



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C ~ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY.

24TH 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.

“Come to the Mercy of God”

“Humanity will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.” These words of Jesus to St Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) invites us to experience more deeply the gift of God's mercy offered to all. This “Feast of Mercy,” the Divine Mercy Sunday brings us the grace of being reassured again that when we trust the mercy of God, welcome his love in our lives, he will overcome for us our fears, and lifts us out from the darkness of sin and death. Peace is the gift of the risen Christ to his disciples when he appeared to them “on the evening of that first day of the week.” “Peace be with you,” he said and breathed on them the Holy Spirit. (Gospel- John 20:19-31).

The Holy Spirit helps us to know the truth of God. Jesus said, “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you in all truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come” (John 16:13). When we open ourselves to the work of the Holy Spirit and constantly ask for his presence in our lives, we begin to look at things in the light of God's mystery revealed in humanity. The passion, death and resurrection of Jesus will truly come alive in our personal lives and in the Church. We would see the fulfillment of the Scriptures in the life of Jesus and God's plan of salvation to those who turn to him and seek for his mercy.

The weakness of Thomas when he doubted that Jesus is risen, teaches us a lesson of faith today. Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and believed.” Our faith in the risen Christ impels us to love God and others, and obey God's commandments (Second Reading- 1 John 5:1-6). It opens our hearts to make ourselves available to be used as God's instruments to extend his love especially to those who are needy and poor (First Reading- Acts 4:32-35). When Jesus breathed on his disciples, he empowered them to become missionaries and bring the Good News to others, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” May we who have received the gift of the Holy Spirit in baptism and confirmation, will allow the mercy and love of God to grow in our lives.

Fr. Regie Lavilla, MSP

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

THE LITURGY SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: 1 Pt 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:32-35

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. V.1

(R) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING: 1 JN 5:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jn 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, But they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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Daily Readings

Monday 25th April: Wis 3:1-9; Jn 12:23-28

Tuesday 26th April: 1 Pt 5:5-14; Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday 27th April: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday 28th April: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday 29th April: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday 30th April: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday 1st May: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19



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

1434 The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, *fasting, prayer, and almsgiving*,³¹ which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others. Alongside the radical purification brought about by Baptism or martyrdom they cite as means of obtaining forgiveness of sins: effort at reconciliation with one's neighbor, tears of repentance, concern for the salvation of one's neighbor, the intercession of the saints, and the practice of charity "which covers a multitude of sins."³²

1435 Conversion is accomplished in daily life by gestures of reconciliation, concern for the poor, the exercise and defense of justice and right,³³ by the admission of faults to one's brethren, fraternal correction, revision of life, examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering, endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness. Taking up one's cross each day and following Jesus is the surest way of penance.³⁴

1436 *Eucharist and Penance.* Daily conversion and penance find their source and nourishment in the Eucharist, for in it is made present the sacrifice of Christ which has reconciled us with God. Through the Eucharist those who live from the life of Christ are fed and strengthened. "It is a remedy to free us from our daily faults and to preserve us from mortal sins."³⁵

1437 Reading Sacred Scripture, praying the Liturgy of the Hours and the Our Father - every sincere act of worship or devotion revives the spirit of conversion and repentance within us and contributes to the forgiveness of our sins.

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

Janine Alfred, Joseph Anthony Dias

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Deceased members of Tanti family

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.

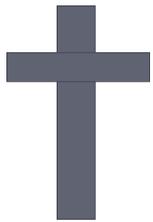


Welcome to the Family...



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.

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.

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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:
Reuben Dulawan and Rhylan Plaza-Herd

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



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 Besterwitsch, 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

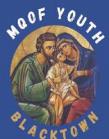
Your talent in music helps transform the Mass into a welcoming and inviting space. If you play an instrument or sing, come and join the Youth Band and use your talents to jam for Jesus.



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.

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
(St. Patrick's Catholic Church)

An initiative of the MQOF Parish
Social Justice Group



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



MORNING TEA

You are invited to join us for morning tea following the 9:30am Mass at St Michael's Church this Sunday 24 April 2022.

Hosted by the Shafton Family.

All are welcome!!

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

HAPPY EASTER!

In this season of rebirth, may you feel your faith renewed and your heart made new with the hope Easter brings.



“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ...” —1: Peter 1: 3

Happy Easter and God Bless!
Mary Queen of the Family Parish Team.

BISHOP VINCENT'S EASTER MESSAGE

Bishop Vincent has released his video message for Easter 2022 to the people of the Diocese of Parramatta. The letter can be watched on YouTube on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6j2ONDyCH1c> or read via <https://catholicoutlook.org/bishop-vincents-easter-message-for-2022/>

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.

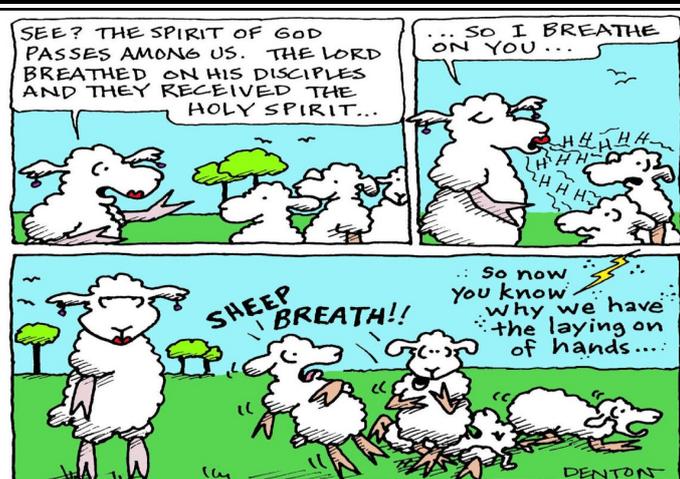
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THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

Sheepish Question:

Through which senses have I experienced the Holy Spirit this week?

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE



On behalf of Fr. Regie, Fr. Chadi and Deacon John, our Parish community we would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Liturgy team for making all the celebrations in the preparation for Holy Week and Easter prayerful, spiritual and for the creative talents in decorating the Church for these ceremonies.

Thank you to all the volunteers who also assisted in the setting up and rearranging of the church during this period. It was really a big team effort!

We are appreciative for the volunteers who made the Palm Crosses and the flower ministry for the arrangements on Easter Sunday.

We also thank the combined choir group for enhancing our liturgies, and our volunteers for setting up the outdoor sound system.

We appreciate the ministers who volunteered to the scriptures, prayers, our Eucharistic ministers, ministers at the altar and junior servers who assisted our Priest.

For the MQOF Youth Ministry who lead and organised our Stations of the Cross on Good Friday and all the parish groups and individuals who lead the stations of the cross each Friday during Lent.

Finally to our parishioners for attending and participating in our services.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

UPDATE ON THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS

View the draft Diocesan synthesis for the Synod of Bishops

All are invited to view the online version of the draft synthesis from the Diocese of Parramatta Writing Committee for the Synod of Bishops 2023. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/> and email met@parracatholic.org with your reflections. The Diocese of Parramatta is a 'listening Church' we invite continued dialogue through both the website and direct email address.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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 . . .

Any gift, whatever you can give, will nurture the spiritual vitality of our parishes and will ensure that we can continue to provide Christian pastoral care that brings hope and joy to our community.

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 this & next weekend.

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



Thank You!



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit lent.caritas.org.au and donate online.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves 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

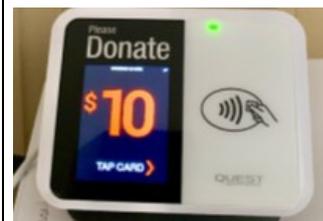
SECOND COLLECTION: For the Parish

Account Name: Blacktown Catholic Church
Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 0677
Reference: 6004 ~ Donor's name

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