



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 OF LENT YEAR C.

3RD APRIL 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.

This Sunday marks the last before we commence Holy Week. So far, we've spent some weeks examining our lives, repenting of our sins, making amends through works of charity, and drawing nearer to God in prayer. Perhaps we've been challenged to grow in certain areas, to take to the Lord certain habits that have begun to dominate the way we think and act or certain mistakes that we've made that bring us shame. This is good. It is important for us to recognise our sins and to repent of them, not only because they offend God but because of the damage they cause each of us and the whole Church.

But it is also important not to make sin our whole focus. St Paul proclaimed himself the "chief amongst sinners", the most in need of God's mercy, but in his letter to the Philippians, he tells us that he "forgets the past". This is not because his past wasn't important, but because he had encountered the Lord who tells us through Isaiah, "no need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before." It's not that our past life isn't significant, that it doesn't matter to Jesus. It is, rather, that our sins over which we so often brood *are gone*, wiped away, when we take them to the Lord with repentant hearts in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Compared to the ocean of his mercy, they are like a drop of water!

This is a great consolation for us sinners! Our Saviour isn't interested as much in our sins as he is in *us*. When the scribes and Pharisees brought to Jesus the woman they'd caught in the act of adultery, Jesus didn't for a moment entertain their accusations. He didn't see this as an opportunity to pile on and condemn her with them but to save her and to bring into her life something new, a life about which sin was no more.

So, as we approach holy week, let's turn our focus to the Lord. Let's turn to him with repentant hearts, yes, but let us not allow our sins to get in the way of the new work he wants to do in us this Easter by making our relationship with him all about us and our sins. He does not hold our sins against us, but casts them behind his back, seeking to draw us to himself and to make something new.

Tom Green.

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

ENTERANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING: IS 43:16-21

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 125. R. V.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING: PHIL 3:8-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JI 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Jn 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been Caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jn 8:10-11

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday, 4th Apr: Dn 13:1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62; Jn 8:1-11.

Tuesday, 5th Apr: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30.

Wednesday, 6th Apr: Dn 3:14-20. 24-25. 28; Jn 5:17-30.

Thursday, 7th Apr: Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59.

Friday, 8th Apr: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42.

Saturday, 9th Apr: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56.

Sunday, 10th Apr: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 – 23:56.

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

Article 4

III. The Conversion of the Baptized

1427 Jesus calls to conversion. This call is an essential part of the proclamation of the kingdom: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."¹⁶ In the Church's preaching this call is addressed first to those who do not yet know Christ and his Gospel. Also, Baptism is the principal place for the first and fundamental conversion. It is by faith in the Gospel and by Baptism¹⁷ that one renounces evil and gains salvation, that is, the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of new life.

1428 Christ's call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians. This second conversion is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church who, "clasping sinners to her bosom, (is) at once holy and always in need of purification, (and) follows constantly the path of penance and renewal."¹⁸ This endeavor of conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a "contrite heart," drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first.¹⁹

1429 St. Peter's conversion after he had denied his master three times bears witness to this. Jesus' look of infinite mercy drew tears of repentance from Peter and, after the Lord's resurrection, a threefold affirmation of love for him.²⁰ The second conversion also has a communitarian dimension, as is clear in the Lord's call to a whole Church: "Repent!"²¹ St. Ambrose says of the two conversions that, in the Church, "there are water and tears: the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance."²²

FEAST DAYS

Monday, 4th April: SAINT ISIDORE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH.

Tuesday, 5th April: SAINT VINCENT FERRER, PRIEST.

Thursday, 7th April: SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, PRIEST.



Please Note: As this Memorial of the above Saints 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).

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Fenech, Raymunda Cornejo Sanches

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

William Flores, Lucky Vella, Simon

SICK

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

Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will be published for 4 weeks at a time.

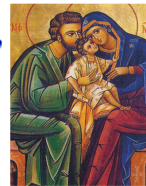
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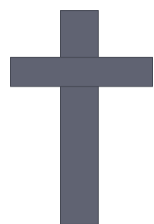


Welcome to the Family...



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



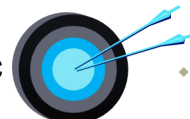
Deepen our understanding of the Sacred Tradition & Scriptures of the Catholic Church



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

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to
you.

Protect them in this time of mortal
peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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UPDATED COVID-19 ADVICE

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.

Self-isolation rules

There are changes to self-isolation rules that affect household contacts. If a household contact tests positive to COVID-19, you and the COVID-positive person must self-isolate for 7 days. Have a test as soon as possible and again on day 6. If all tests are negative, you can leave isolation after 7 days. You don't need to repeat self-isolation if another person in your household tests positive in the 14 days after you finish self-isolating. If another person in your household tests positive for COVID-19 more than 14 days after you've self-isolated, you'll have to self-isolate again for 7 days.

Updated COVID-19 testing advice

If you're at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, NSW Health recommends you get a PCR (nose and throat swab) test at a testing clinic when required, as they are most accurate.

There are treatments available that can only be prescribed in the early stages of infection, you just need to see your doctor.

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 7th May 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:
Avelina Marcello

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

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.

MARY'S PANTRY

Sharing Hope... Doing it Tough!
Drop in for free emergency groceries
Mondays to Fridays 10a.m. to 01:00p.m.



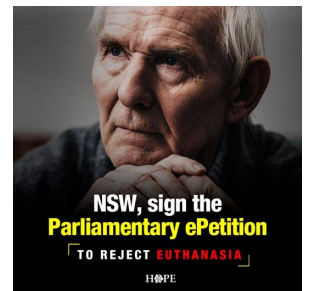
51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown NSW
(St. Patrick's Catholic Church)
An initiative of the MQOF Parish Social Justice Group

HOPE ~ PREVENTING EUTHANASIA

Please take a moment to sign this ePetition to the NSW Parliament, asking them to reject euthanasia and assisted suicide laws for NSW. Share with all your friends and family and ask them to do the same!

Sign here:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lc/pages/epetition-details.aspx?q=apWMtQo6WVdu1NOOVqOtYA==>



MQOF YOUNG ADULTS MOVIE NIGHT

YOUTH LED



THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

FRIDAY 8TH APRIL - 8:30PM
CARDINAL CLANCY ROOM
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH
MA 15+ | SNACKS PROVIDED

Friday, 8th April at 6:30pm
Followed by Mass at 7:30pm

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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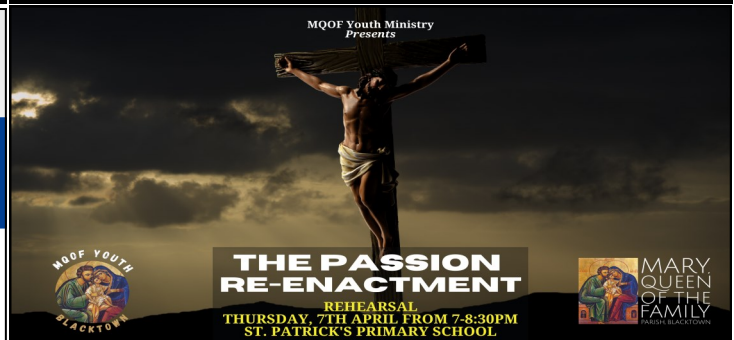


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MQOF Youth

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



GOOD FRIDAY WALK



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join us in Praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday this Lent at 6:30pm on 8 April 2022

GENTLE REMINDER

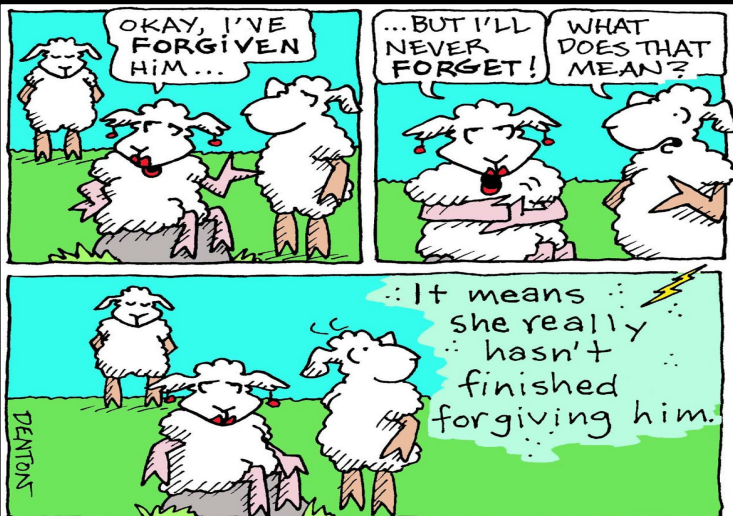
A Gentle reminder that there will be no evening Mass on the 13th April at St. Michael's church due to the Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Morning Mass will still be celebrated on this day at St. Patrick's Church at 9.00am.

SAVE THE DATE

Attention all Parish Volunteers ~ Safe Guarding Training

On Saturday 28th May between 10.30am - 3.30pm, there will be safe guarding training that will be conducted at St. Patrick's church which all parish volunteers are required to attend. Please mark this in your calendars. Further information will be communicated shortly.

THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

Sheepish Question:

What are the obstacles to my fully forgiving others' failures?

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Join Mary, Queen of the Family Parish for

Holy Week

Palm Sunday- 10th April 2022

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

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, 9:30am & 6pm

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

MUSIC PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK

During Holy week a combined choir will be formed to sing at the different services and Masses. If you are interested in joining there will be two practices on the following dates at St. Michael's church commencing at 8.15pm.

6th & 13th April 2022.

We invite and encourage members of all the choirs who sing at both churches to join.



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED



Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday

We are calling for volunteers to help with making Palm Crosses, on Thursday 7th April between 6pm to 8pm at St Patrick's. Please place your name on the sign up sheets available at the church doors. Can you please bring your own secateurs/scissors.

We also require palms for the crosses and decorating of the church. Please contact the parish office if you can assist.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Thank you so much for your generous support of our Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal last weekend, for being a Good Samaritan, and for loving our neighbours in need by showing them compassion and charitable support. For those who may not have had a chance to support these important community services, please complete the giving envelope and place your gift in any of our collection bags. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible and will be receipted. Your kind-hearted gift will help CatholicCare expand their reach and community support. Thank you.



**Love your neighbours
as God loves you**

Help Catholic Care support those who
are isolated or have nowhere to turn

Please give generously to the
Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

DONATE NOW

FLOWER MINISTRY



THE MQOF FLOWER MINISTRY is holding a **MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE** with four great prizes to be won.

Tickets will be on sale on the weekends of 16/17 April, 23/24 April and 30 April/1 May.

The raffle will be drawn following the **CRAFT AND PLANT SALE** on 1 May 2022 to be held after the 8.00 and 9.30 Masses at St Michael's and after

the 10.00 Mass at St Patrick's.

All proceeds will go towards ensuring there are fresh flowers in both our churches throughout the year.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

CARITAS ~ PROJECT COMPASSION



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
2 & 3 April**



Shaniella 23, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities – and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food.

With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities **For All Future Generations**.

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.

EMERGENCY UKRAINE APPEAL



EMERGENCY Ukraine Appeal

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to people in Ukraine.

DONATE TODAY

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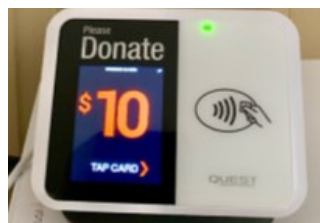
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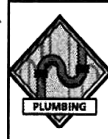
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