



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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR C

10TH 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.

Dear Parishioners of MQOF,

Today we are celebrating Palm Sunday where Jesus' "Triumphal entry" into Jerusalem, even knowing that he's going to his death. The readings of today and the whole Holy week are very rich, they are the story of our salvation.

We will read the Passion of Christ a few times during this week and, in the old liturgy, before Vatican II, the reading of the Passion was greeted with total silence. There was no homily. Even the concluding acclamation: "This is the gospel of the Lord" was omitted. On a day like this, I sometimes feel that the most eloquent response to the word of God we have proclaimed is silence. Even the best of homilies could be a distraction from the deep meditation in which many of us find ourselves at the end of the story of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this reason, my dear Parishioners I would like to invite you to the deep spirituality of meditation in silence of the story of the Passion of Christ, acknowledging our limits and limitations and believing in what was humanly speaking impossible, leads us to a deep belief in our salvation. Try to spend more time in

SILENCE

This week meditate on the story of your SALVATION.
Have a blessed and fruitful spiritual time.

Fr. Chadi Ibrahim, SDB.

Parish Directory

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

Parish Office: At St. Patrick's Church. **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm
Telephone: 02 9622 1125 **A/H:** 02 8705 0830.
Website: www.mqofblacktown.org.au **Email:** admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

Parish Team:

Parish Priest: Fr. Regie Lavilla, MSP.

Assistant Priest: Fr. Chadi Ibrahim, SDB.

Deacon: John Cinya **Seminarian:** Tom Green

Finance Officer: Sarah Damole **Email:** accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au

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Email: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

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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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!



FIRST READING: IS 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. V.2

(R) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING: PHIL 2:6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Lk 23:1-49 (Shorter Form)

The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' But they persisted, 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.' When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. 'You brought this man before me' he said 'as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.' But as one man they howled, 'Away with him! Give us Barabbas!' (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.)

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' And for the third time he spoke to them, 'Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him

punished and then let him go.' But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, "Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?' Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, 'This was a great and good man.' And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jn 12: 24

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

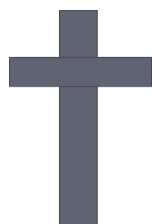


Welcome to the Family...



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

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.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

John Miller, Jorge O. Braga,
Michelle Makin, Fay Roche

SICK

Trevor Anthony, 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.

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: Skylar De Guia; Juliet Hapgood & Ciara Deyland.

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.

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

ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL BLACKTOWN

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



Tour Days:

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/>

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=apWMtQo6WVdu1NOOVq0tYA==>



**NSW, sign the
Parliamentary ePetition
TO REJECT EUTHANASIA**

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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

GENTLE REMINDER

A Gentle reminder that there will be no evening Mass on Wednesday 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.

HOLY WEEK READINGS

Monday, 11th Apr: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday, 12th Apr: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday, 13th Apr: Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday, 14th Apr: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday, 15th Apr: Is 52:13 - 53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19:42
Saturday 16th Apr: Gen 1:1 - 2:2; Gen 22:1-18; Ex 14:15 - 15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4; Ez 36:16-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday, 17th Apr: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

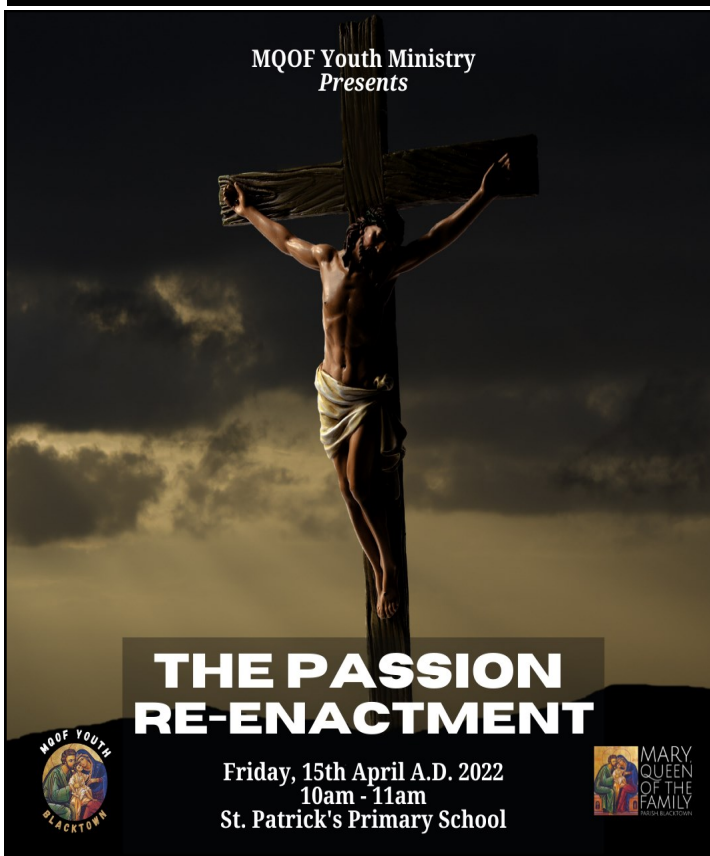
MUSIC PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK

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 a final practice on Wednesday 13th April at St. Michael's church commencing at 8.15pm.



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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



MQOF Youth Ministry
Presents

THE PASSION RE-ENACTMENT

Friday, 15th April A.D. 2022
 10am - 11am
 St. Patrick's Primary School

GOOD FRIDAY WALK



Only 700 tickets available, register here:
<https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/>

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK

FRIDAY, 15 APRIL 2022 10PM - 6AM

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.

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"His disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen."

Sheepish Questions:

Do I sometimes forget to praise Jesus?
What helps me remember?

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



PALM SUNDAY
9 & 10 April



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry, and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you, even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, that we can continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever. Thousands of schools and Parishes in Australia have supported Project Compassion over the past year alone.



Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present, and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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
www.caritas.org.au/ukraine
1800 024 413 toll free



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

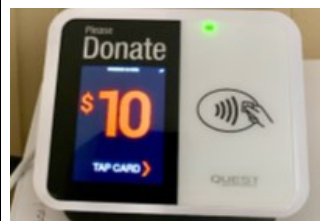
SECOND COLLECTION: For the Parish

Account Name: Blacktown Catholic Church
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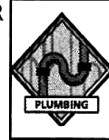
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