



# 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*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR C.

6TH 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.

## Family Connection



In Luke's Gospel, the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert appears just after Jesus' baptism and before Jesus begins his public ministry. We can imagine this as a time of transition, a turning point in Jesus' life. Perhaps we can liken it to one of the important turning points in our own lives: the decision to marry, the birth of a child, the acceptance of a new job, or the decision to move to a new home.

After the moment of decision, having reached the point of no return, we sometimes begin to wonder if we are prepared and ready for the task before us. Turning points can be times of doubt and insecurity. Jesus' response to the temptations of the devil offers an example for responding in faith when our doubts and insecurities tempt us to distrust God's sufficiency. Jesus rebukes the devil by quoting Scripture. Each citation is an affirmation of trust in God. We learn to trust in big things by practicing trust in little things.

Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving invite us to trust God in these small ways. They remind us that God will suffice for us. They prepare us to trust in God in all things, especially in moments of doubt and uncertainty.

As a family, talk about ways in which trust has been built among members of the family. Observe how being trustworthy in small matters enables us to trust one another in more important matters. Offer specific examples if possible (e.g., children who establish their responsibility in household tasks can be granted greater independence and freedom to choose how they perform these tasks).

Today's Gospel shows us how Jesus trusted God in all things. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 4:1-13. Discuss how Jesus showed his trust in God when he resisted the devil's temptations. Invite family members to name times when they have trusted God in matters small or large. Write a family prayer together. You might write the prayer so that each line begins with a letter in the word "trust." Pray this prayer together.

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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](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au) **Email:** [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au)

**Secretaries:** Ann Hart (Wed-Fri) & Gerald "Ged" Oblea

**Email:** [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)

**Sacramental Coordinator:** Gerald "Ged" Oblea. **Mobile:** 0422 724 008

**Email:** [sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto: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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

### ENTERANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

### FIRST READING: DT 26:4-10

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 90:1-2. 10-15. R. V.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

### SECOND READING: ROM 10:8-13

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### GOSPEL: Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:  
You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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## DAILY READINGS

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> Mar: Lv 19:1-2. 11-18; Mt 25:31-46.

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> Mar: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15.

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> Mar: Jon 3:1-10 ; Lk 11:29-32.

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> Mar: Est 14:1. 3-5. 12-14; Mt 7:7-12.

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> Mar: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26.

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> Mar: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48.

Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> Mar: Gen 15:5-12. 17-18; Phil 3:17 – 4:1 ; Lk 9:28-36.

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### What the catechism says about Lent?

The season of Lent is mentioned in the Catechism of the Catholic Church in various sections.

It is brought up in #540 in the section that explains Christ's public ministry.

In #1095, Lent is discussed in regards to the way in which the Church, especially in its liturgy, sees Christ prefigured in various ways in the Old Testament.

Finally, in #1438, the penitential nature of Lent is discussed in the section on the sacrament of reconciliation.

#540 "Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him (see Mt 16:21-23).

"This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: 'For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning' (Heb 4:15). By the solemn forty days of Lent, the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert."

#1095 "... the Church, especially during Advent and Lent and above all at the Easter Vigil, re-reads and re-lives the great events of salvation history in the 'today' of her liturgy. But this also demands that catechesis help the faithful to open themselves to this spiritual understanding of the economy of salvation as the Church's liturgy reveals it and enables us to live it."

#1438 "The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice."

## FEAST DAYS

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> Mar: *SAINTS PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS*

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> Mar: *SAINT JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS*

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> Mar: *SAINT FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS*



**Please Note:** As these Memorial of 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

Alfred Bugeja

### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Betty Collins, Edgardo Asonbrado,  
Victorana Asonbrado Kibir, Anthony Coutinho,  
Thomas McNamee, Antony Goldwyn, Mary Mifsud,  
George, Zarena, George Senior & Zahra Family,  
Nilo Morala, Victoria Charles & Micallef Family

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

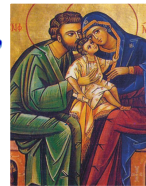
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### SICK

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

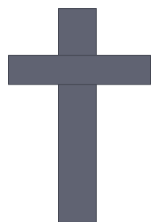


# Welcome to the Family...

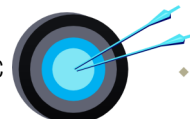


We are a welcoming parish... you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of Mary, Queen of the Family. If you are not an active member of this Community, consider partaking in what we have to offer. We serve the Community through outreach, education, social activities,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



## 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:  
 Antonio Rimoni, Samson Rimoni, Puluno Tale

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 February

#### MQOF Youth

**High School (Ages 12-16)**  
Sunday: 4pm - 5:30pm

**High School (Ages 16-20)**  
Sunday: 6:30pm - 8pm

#### Young Adults

**Young Adults Group**  
COMING SOON  
Watch this Space!



@mqofyouth



@mqof\_youth



MQOF Youth

### 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](mailto:MQOFYOUTH@GMAIL.COM) OR ON 9622 1125.

### THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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“One believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.”

### Sheepish Questions:

What temptations do I least want to face right now? Why?



## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### APPEAL FOR PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



**Salesian Missions  
AUSTRALIA**

The Australian Salesian Mission Overseas Aid Fund (ASMOAF)  
Salesians of Don Bosco

3 Middle Street  
PO Box 264  
Ascot Vale, Vic. 3032  
Phone: (03) 9377 6060  
Fax: (03) 9377 6066  
salmiss@salesians.org.au  
www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au

#### Appeal for the people of UKRAINE

#### Emergency Relief to aid Refugees

Salesian Missions Australia has launched an Emergency Appeal to aid our Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB's) in Ukraine and surrounding communities to bring aid to refugees.

In the Ukraine SDB's are working tirelessly, caring for orphans as well as providing shelter and relief to those in need. Salesian Communities in Poland, Slovakia and the Czech Republic are actively working with local agencies to protect and take care of as many Ukraine refugees as they can, arranging transport and emergency shelter; providing food, baby formula, clean water and generators for heat and cooking; procuring and distributing medical supplies, blankets and personal hygiene items; and so much more.

UNHCR, the U.N. Refugee Agency, has said that more than 660,000 refugees have fled Ukraine for neighbouring countries, the majority of whom are women, children and the elderly. Families have been torn apart as fathers, husbands and brothers have remained in Ukraine to fight. The U.N. has estimated the conflict could produce as many as 4 million refugees.

In addition, Salesians in Ukraine are sheltering minors and their families who have remained in the country. Father Chaban Mykahylo, said, "This situation continues to be tragic. We do not know how long this war will continue, and we must be ready for a long period. There are many victims among the soldiers, but also among civilians. Throughout Ukraine, there is a danger of bombing. Our capital, Kyiv, is suffering a lot, as well as the areas bordering Russia. People are fleeing their homes and are in need of our help."

United in prayer

Tina Newton  
Director – Salesian Missions Australia  
3rd March 2022

To help support refugees you may wish to donate to the Salesian Missions Australia via:

Mail : Salesian Missions Australia, P O Box 264, Ascot Vale, Vic. 3032  
Our website : <https://salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au/donate/ukrainian-refugee-crisis>  
Givenow: <https://www.givenow.com.au/salesianmissionemergencyrelief>  
Phone : 03 9377 6060 (Mon-Thur 9am – 3pm)  
Email: [salmiss@salesians.org.au](mailto:salmiss@salesians.org.au)

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#### Make a Donation



Support Salesian Mission Projects via our website using GiveNow



### PRIMARY SCHOOLS~ OPEN DAY



#### ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY TOUR OF SCHOOL

#### Looking to enrol your child for Kindergarten in 2023?

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

**Contact us!**  
**02 8869 6200**

[StMichaelsBlktn@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:StMichaelsBlktn@parra.catholic.edu.au)



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



Please call our school office to organise an enrolment package or download it from our school website:  
<https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au/>

Is your child ready to start Kindy?  
Join us for a  
Kindy Open Day!



**Open Days**  
15th March 10am  
29th March 10am  
&  
5th May 10am

#### Enrolment Packs Available Now!

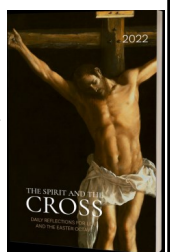
Please call our school office to organise your enrolment pack or download an enrolment form from our school website.  
[www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au)



**Looking to Enrol for Kindergarten in St Patrick's  
in 2023? Contact Us! 02 8869 6000**

### A LENT AND EASTER OCTAVE RESOURCE

Available now, from the piety store. The **Spirit and the Cross** will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter. The daily reflections will invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. This reflection will be followed by a quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer.



Available at the piety store for \$5.50 each.



*"I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies."*

**Pope Francis**



*"Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day."*

**Pope Francis**

### 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



## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### CARITAS ~ PROJECT COMPASSION



**First Sunday of Lent**  
**5 & 6 March**



**Anatercia** 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports.

Now, **Anatercia** can easily access clean drinking water, community members are able to grow healthy crops all year round, and there is enough nutritious food to eat. **Anatercia** feels better supported by her community, has more time to study and do her homework, and hopes to fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like **Anatercia**.**



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



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  
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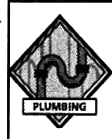
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