



# 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*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C & MOTHER'S DAY

8 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.

## The Voice

"Voices" are competing with each other. We hear them from different sources and with the global networking we certainly get countless of them wanting to be heard. Unknowingly we can become followers of different kinds of ideologies or philosophies, or way of life and thinking. Put in a powerful imagery of the Shepherd and the sheep, Jesus alludes, "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." He is worth listening to and following because he is the one sent by the Father to bring us back to God, to show us the heart of God who does not desire our damnation but freely calls us to himself, to receive his grace and mercy.

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. The claim of Jesus as the Good Shepherd goes back to the Old Testament times where God himself appears as the Shepherd of Israel. This image of God brought so much hope and consolation to a people who were brought into exile, and also who have been deceived by self-seeking shepherds on those days. The prophet Ezekiel for example proclaims the promise that God himself will seek out his sheep and care for them (Ezekiel 34:13-16). A trustful response to this promise is expressed in this beautiful devotion of Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd...Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me" (Psalm 23:1-4).

We are certainly assured of the care and love of the Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep (John 10:11). Jesus as the real Shepherd came to give us life, and to have it abundantly (John 10:10). Jesus does not give us something, he gives us himself. Isn't his voice worth listening because he lived by example? This Vocation Sunday, when we especially pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, let us also ask the Lord that those who consecrated themselves for the service of God and his Church will constantly seek to listen and discern the voice and the will of God. Let us pray that as they follow Jesus, they may become shepherds according to his heart. May they never tire of listening to God in the Scriptures, through the teachings of the Church and the rich Tradition handed down to us.

It's also Mother's Day this Sunday. Mothers have a special vocation to guide and lead their children, to be good examples by their virtues. The Blessed Mother is worth emulating with her "YES" to God. May God's abundant blessings be upon all mothers. Happy Mother's Day!

*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](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 Cina **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 Cina.

#### Parish Schools:

**St Michael's Primary:**  
P : 8869 6200 <https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au>

**St Patrick's Primary:**  
P : 8869 6000 <https://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au>

**Nagle College:**  
P : 8887 4507 <https://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au>

**Patrician Brothers College:**  
P : 8811 0300 <https://www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au>

**Catholic Early Learning Centre (St Michael's) :**  
P : 8814 8406 <https://www.celcblacktownstn.catholic.edu.au>

#### Nursing Homes:

Opal Nursing Home ( 37 Kildare Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148 ) P : 9852 9600  
Mulluana Retirement Village (61 Bungarribee Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 8822 2100  
Catholic Healthcare St Hedwig Village Blacktown (140 Reservoir Rd, Blacktown 2148) P: 8822 9920

## THE LITURGY FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 32:5-6

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

### FIRST READING: Acts 13:14, 43-52

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

### SECOND READING: Rv 7:9, 14-17

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Jn 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Lk 24:35

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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## FEAST DAYS

**Tuesday, 10th May:** Saint John De Avila, Priest, Doctor (*Optional*)

**Thursday, 12th May:** Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs (*Optional*)  
Saint Pancras, Martyr (*Optional*)

**Friday, 13th May:** Our Lady of Fatima (*Optional*)

**Saturday, 14th May:** Saint Matthias, Apostle (FEAST)



## Daily Readings

Monday 9 May: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday 10 May: Acts 11:19-26 ; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday 11 May: Acts 12:24-13:5; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday 12 May: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday 13 May: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday 14 May: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Sunday 15 May: Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35



## 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

**1440** Sin is before all else an offense against God, a rupture of communion with him. At the same time it damages communion with the Church. For this reason conversion entails both God's forgiveness and reconciliation with the Church, which are expressed and accomplished liturgically by the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.<sup>38</sup>

**1441** Only God forgives sins.<sup>39</sup> Since he is the Son of God, Jesus says of himself, "The Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" and exercises this divine power: "Your sins are forgiven."<sup>40</sup> Further, by virtue of his divine authority he gives this power to men to exercise in his name.<sup>41</sup>

**1442** Christ has willed that in her prayer and life and action his whole Church should be the sign and instrument of the forgiveness and reconciliation that he acquired for us at the price of his blood. But he entrusted the exercise of the power of absolution to the apostolic ministry which he charged with the "ministry of reconciliation."<sup>42</sup> The apostle is sent out "on behalf of Christ" with "God making his appeal" through him and pleading: "Be reconciled to God."<sup>43</sup>

## 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

Lorna Scott, Rodel Frago, Emanuel Abela,  
Charlie Borg

### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Aludia Paladin, America La Torre

### IN MEMORIAM

Virgilio Maximo, Angelica Hidalgo, Aleyamma Joseph

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mary Mifsud,

### SICK

Trevor Anthony, Candida Irugalbandara, Joan Clout; Lourdes Domingo,  
Laurie Grima, D.J. Nelson, Angela Mikhael, Teresita Alston, Bianca Mikhael,  
Maria Simunovic.

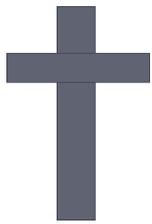
Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will be published for 4 weeks at a time.



# Welcome to the Family...

We are a welcoming parish... you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of Mary, Queen of the Family. If you are not an active member of this Community, consider partaking in what we have to offer. We serve the Community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, youth and comfort to the sick and mourning. In addition to our spiritual and outreach organisations, perchance you have an interest in joining one of our many liturgical ministries such as: Minister of Holy Communion, Reader/Commentator, Welcomer, Collectors, Minister of DVP/Power Point, Catechists etc. Volunteers are formally registered by filling out a *Join a Ministry* form that is then entered into the parish data system (*information supplied remains confidential*). These forms are available from the parish office or in the church foyer. ~ *The Parish 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:  
Aldo Cilidonio, Monalisa Okechukwu, Logan Paul,  
Kai Paynting, Sienna Tanglao, Charlotte Williams

## SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2022

The sacramental program dates and online registration forms for 2022 are available on our parish website <https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/>

### SACRAMENTAL PROCESS REGISTRATION CLOSURE DATES:

Reconciliation process for Year 3 - 6: **18th September 2022.**

First Eucharist Process: **2nd May 2022.**

Confirmation Process: **26th June 2022.**

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

### YOUTH MINISTRY



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

## SAVE THE DATE



MQOF Youth Ministry

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

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



## LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

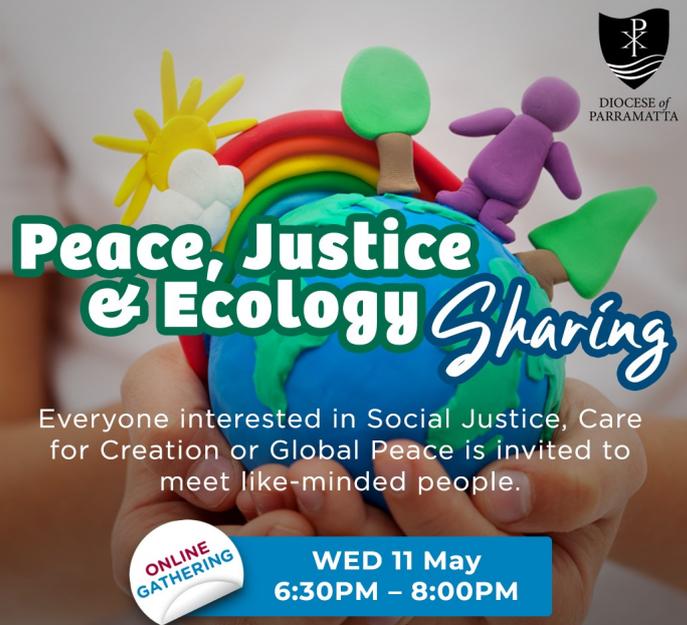
**Parramatta Diocese Office for Worship**  
Liturgical Ministry Formation ~ September – November 2022

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.**

## PEACE JUSTICE AND ECOLOGY



Everyone interested in Social Justice, Care for Creation or Global Peace is invited to meet like-minded people.

ONLINE GATHERING

WED 11 May  
6:30PM – 8:00PM

For ZOOM link RSVP to [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## 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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# 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.



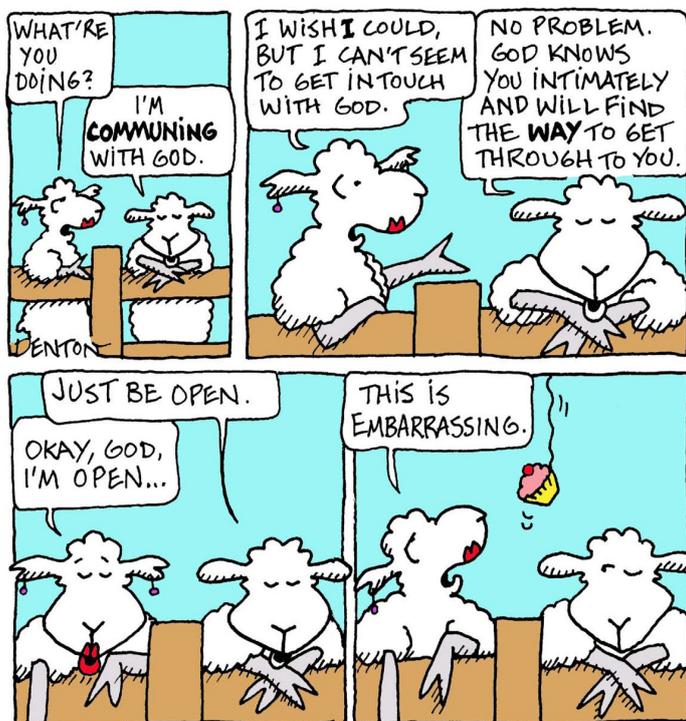
## SAVE THE DATE

### 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.

## THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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“My sheep hear my voice; I know them. No one can take them out of my hand.”

### Sheepish Question:

How could I come to know the Good Shepherd as well as he knows me?

## CATHOLICISM SERIES

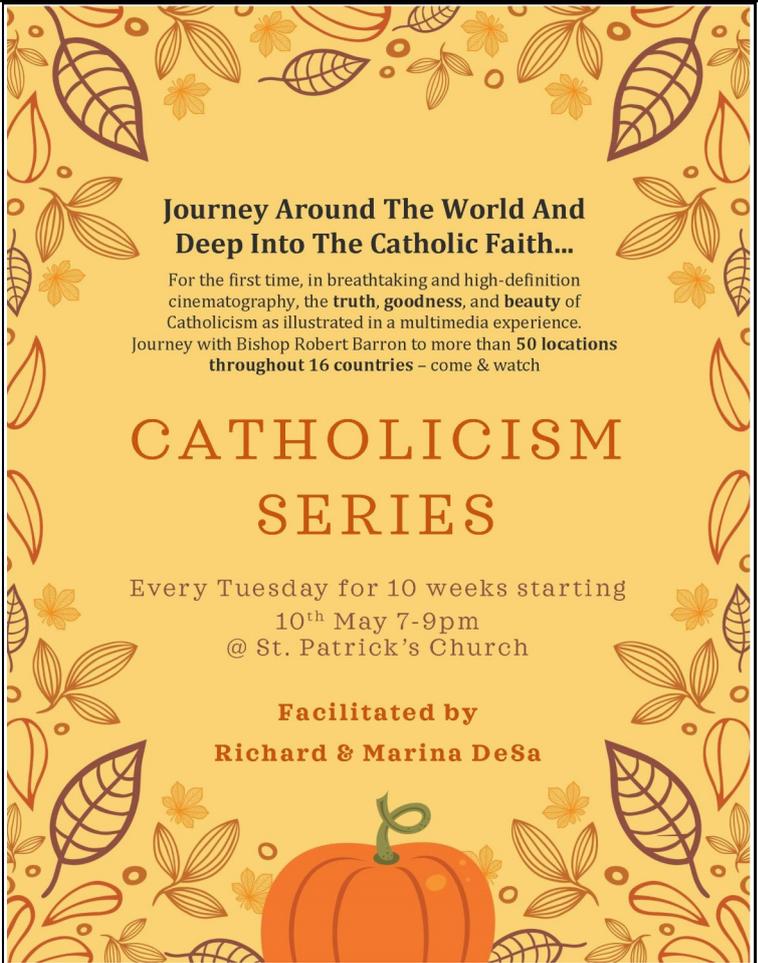
### Journey Around The World And Deep Into The Catholic Faith...

For the first time, in breathtaking and high-definition cinematography, the truth, goodness, and beauty of Catholicism as illustrated in a multimedia experience. Journey with Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 16 countries - come & watch

# CATHOLICISM SERIES

Every Tuesday for 10 weeks starting 10<sup>th</sup> May 7-9pm @ St. Patrick's Church

Facilitated by Richard & Marina DeSa



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.

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.

Scan the QR code to register or log on to our website: <https://www.mqofblacktown.org/catholicismseries>



Or write your contact details on the registration sheet in the foyer of the church.

## THANK YOU FROM FLOWER MINISTRY

### MQOF Flower Ministry Mother's Day Raffle Results

The raffle draw was carried out on Tuesday, 3 May, by Fr Regie and Seminarian Tom Green. And the winners are ...

- 1st Prize - Pamper Pack - won by Mariz
- 2nd Prize - 4L Kambrook Deep Fryer - won by Bernadette
- 3rd Prize - L'Occitane Perfume - won by Susie
- 4th Prize - Valentini Ladies Wallet - won by Sienna

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to everyone who supported the raffle and plant and craft sale. Thanks also to those who contributed the prizes, plants and crafts. We couldn't have done it without you.



## 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 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.

Thank you and God bless us for this endeavour.



### 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!**

Your gift supports our parish to share Christ's message of love and salvation with all

GIVE TO OUR PARISH

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### 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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Account Name: Diocesan Clergy  
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Reference: 6004 - Donor's Name

#### SECOND COLLECTION: For the Parish

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

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.

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