



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR C.

20TH 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.

TIME FOR REPENTANCE

Lent is a time for repentance. Jesus teaches us 'Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' The Gospel tells us about the concern of people who died at the hand of evil leaders. The killing of innocent people is happening now. Weapons of mass destruction are being used to kill human beings. We are seeing what is happening in Ukraine, Syria, Ethiopia, South Sudan, and other parts of the world. President Putin of Russia had prepared for years to invade Ukraine, no one was surprised. The powerful countries did little to stop him from killing innocent people.

We read in the first part of the Gospel some people were speaking to Jesus of the slaughter and atrocity carried out by Pilate's soldiers towards innocent Galileans who came to pray and offer sacrifices in the Temple. Difficult to understand, but a cruel sin. When Jesus heard of this, he was troubled, as he knew he would die in Jerusalem. But what did Jesus do? Jesus truly called out, named, and shamed the atrocity carried out by Pilate's soldiers in the name of authority and power. He calls for repentance of the sins committed. The Jewish religious leaders plotted to disgrace and dishonour him for what he preached and taught. His own people handed him to the Roman authority to be executed with worse and brutal atrocity. Jesus knew it was the will of the Father to sacrifice His only Son to die for our sake. He remained faithful and maintained his relationship with the Father.

Let us understand the atrocity that happened during Jesus' time is also happening in our time. The ordinary people of our time are caught up to suffer the consequences of bad government and self-serving leaders. They do not want to confess and repent. The question is, what can we do to make a difference? Let us pray and believe in the power of prayer.

Jesus is telling us not to lose hope, hold on to our faith, and maintain our relationship with God who is powerful than evil. Jesus is asking all people to repent if our words, thoughts, and actions hurt our fellow human beings. Let us believe and trust God who is loving and merciful. 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 **Email:** 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

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 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 Bungaribee Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 8822 2100

Catholic Healthcare St Hedwig Village Blacktown (140 Reservoir Rd, Blacktown 2148) P: 8822 9920

THE LITURGY THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

ENTERANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING: EX 3:1-8. 13-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. V.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING: 1 COR 10:1-6, 10-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Lk 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'



He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt Jn 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life

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DAILY READINGS

Monday, 21st Mar: 2 Kgs 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30.

Tuesday, 22nd Mar: Dn 3:25. 34-43; Mt 18:21-35.

Wednesday, 23rd Mar: Dt 4:1. 5-9; Mt 5:17-19.

Thursday, 24th Mar: Jer 7:23-28 ; Lk 11:14-23

Friday, 25th Mar: Is 7:10-14.8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38.

Saturday, 26th Mar: Hos 5:15 – 6:6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, 27th Mar: Jos 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21 , Lk 15:1-3. 11-32.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART TWO: THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY SECTION TWO THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH CHAPTER TWO THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

1420 Through the sacraments of Christian initiation, man receives the new life of Christ. Now we carry this life "in earthen vessels," and it remains "hidden with Christ in God."¹ We are still in our "earthly tent," subject to suffering, illness, and death.² This new life as a child of God can be weakened and even lost by sin.

1421 The Lord Jesus Christ, physician of our souls and bodies, who forgave the sins of the paralytic and restored him to bodily health,³ has willed that his Church continue, in the power of the Holy Spirit, his work of healing and salvation, even among her own members. This is the purpose of the two sacraments of healing: the sacrament of Penance and the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Article 4

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

1422 "Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labors for their conversion."⁴

I. What is This Sacrament Called?

1423 It is called the sacrament of conversion because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father⁵ from whom one has strayed by sin. It is called the sacrament of Penance, since it consecrates the Christian sinner's personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance, and satisfaction.

1424 It is called the sacrament of confession, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a "confession" - acknowledgment and praise - of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man. It is called the sacrament of forgiveness, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent "pardon and peace."⁶ It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles: "Be reconciled to God."⁷ He who lives by God's merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord's call: "Go; first be reconciled to your brother."⁸

FEAST DAYS



Wednesday, 13th March: SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

Friday, 25th Mar: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

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DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Jenny Mennon

SICK

Joan Clout; Lourdes Domingo, 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.

Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. **Amen**



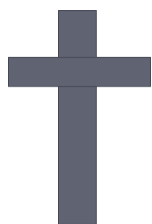
Welcome to the Family...



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



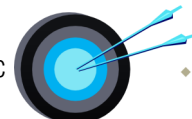
Deepen our understanding of the Sacred Tradition & Scriptures of the Catholic Church



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 2nd April 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:
Evie Camilleri, Valentina Ranoa and Yohan Serrano

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!



@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.

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 EO! 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

CYP LIFTED 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

SCAN TO SIGN UP!

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 Parish Needs YOUR Ministry & Service

Register for Holy Week!

The parish is in need of Liturgical
Ministers to offer their time and
talents for our Holy Week celebrations



Scan the QR code on
the screen to register!



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Love your neighbours as God loves you

And support those who are isolated or have nowhere to turn



“Your compassionate gift will enable Catholic Care to provide welcoming places for everyone in our community to come for support, information, acceptance, or to connect with others and feel loved.”

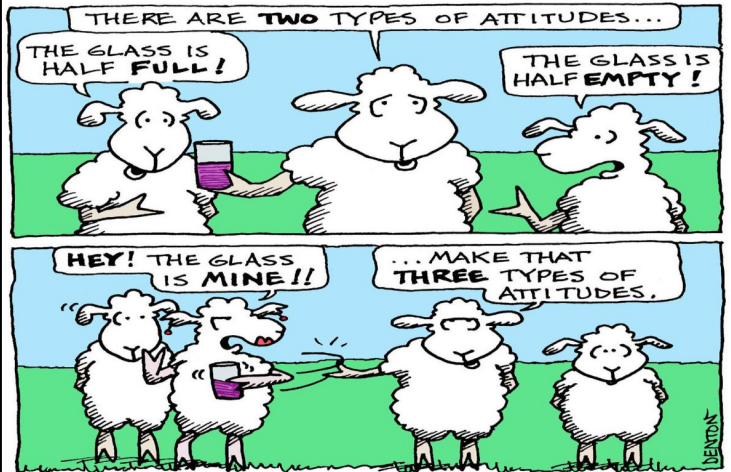
Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta



Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal



THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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“Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’”

Sheepish Question:

How do I experience—and respect—Christ's gift of “living water?”

CARITAS ~ PROJECT COMPASSION



Third Sunday of Lent
19 & 20 March



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilag woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.

With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djalpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

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

Pastoral Formation Facilitator – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 10pm Sunday 10 April 2022.

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

MET Natural Fertility Online Information Session: 22 March

MET Natural Fertility's online information session on Tuesday 22 March at 7.30pm will focus on how couples observe their naturally occurring symptoms of fertility to space their children. Come along to learn about The Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning. To register and receive your Zoom link, contact Catherine on catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605.

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 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

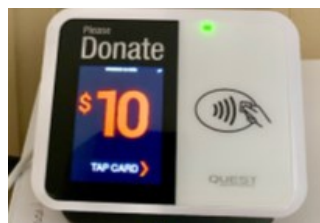
SECOND COLLECTION: For the Parish

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!

OTHER WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE ON LINE



You can also support the parish by using our **Tap & Go Machine**. 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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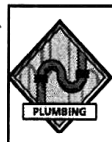
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