



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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

22ND 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.

Loving God and keeping his commandments

"Whoever loves me will keep my word." Love is at the heart of the covenant God has established with the people he chose for himself to perpetuate it to the whole of humanity. A covenant requires fidelity to the promises made by the two parties, done freely and out of love. The pinnacle of freedom is seen in the most selfless act of the person towards God and one's neighbour. "I will be your God, and you will be my people." This promise of God runs throughout the fabric of the Sacred Scripture. Christ has fulfilled it on the cross. He has inaugurated the new covenant during the Last Supper and renewed again and again when we celebrate the Holy Eucharist. "This is my body... this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant" (Eucharistic Prayer I-IV). "Do this in memory of me."

The commandments of God are expressions of his love that would lead us to the fullness of life. The temptation of the ancient serpent to Adam and Eve was to put in their minds doubt on God's love for them and that he's arbitrary by not allowing them to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. While they are already like God bearing his image and likeness, they gave in to the temptation to be like God without God (CCC 398). That's the greatest tragedy that has entered humanity. The rest of the story is a bit long to be told. God does not give up, however. His love is everlasting.

The Catholic Church, our mother who teaches us, echoes this invitation throughout the generations. "God has loved us first. The love of the One God is recalled in the first of the 'ten words'. The commandments then make explicit the response of love that man is called to give God" (CCC 2083). We all certainly know our predicament. We are all wounded, and we carry this even after our baptism. St Augustine calls this concupiscence, our tendency to sin. This is the reason God has to redeem us and save us from being eternally separated from him. He sent his only-begotten Son, the Second Person of the Trinity, a God-incarnate, taking on our flesh, he became like us except sin. Jesus willingly embrace the mission entrusted to him by the Father so that through his life, death and resurrection, we will all be led back to our eternal home- the life of the Trinity. When he ascended into heaven, he did not leave us orphans. He sends us another helper, a Paraclete, an advocate- the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Holy Spirit has penetrated every sacrament that we have in the Catholic Church. He will help us to obey God's commandments and to love God, for He is the Spirit of Love of the Father and the Son. He is the fire of love that would enflame our hearts to hold on to the covenant God has made between us in Jesus Christ. Dear brothers and sister, let not our failures, our sins stop us to approach the throne of God's mercy and faithfulness.

Let's continue our covenant journey by loving God and keeping his commandments.

Fr. Regie Lavilla, MSP. PP

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, Fr. Chukwunonyerem Akamadu (Fr. Chinonye).

Deacon: John Cinya **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 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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Is 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v.4
(R) O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING: Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: JN 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:
'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.
Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:
I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going
to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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Daily Readings

Monday 23 May: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4
Tuesday 24 May: Gen 3:9-15; Eph 3:14-19; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday 25 May: Acts 17:15,22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday 26 May: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
Friday 27 May: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday 28 May: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28
Sunday 29 May: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53



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

1446 Christ instituted the sacrament of Penance for all sinful members of his Church: above all for those who, since Baptism, have fallen into grave sin, and have thus lost their baptismal grace and wounded ecclesial communion. It is to them that the sacrament of Penance offers a new possibility to convert and to recover the grace of justification. The Fathers of the Church present this sacrament as "the second plank [of salvation] after the shipwreck which is the loss of grace."⁴⁷

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.

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday, 24th May: Our Lady, Help of Christians (SOLEMNITY)

Wednesday, 25th May:

St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor (Optional)

St Gregory VII, Pope (Optional)

St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin (Optional)

Thursday 26th May: St Philip Neri, Priest (Memorial)

Friday 27th May: St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (Optional)

Sunday 29th May: The Ascension of the Lord (SOLEMNITY)



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Lorna Scott

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Mark Overo, Liz McMahon, Elaine & Bernie Mahony,
Rodolfo Billedo

IN MEMORIAM

Rex Scott, Luciana Villarico, Betty & Jim Purser

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

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

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:

Liam Hillman; Jakob Allan Poulsen; Ezra Safar

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

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.

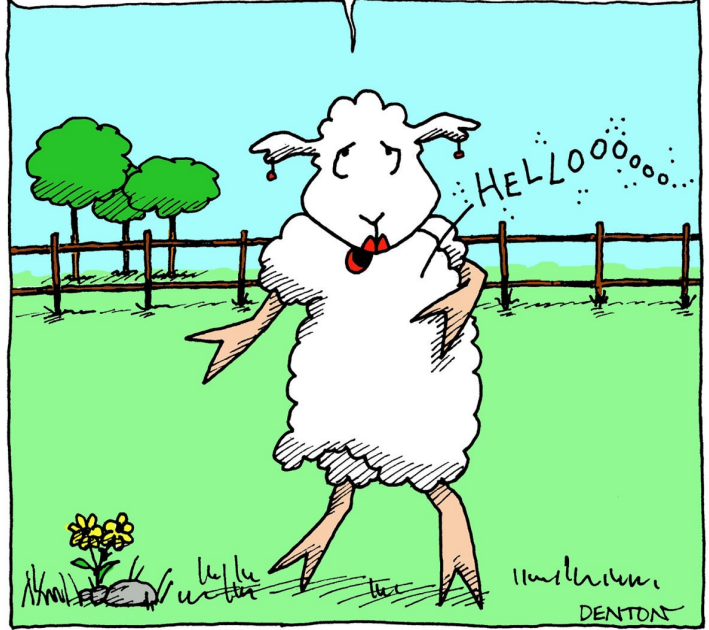


GIVE MINISTRY A GO
Offer your gifts and talents in service
Our parish ministries are always looking to grow. We can help to link you up with a ministry to use your gifts and talents. Together, we can live life to the full.

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES CONTACT THE YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM AT MQOFYOUTH@GMAIL.COM OR ON 9622 1125.

SUNDAY FLOCK

THE GREAT THING ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THAT IT'S SO CONVENIENTLY LOCATED!



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“The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.”

Sheepish Question:

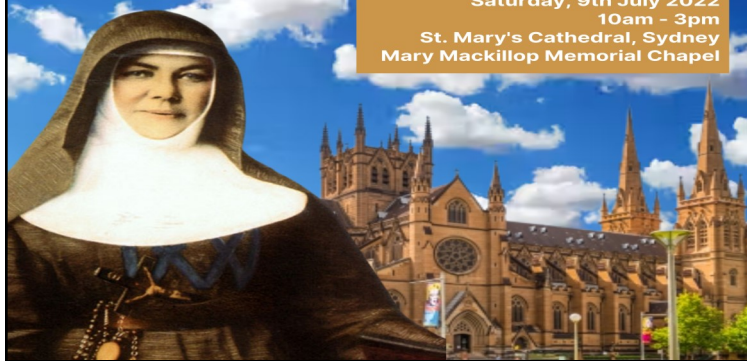
What reminders am I hearing from the Holy Spirit this day?



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

MQOF Youth Ministry

Saturday, 9th July 2022
10am - 3pm
St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney
Mary Mackillop Memorial Chapel



ST.PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL - 2023



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>

Follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/stpatsprimaryblacktown>

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51-59 Allawah Street
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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.



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.

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

GENTLE REMINDER

Attention all Parish Volunteers Safe Guarding Training

Next 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. We look forward to all our volunteers joining us for this important training session.

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.

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.**

THANK YOU FROM MQOF FLOWER MINISTRY

Through your generosity, we raised a total of \$3500 from the Mother's Day Raffle and Craft and Plant Sale.

This will ensure that both our churches will be decorated with fresh flowers well into the future.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH, BLACKTOWN

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

MINISTRY EXPO

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL & ENTERTAINMENT

SUNDAY 5th June 2022

10.00AM MASS
FOLLOWED BY MINISTRY EXPO & INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL & ENTERTAINMENT
St. Patrick's Church
51 - 59 Allawah Street, Blacktown

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND
WE ASK YOU TO WEAR YOUR ETHNIC ATTIRE OR THE COLOUR RED

<https://www.mqofblacktown.org/pentecost2022> @blacktowncatholics

Join us as we celebrate our being Church

PENTECOST 2022

Novena Masses - May 27 – June 4

(To be prayed at the usual Parish Mass Times)

PENTECOST: Sunday, 5th of June (after the 10am Mass)

At the St Patrick's Primary School Grounds there will be lots of food, singing, games, fun for all ages, etc. This is a fundraising event, all monies raised will go towards our St Pat's, "Raise the Roof" project.

The food meal coupons for \$5 and \$10 and drink coupons for \$2 will be on sale from 21 May at every weekend Masses and at our Piety Shop and Parish Office during the week or you can buy it online on the website. Donations of food is also welcome.

For more information, contact our parish office on 02 9622 1125.

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 the office on 9622 1125.
We are also seeking volunteers for our media team to capture our events through still photos and videography. If you can help please contact Ged at the parish office.

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>)
Please Note: Type 'Raise the Roof' or just 'Roof' in the description field when making the donation.
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
3. 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.
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 Club Blacktown (To be drawn on 29/05/22 after 10am Mass)
- 2) \$100 dining voucher to be used at Blacktown Workers Club (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 20/5/22 is \$8,290. Thank you to all



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.

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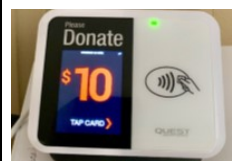
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Thank you so much for your continued support of our parish. We are grateful!



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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