



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 EASTER YEAR C

1 MAY 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 theme of darkness and light is an important one in the gospel of John. Darkness is associated with evil, with sin and death. In contrast, Jesus is the light which shines in the darkness and which the darkness did not overcome. Because he is the light, and because, in his rising from the dead, darkness holds no power over him, he is ultimately trustworthy. He is a sure guide who will not fail us if only we would listen to his voice and follow him, even in the most ordinary everyday circumstances.

In this Sunday's gospel, Peter and his companions spent all night at a task which they had once based their livelihood on, but only was it with the appearance of Jesus in the light of day and at his guidance that they were able to achieve what they set out to do. Without the sure guidance of Jesus, even in those tasks which are so familiar to us and over which we think we have control, all our efforts will amount to nothing. Indeed we are only to live with the freedom and confidence which we see Peter and the apostles eventually living in Acts, because the Risen Jesus has given us to do so. He loves us and wants only our good, but if we insist on doing things our own way we will always end up with an empty net.

This is extremely challenging, and we will fail at times. But as with Peter, Jesus offers us the chance to begin again and to cover over our failures with much love. We might not be able yet to fully surrender like the martyrs did, but we have to begin somewhere just like Peter. He was only able to begin though, because the one who was asking for his obedience had gone before him into death and rose again, offering Peter once more his love. Peter realised, as the Book of Revelation tells us, that only the Lamb who was slain is owed power and glory and honour. Only Jesus is worthy of our obedience, because only he went into death and conquered it; he alone faced the suffering and death that our sins have caused and did away with it. Indeed, Jesus is the light which shines in the darkness and which the darkness did not overcome. So let us renew our trust in him, our sure guide.

Tom Green. Seminarian.

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 **Seminarian:** Tom Green

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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 5:27-32. 40-41

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. V.2

(R) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING: RV 5:11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jn 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Lk 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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Daily Readings

Monday 2 May: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday 3 May: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday 4 May: Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday 5 May: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
Friday 6 May: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday 7 May: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday 8 May: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rev 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30



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 5

The many forms of penance in Christian life

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.³⁶ These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works).

1439 The process of conversion and repentance was described by Jesus in the parable of the prodigal son, the center of which is the merciful father:³⁷ The fascination of illusory freedom, the abandonment of the father's house; the extreme misery in which the son finds himself after squandering his fortune; his deep humiliation at finding himself obliged to feed swine, and still worse, at wanting to feed on the husks the pigs ate; his reflection on all he has lost; his repentance and decision to declare himself guilty before his father; the journey back; the father's generous welcome; the father's joy - all these are characteristic of the process of conversion. The beautiful robe, the ring, and the festive banquet are symbols of that new life - pure, worthy, and joyful - of anyone who returns to God and to the bosom of his family, which is the Church. Only the heart of Christ Who knows the depths of his Father's love could reveal to us the abyss of his mercy in so simple and beautiful a way.

PRAYER FOR PEACE & 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.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Stephen Kutnjak

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Frank & Katrina Cauchi, Felicidad C. Borja,
Eufemia Canete, Narciso Damole

IN MEMORIAM

William & Teresa Martin, George Zahra,
Aleyamma Joseph

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Lucky Vella, Joyce Vella

SICK

Trevor Anthony, Candida Irugalbandara, Joan Clout, Lourdes Domingo,
Laurie Grima, D.J. Nelson, Angela Mikhael, Teresita Alston, Bianca Mikhael,
Maria Simunovic.

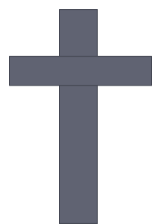
Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will be published for 4 weeks at a time.



Welcome to the Family...

We are a welcoming parish... you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of Mary, Queen of the Family. If you are not an active member of this Community, consider partaking in what we have to offer. We serve the Community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, youth and comfort to the sick and mourning. In addition to our spiritual and outreach organisations, perchance you have an interest in joining one of our many liturgical ministries such as: Minister of Holy Communion, Reader/Commentator, Welcomer, Collectors, Minister of DVP/Power Point, Catechists etc. Volunteers are formally registered by filling out a *Join a Ministry* form that is then entered into the parish data system (*information supplied remains confidential*). These forms are available from the parish office or in the church foyer. ~ *The Parish Team*

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. **WORD** ~ Increase the Biblical literacy in the Parish. **WALL** ~ Building our community.

An Easter Prayer

Loving Lord, today we remember the veil of darkness transforming to the brightest light. The most dreadful end becoming the most beautiful beginning.

We remember with trembling hearts the depths of despair fading to reveal hope everlasting. The curse of death defeated by eternal life.


Today we remember with thankfulness your willingness to be pierced for our sins.

We sing with abounding joy of your miraculous rise, from death's tomb to resplendent life.

Thank you for the promise of heaven and your generous invitation of eternal life for all.

Amen.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SERVICES

Justice of the Peace 

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
 Mary, Queen of the Family Parish
 Parish Office - 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown

Tuesday - 10am to 11am & 3pm to 4pm
Thursday - 10am to 11am & 3pm to 4pm
Friday - 10am to 11am & 3pm to 4pm

Witness Affidavits
 Witness Statutory Declarations
 Certify Original Copies **FREE SERVICE**

DONATIONS FOR THE HOUSE OF WELCOME

We ask the generosity of the parish community to donate to the House of Welcome. Items required are as follows: Instant Noodles (Chicken); Black Tea; Sweet Biscuits; Tins of Tuna; Sweet Corn (Not Creamed); Diced Tomato Tins (Ring Pull); Tins of Fruit and Honey or Jam. We appreciate your generosity. Please place your donations in the boxes provided. Thank you.

COVID-19 UPDATE

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

The seven-day isolation requirement remains in place for anyone who has recorded a positive RAT or PCR result

Self-isolation rules - From 6pm on Friday, 22 April 2022, the following will apply:

- Close contacts (defined as a household contact or an individual deemed by NSW Health to be a close contact) will not have to isolate, as long as they have no symptoms and comply with the following guidelines they :
 - Do not visit aged care, hospitals, disability, and correctional facilities unless a special exemption applies;
 - Wear a face mask in indoor settings outside the home;
 - Undertake daily RAT tests before coming into close contact with people outside their household, where practicable;
 - Avoid contact with elderly and immunocompromised persons where possible; Work from home where practical; and Notify their employer/ educational facility that they are a close contact, and that they are not required to isolate as long as they comply with the above.
- Close contacts will need to comply with the above guidelines for 7 days from the time a person in their household tested positive for COVID-19.

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: Density Denif; Olivia Denif; Andrei Jameson; Machlida Gerado Christel Magayaga; Zion Ratac.

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.

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



RCIA PROCESS

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults become full, participating members of the Catholic Church. Participants, known as catechumens go through a process of studying the Gospel, nurturing their relationship with God, becoming familiar with the Catholic teachings and practices, professing their faith in Jesus and the Church, and receiving the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. If you know anyone who would like to go through the process, contact the parish office.

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS 2022

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on **Saturday 20th August, 9.30am – 2.00pm** at the Bede Heather Centre (formerly known as the Institute For Mission) in the Downstairs Hall, 1- 5 Marion Street, Blacktown 2148 (off Flushcombe Road).

A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis. A contribution of \$25 is suggested from the candidates to assist in the overall task of preparing the candidates for the sacrament. They may bring this on the Catechesis Day.

The directive concerning Confirmation names is as follows:

"Confirmation names should be those of recognised saints. If the given name of the candidate is a saint's name, there is no need to choose another. However, if the given name is not a saint's name, then a saint's name should be chosen."

Each candidate must have a sponsor who is fully initiated in the Sacraments, is over sixteen years of age and is aware of the responsibility needed for this role. For more information please contact Ged our sacramental coordinator. Date of confirmation will be Thursday 1st September, 2022 at 7.30pm. Please register your interest by Friday 29th July 2022.

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.

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.

LIFTED SPORTS DAY

LIFTED Sports Day has now been moved to Sunday 22nd May at 10am at Patrician Brother's College, Blacktown.

Three training sessions will be held on Saturday 30th April, Saturday 14th April, and Saturday 21st of April. The training sessions will run from 3-5pm at St Michael's School Oval, Blacktown. Please remember to pay the \$10 registration fee.

SAVE THE DATE



MQOF Youth Ministry

PILGRIMAGE TO ST MARY OF THE CROSS & ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

Saturday, 9th July 2022
10am - 3pm

St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney
Mary Mackillop Memorial Chapel



ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



St Patrick's Primary School Blacktown



Looking to Enrol for Kindergarten 2023?

**2023 Enrolments Now Open!
Don't Miss Out!**

**Contact us!
02 8869 6000**

Email: stpatsblacktown@parra.catholic.edu.au
Website: www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au/

Is your child ready to start Kindy?

Join us for a
Kindy Open Day!



Open Day

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

MARY'S PANTRY

Sharing Hope... Doing it Tough!

Drop in for free emergency groceries Mondays to Fridays 10.00a.m. to 01:00p.m. 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown (St. Patrick's Catholic Church) An initiative of the MQOF Parish Social Justice Group.



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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE - PENTECOST SUNDAY



This year Pentecost Sunday will take place on the 5th of June 2022

Our parish community will be celebrating this significant day with Novena prayers in the lead up to this feast day and host a international food festival and ministry expo after the 10.00am Mass at St. Patrick's.

We ask parishioners and ministry groups to mark this date in their calendars.

We look forward to your participation in this event.



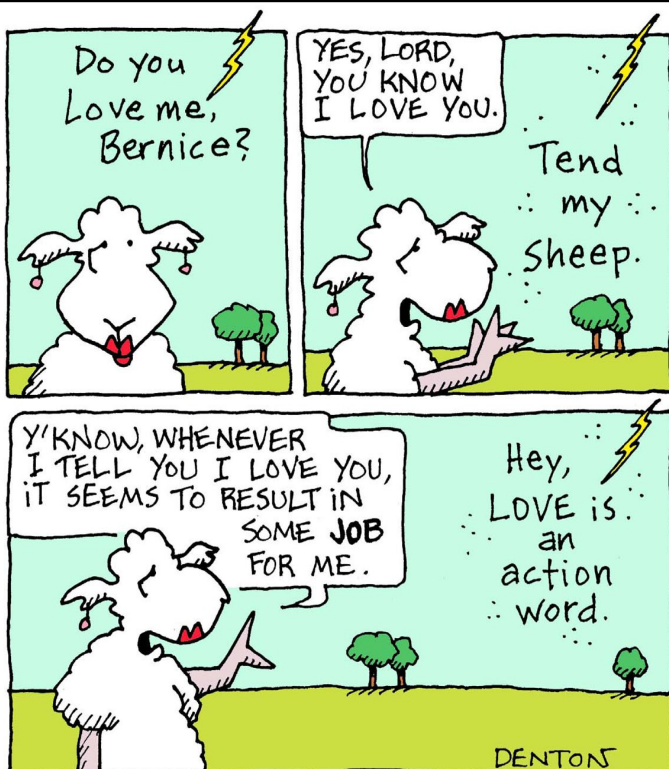
SAVE THE DATE

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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"Do you love me?...Feed my lambs."

Sheepish Question:

What am I doing that truly shows my love for God?

CATHOLICISM SERIES

Journey Around The World And Deep Into The Catholic Faith...

For the first time, in breathtaking and high-definition cinematography, the **truth, goodness, and beauty** of Catholicism as illustrated in a multimedia experience. Journey with Bishop Robert Barron to more than **50 locations** throughout **16 countries** - come & watch

CATHOLICISM SERIES

Every Tuesday for 10 weeks starting
10th May 7-9pm
@ St. Patrick's Church

Facilitated by
Richard & Marina DeSa

We invite you to our next parish formation program. Come join us - and watch this 10 part video series together as a Parish every Tuesday from 7-9pm starting 10th May at St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown facilitated by Richard & Marina DeSa.

For those who have attended our previous Catechetical programs and have understood how these sessions have shaped our faith - we encourage you to bring a friend along.

Scan the QR code to register or log on to our website:

<https://www.mqofblacktown.org/catholicismseries>

Or write your contact details on the registration sheet in the foyer of the church.



OAKHILL GALA DAY



Oakhill College is having our annual Gala Day on
Saturday 14th May

Join us for rides, sports, stalls and so much more

Tickets are on sale for our Raffle with \$30,000 worth of prizes including a brand new Hyundai i30.

Visit: www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au/community/parents-and-friends

Tickets \$10 each
Scan QR code to
purchase



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

RAISE THE ROOF APPEAL - NEW ROOF FOR ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Store your riches in Heaven, help us RAISE THE ROOF of St Patrick's Church.

The roof of St. Patrick's Church has been an ongoing issue for us over many years. It stems from its design, its flatness, and the inability for the drainage system to cope in times of heavy rain we've been experiencing lately. Over the years, there has been much maintenance carried out on the roof and numerous quarterly inspections, at much cost to the parish. It's the biggest contributor to our maintenance costs. There have been numerous incidences and insurance claims. We know that - the only way we will resolve this issue, once and for all, is to completely overhaul the roof and, that's why we're appealing to you all now... generous individuals or families to please consider donating towards the renovation of the roof. We appreciate that, this is a huge ask and that, individual financial situations may not make this feasible for some, but we thank you the same.

How can you give? You have several options:

- Scan the QR code on and follow the prompts;
- Go to our parish website, click 'Donate' and type 'Raise the Roof' or just 'Roof' in the description field;
- Fill in one of the special forms we have placed at the doors of each church authorising us to debit your Credit card or bank account and then, drop this into the collection bags or to the parish office; or
- Simply place your cash donation in an envelope marked 'Raise the Roof' together with your name and contact details and drop this into collection bags or to the parish office.



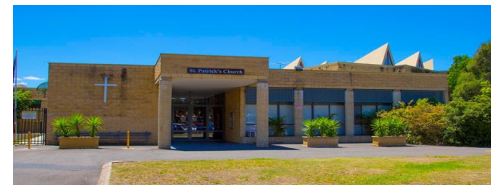
Whilst we shouldn't be looking for reward or recognition in giving (other than knowing we are re-building the House of God), as an added incentive, we have 3 small prizes available and, everyone who donates at least \$100 or more will go into the draw.

The prizes are:-

- 1) \$100 dining voucher to be used at Blacktown Workers Club;-
- 2) \$100 dining voucher to be used at Club Blacktown; and lastly,
- 3) \$50 Coles/Myer Gift Card.

These items were generously donated by both clubs and by an anonymous parishioner, we acknowledge and sincerely thank them for their generosity and support.

Thank you and God bless us for this endeavour.



EASTER OFFERING



Easter Offertory

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Your gift supports our parish to share Christ's message of love and salvation with all

GIVE TO OUR PARISH

The spirit of giving and being able to share our blessings is what's important . . .

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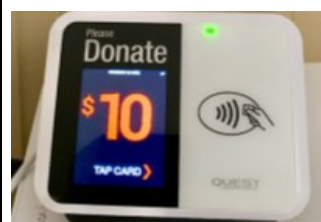
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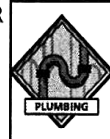
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