.

Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way **For All Future Generations**.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future for all.



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.

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Positions Vacant:

Governance, Risk & Compliance Admin Support Coordinator – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 10pm Wednesday 23 March
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Synod of Bishops Local Submissions close this weekend!

The local consultation period for the global Synod on Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal until Sunday 13 March. Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? Find out more and share your contribution at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Masterclass for Mentor Married Couples: 18 March

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Friday 18 March at 7.30pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Mentoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance or to ask further questions, please email met@parracatholic.org or phone Marisa 0412 280 017.

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!



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Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's Community Drop-In Centres Catholic Care is working hard to reach our neighbours in need and to reduce social isolation and loneliness throughout our community. Will you be a Good Samaritan and help Catholic Care reach our vulnerable neighbours, so they have safe, welcoming places to connect with others and access support?

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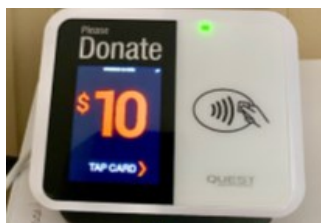
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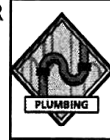
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