



# 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*

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR C

29TH 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.

Before Jesus was taken into heaven, he tells the disciples that it is not for them to know times or seasons, yet after he disappears from their sight, they stand there gazing into the heavens. Maybe they were dumfounded by what they had just seen, or maybe they were expecting his immediate return. Whatever the case, they are reminded by the angels of the command of the Lord and to get on with the work he intrusted to them.

Why are you gazing into heaven? It is a perennial temptation that we want to know what's going to happen. This is often the case in our own lives when we try to control outcomes or seek from the Lord assurances about this or that. This is deeply rooted in our fallen nature, stemming from the original temptation to grasp at knowledge not given to us by the Lord. In a similar way that we see the disciples grasping after what is not for them to know, there are often movements within the Church which claim to know exactly that, predicting times and seasons. Beware of these. Christ is the definitive Revelation of the Father and so, in a way, there is nothing more to be said. We are given everything we need to know in him and about those things which are to come we must in humility leave that for the Lord.

After he ascended, the angels remind them of Jesus' instructions, to go and bear witness to him throughout the world, and to baptise in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, with the assurance that he will come again. Our task between the advents of the Lord is to make him known. We know that Jesus will come again and restore us in the resurrection, but until then he expects from us his followers to witness to his saving power by our words and deeds, not to worry about when or how things will turn out.

But we can only do this by the power of his Holy Spirit. At Pentecost which we celebrate next week, we are reminded of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles which set them ablaze to go and fulfil this very task. Let us pray then for his coming upon us so that we may remain faithful to the mission entrusted to us by the Lord and be ever more fully conformed to him who will come again.

*Tom Green (Seminarian)*

### Parish Directory

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

**Parish Office:** At St. Patrick's Church. **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm  
**Telephone:** 02 9622 1125 **A/H:** 02 8705 0830.  
**Website:** [www.mqofblacktown.org.au](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, Fr. Chukwunonyerem Akamadu (Fr. Chinonye).

**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

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR C

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

#### FIRST READING: Acts 1:11

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

#### SECOND READING: Eph 1:17-23

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL: Lk 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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### 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.

### Daily Readings

Monday 30 May: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday 31 May: Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday 1 June: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19

Thursday 2 June: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday 3 June: Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday 4 June: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday 5 June: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23



## 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

**1447** Over the centuries the concrete form in which the Church has exercised this power received from the Lord has varied considerably. During the first centuries the reconciliation of Christians who had committed particularly grave sins after their Baptism (for example, idolatry, murder, or adultery) was tied to a very rigorous discipline, according to which penitents had to do public penance for their sins, often for years, before receiving reconciliation. To this "order of penitents" (which concerned only certain grave sins), one was only rarely admitted and in certain regions only once in a lifetime. During the seventh century Irish missionaries, inspired by the Eastern monastic tradition, took to continental Europe the "private" practice of penance, which does not require public and prolonged completion of penitential works before reconciliation with the Church. From that time on, the sacrament has been performed in secret between penitent and priest. This new practice envisioned the possibility of repetition and so opened the way to a regular frequenting of this sacrament. It allowed the forgiveness of grave sins and venial sins to be integrated into one sacramental celebration. In its main lines this is the form of penance that the Church has practiced down to our day.

### FEAST DAYS

**Tuesday, 31st May:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (FEAST)

**Wednesday, 1st June:** St Justin, Martyr (Memorial)

**Thursday, 2nd June:** Sts Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs (Optional)

**Friday, 3rd June:** St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs (Optional)

**Sunday, 5th June:** Pentecost Sunday (SOLEMNITY)



### PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Belen & Mike Gast, Lorna Scott

#### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Theotimus Andrew Gomes, Mercedes S. Marilla,  
Jim Ryan, Purificacion Sumagui, Isidro Villaester,  
Clemente Lavador, Elvira Puyat

#### IN MEMORIAM

Jessie Salimbao, Josephine Nogueiro,  
Feley Leena D'Sousa, Johannes Aarts, Monique de Chastognier

#### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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.

### 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**

### COVID-19 UPDATE

As we head into winter it's the little things we do that will make a big difference and help keep us all COVID safe, like:

- Keeping up to date with our COVID-19 and flu vaccinations
- Staying home if we're feeling unwell
- Wearing a mask in crowded places

Getting together where there's plenty of fresh air

We thank you for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

### FORMED

Get the NETFLIX of the Catholic Faith - FORMED



Now free for our Parishioners

Follow the steps below to get access



1. Scan the QR code - to go to the FORMED website;
2. In the Parish search field - type "2148" - to find our Parish name;
3. Select "Mary Queen of the Family" and press "Next";
4. Enter your Name and your Email address to register a new account and press "Sign Up";
5. Download the FORMED app on your phone and "Sign In" using your email address in step 4;
6. Browse, Watch, Listen, Read, and Study - to form your catholic conscience.

### GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

**Support our seminarians to become beacons of Christ's light**



PARRAMATTA  
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

**Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal**  
[yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)



Please place your donations in the buckets located in the church foyer, we thank you for your on going prayers and generosity.

## 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:

Cooper Sultana.

### 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 process, and know Jesus Christ more, please contact the parish office on 9622 1125.

### 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

## MQOF YOUTH GROUPS



### 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 [YOUTH@MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU](mailto:YOUTH@MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU) OR ON 9622 1125.

## CHILDRENS LITURGY

AT MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH BLACKTOWN

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### When does Children's Liturgy Happen?

The Children's Liturgy of the Word occurs during the mass. At the beginning of mass, the Celebrant calls upon any children who want to participate to come to the front of the church. Then he blesses the children before they move to the prayer space.

#### What do the children do?

The leaders and the children will say prayers and listen to the Sunday Gospel at the children's level. The leaders explain the meaning of the Gospel and ask the children questions about the Gospel. The children participate in activities which relate to the Gospel Story.

#### When do the children return?

The children return to Mass before the Eucharist celebration begins.

#### At what mass is Children's Liturgy available?

The Children's Liturgy takes place every Sunday at the 9.30am mass at St Michael's Church or the 10.00am mass at St Patrick's Church during the school term.



#### MAKE LITURGY WELCOMING FOR OUR CHILDREN

If you would like to know more about the Children's Liturgy or would like to help out please contact the Youth Ministry Team at: [Youth@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:Youth@mqofblacktown.org.au) or (02) 9622 1125.

## MQOF YOUTH MINISTRY

### YOUTH GROUPS



#### Children's Liturgy

Primary (Ages 5-11)  
Sunday: 9:30am & 10am

#### MQOF Youth

Junior Teens (Ages 12-15)  
Watch this Space!

Senior Teens (Ages 16-19)  
Friday: 6:30-8:30pm  
1st Friday of the Month

#### Young Adults

Young Adults Group  
COMING SOON  
Watch this Space!



@mqofyouth



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MQOF Youth

## 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.

Don't Miss Out!

Enrolling Now  
for  
Kindergarten  
2023



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

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## PATRICIAN BROTHERS - 2023



PATRICIAN BROTHERS'  
COLLEGE, BLACKTOWN



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[EXPRESSION OF INTEREST](#)

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E: [patricianbros@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:patricianbros@parra.catholic.edu.au)

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## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### 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.**

### SUNDAY FLOCK



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"He who made the promise is trustworthy."

#### Sheepish Question:

How does hope in God's promise affect my willingness to step out in faith?

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

*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 \$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.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP

Come join us and spend some quality play time with your child at our playgroup.

**Time:** 9am to 10.45

**Location:** Father Sidney Mosley Room (next to St Michaels church)

**Cost:** \$1 weekly or \$10 per school term (per family)

**Bring:** morning tea for your own child

Join our fb page - search "pre-schoolers playgroup"

\* our playgroup is not affiliated with MQOF, schools or playgroups Australia\*

## 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.**

Thank you so much to the 51 parishioners who have donated to our Raise the Roof Appeal to date. As of 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022, we have received the sum of **\$12,160** in donations. We are also thankful to those who are still considering... only your continued support can make the roof of the House of our God rebuild!

Our roof project is composed of the preparation, construction, and completion phase. The St Pat's roof is to be properly rebuilt to provide a safe and lasting haven for all parishioners and visitors. The preparation phase is a bit slow as we faced hurdles in securing the original roof plan of the church. We are working closely with our volunteers who have building, structural and architectural backgrounds to draft repair recommendations, draw new roof plans and prepare project cost estimates, etc. So, at this point, we still have no idea as to what we are facing, with regards to options, costs, and complexities. However, we made the call to kick off our 'Raise the Roof' campaign a few weeks ago, to at least get things started. But, at the same time, we know that, realistically, this is going to involve years of financial support and commitment from us all. We are also in communication with the Diocese and, when more is known, will work with them to determine other funding options, how they might assist us. We will also commit to consulting you, our fellow parishioners, in the meantime, we ask for your generosity and prayers and, thank you for your ongoing support. It is much appreciated.



If you have any questions or, if you can assist or support us in any way, due to your expertise or background, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125.

#### HOW TO DONATE:

1. Scan the QR code to donate or logon to the following link (<https://www.mqofblacktown.org/make-a-donation-or-payment>) Please type 'Raise the Roof' or just 'Roof' in the description field when making the donation.
2. Fill in the red 'Raise the Roof' donation form 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 new Planned Giving or increase your current one via Credit Card or Direct Debit from bank account (this form is available in the foyer)

As a simple token of gratitude, we will place the names of our donors into the draw to win the following:

- 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)

We acknowledge and sincerely thank our generous sponsors for their support.

### 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 on 5th June @ Pentecost Sunday Celebrations**. 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.

#### 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](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations). You can also send your offerings/donations thru bank transfer:

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If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Sarah at [accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au). 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.

**Planned Giving (Direct Debit)** is also an option if you wish to do cashless donation to the parish, forms are available in the foyer and on our parish website.

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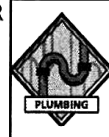
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