



# Weekly Bulletin

## Mary, Queen of the Family Parish

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

*We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

15TH 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.

### A New Commandment: Love One Another

On this fifth Sunday of Easter, we hear the three readings that present us new things: new Jerusalem, a new Heaven and a new earth and a new Commandment. What do these new things mean to us as Christians? The new things are the compassion and goodness of God Who opened the door of His kingdom for Jews and Gentiles alike who have faith. God sends His Son Jesus Christ who sacrificed himself, died and rose from the dead making all things new for the well-being of others.

In the First Reading, Paul and Barnabas proclaimed Good News to the small Christian communities, encouraged and supported them to love one another. Paul and Barnabas told them that they would face hardship, but to hold firm to their faith. Can we not appreciate the success and the character of the early Christian communities? They manifested us unselfish service of love, united in prayer, services, and missionary outreach. They endured persecution and hardship, but without love and faith they would not continue to where Christianity is now.

Then, in the Book of Apocalypse, John makes it clear that God's healing and saving work in the world is ongoing: "See, I am making all things new." John is strengthening the faith of the Christian community who were persecuted. They should know that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the fulfilment of the presence of God among His people.

While in the Gospel, John presents us with Jesus' last farewell discourse at the night of the Last Super. Jesus's message to the Apostles was about his glory and love. The message of glory is all about the crucified Christ who was raised up on the cross. Christ accepted his death out of love. And so, we are motivated by Christ's obedience to the Father by giving us a new commandment of unconditional sacrificial, forgiving, and 'agape' love. Therefore, Jesus Christ has taught us that his death and resurrection serve as an example of how to love. It is a free love, and this was shown by first Christians in the early Church.

And so, Christ has shown how to love. Christ's call is a call to love. He is telling us new love is manifested through selfless love, love to be shown to the poor and needy. Today, the readings challenged us to show love, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Amen.

*Deacon John Cinya*

### 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 Cinya **Seminarian:** Tom Green

**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 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 97:1-2

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

### FIRST READING: Acts 14:21-27

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

(R) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

### SECOND READING: Rv 21:1-5

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Jn 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:  
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.  
If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.  
My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;  
just as I have loved you,  
you also must love one another.  
By this love you have for one another,  
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jn 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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## FEAST DAYS

**Wednesday, 18th May:** Saint John I, Pope, Martyr *(Optional)*

**Friday, 20th May:** Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest *(Optional)*

**Saturday, 21st May:** Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs *(Optional)*



## Daily Readings

Monday 16 May: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday 17 May: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31  
Wednesday 18 May: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday 19 May: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11  
Friday 20 May: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday 21 May: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21  
Sunday 22 May: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29



## 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 6

The sacrament of penance and reconciliation

**1443** During his public life Jesus not only forgave sins, but also made plain the effect of this forgiveness: he reintegrated forgiven sinners into the community of the People of God from which sin had alienated or even excluded them. A remarkable sign of this is the fact that Jesus receives sinners at his table, a gesture that expresses in an astonishing way both God's forgiveness and the return to the bosom of the People of God.<sup>44</sup>

**1444** In imparting to his apostles his own power to forgive sins the Lord also gives them the authority to reconcile sinners with the Church. This ecclesial dimension of their task is expressed most notably in Christ's solemn words to Simon Peter: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."<sup>45</sup> "The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of the apostles united to its head."<sup>46</sup>

**1445** The words bind and loose mean: whomever you exclude from your communion, will be excluded from communion with God; whomever you receive anew into your communion, God will welcome back into his. Reconciliation with the Church is inseparable from reconciliation with God.

## 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

Rodel Frago

### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Joe Aquilina, Denis Monteiro, Alex & Veronica Castelino,  
Kathleen McNamee

### IN MEMORIAM

Michelle Makin; Fay Reach; Claudette & Ivan,  
Carmen Meilak, Assunta Aquilina

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Trevor Anthony, Jess Calvo/Nonong Braga,  
Margaret Camilleri, Pauline Phillip, Carmen Camilleri,  
Maria Aquilina, The deceased members of the Tanti Family,  
Lucky Vella.

### SICK

Trevor Anthony, Candida Irugalbandara, Joan Clout; Lourdes Domingo,

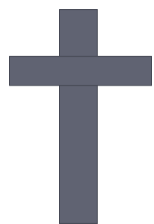
Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will be published for 4 weeks at a time.



# 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 4th June 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:

Zoe Bargiel, Maria Calexterio & Hosanna Vincent

### 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.**

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](mailto: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

### 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](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 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



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.

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

## LIFTED SPORTS DAY

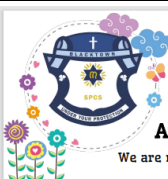
LIFTED Sports Day has now been moved to Sunday 22nd May at 10am at Patrician Brother's College, Blacktown.

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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### 2022 Pentecost Sunday & Parish Fiesta Planning Committee

We invite those who are interested to join the Planning Committee for a meeting this coming Wednesday 25th of May 2022 at 6:30pm at the Parish Office meeting room. If you have any questions please ring office on 9622 1125.



### St Patrick's Primary School

Are you looking for a primary school to enrol your child?

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2023. We would love to meet you and take you for a tour of our beautiful school.

Please call our school office to arrange a tour.

Enrolling Now  
for  
Kindergarten  
2023

Don't Miss Out!



Download an enrolment application form from our school website  
<https://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/How-to-enrol>

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Phone: 02 8869 6

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

## PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

### MQOF YOUTH X HOYTS PRESENTS FATHER STU PRIVATE SCREENING

THURSDAY, 26TH MAY

6:30PM FOR 6:45 START

HOYTS BLACKTOWN, CINEMA 1

\$20 PER TICKET



BOOK NOW!



MQOF Youth has collaborated with HOYTS Blacktown and arranged a private screening of 'Father Stu' on Thursday, 26th May at 6:45pm.

We want to invite you, your family and friends to watch this film with the parish.

Based on a true story, Father Stu is an unflinchingly honest, funny, and ultimately uplifting drama about a lost soul who finds his purpose in a most unexpected place.

When an injury ends his amateur boxing career, Stuart Long moves to L.A. dreaming of stardom. Surviving a terrible motorcycle accident leaves him wondering if he can use his second chance to help others find their way, leading to the surprising realization that he is meant to be a Catholic priest.

Tickets are on sale now for \$20 (cash) or \$22 (card) and can be purchased from the Parish Office during the week, or from our youth team in the church foyer starting this weekend 14/15 May at all Masses.

Fr Stu was a gangster/boxer before he became a priest you can watch this short trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHREzAdyCPs>



#### 1 HOUR INFO TALK FOR FAMILIES

JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT HEALTHY SCREEN TIME, E-SAFETY AND HOW TO PLAN FOR MORE TIME OFF-SCREEN TOGETHER

THIS IS A FREE EVENT - EVERYONE WELCOME TO DROP-IN

Info pack & light refreshments will be provided

WHEN: Tues 17th May 2022 @ 3pm

OR Thurs 19th May 2022 @ 3pm

WHERE: Cardinal Clancy Room, St Patrick's Church

Contact us via phone 02 8843 2500 for further enquiries



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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.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

#### Parramatta Diocese Office for Worship Liturgical Ministry Formation ~ September – November 2022

The Office for Worship is conducting Liturgical Formation Courses at no cost from September 2022. We encourage those wishing to join a Liturgical Ministry to complete these sets of courses. As well, this is a great refresher for experienced ministers. Physical forms can be collected at the Parish Office.

- Introduction to Liturgical Ministry - Monday 5th September 2022 (Compulsory)
- Ministry of the Word - Monday 12th & 19th September 2022.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion - Monday 10th & 17th October 2022
- Communion to the Sick & Dying - Monday 24th October 2022.
- Ministers at the Altar—Monday 31st Oct & 7th Nov 2022.

**Please contact the Parish Office for further details.**

**Endorsement and Signature of Parish Priest required before submitting application form to the office for worship.**

### 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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<https://www.mqofblacktown.org/subscribeNOW>



### WELCOME FR. CHUKWUNONYEREM ADAMADU



On the 23rd of May 2022, we welcome a new additional assistant priest at the parish.

Fr. Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, known as "Fr. Chinonye". He was previously an assistant priest at St. Michael's Baulkham Hills, followed by the administrator at Padre Pio Parish Glenmore Park. We look forward to Fr. Chinonye joining the parish team.

### CATHOLICISM SERIES

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.

Every week a new topic will be presented as part of the series. Even though you haven't attended before we encourage you to come along, to deepen your understanding of our Catholic Faith.

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.

### SUNDAY FLOCK



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"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

### Sheepish Question:

How do people know that I'm a disciple of Jesus?

## 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:

1. Scan the QR code to donate or logon to the following link (<https://www.mqofblacktown.org/make-a-donation-or-payment>)  
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2. 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
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4. Set up a Planned Giving via Credit Card or Direct Debit from bank account (this form is available in the foyer)
5. Increase your current Planned Giving.



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 will go into the draw.

The prizes are:-

- 1) \$100 dining voucher to be used at Blacktown Workers Club (To be drawn on 29/05/22 after 10am Mass)
- 2) \$100 dining voucher to be used at Club Blacktown (To be drawn on 26/06/22 after 10am Mass)
- 3) \$100 Coles/Myer Gift Card (To be drawn on 31/07/22 after 10am Mass)

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

Donations received as at 12/5/22 is \$4,480. Thank you to all donors.



### MONTHLY RAFFLES

an Initiative of our MQOF Piety Shop Ministry

To help for the much-needed funds for the upkeep of our St Michael's and St Patrick's churches, our Piety Shop Ministry is initiating a parish monthly Raffles commencing this month of May.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.00, will start selling at the beginning of every calendar month and will be drawn on the last Sunday of the month after the 10.00AM Mass. Tickets can be purchased at the "Raffle Tables" at the foyers of each church or at the Piety Stores.

We will endeavour to raffle something different every month. For the month of May we have a Hamper Basket to be raffled. Thanks to our donor - MQOF Mary's Pantry.

All proceeds will be going for the cost of candles, oils, incense, altar bread, wines, hand sanitisers, soap, paper, cleaning products, and many other necessities that we take for granted which cost us about \$615 per week or \$32,000 p.a. This is before we start accounting for maintenance and insurance costs which are massive.

Thank you in anticipation for supporting our call for help. God bless us.

### EASTER OFFERING



*Easter Offertory*

**Alleluia! He is Risen!**

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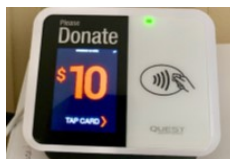
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Thank you so much for your continued support of our parish. We are grateful!



### OTHER WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE ON LINE



You can also support the parish by using our **Tap & Go Machine**. The machine is set at \$10, to donate more than \$10 simply tap your credit card as many times as you like. It also accepts Apple Pay, Google Pay and Pay Wave.

All contributions go to the maintenance and development of the Parish as does the second collection at weekend Masses.

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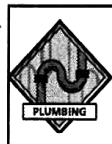
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