



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

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR C

5TH JUNE 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.

What difference does the coming of the Holy Spirit make in our lives? The scene from the Acts of the Apostles, with the whirlwind and the tongues of fire, the Apostles' emboldened preaching and the amazement of the crowd suggests something radically new is here, something significantly different than what we have come to expect.

In the story about the Tower of Babel in Genesis, God scatters the people across the face of the earth like a man smearing the face of another so as to disfigure it. At first glance this seems a strange thing for God to do, since the point of their tower was for the creation of a united people, something apparently good. But the statement God is making is that we do not have the power to achieve the good that we set out to do on our own and there is the risk of great evil should we try without him. Only God has the power to unite humanity and to fulfil the deepest longings of his heart.

So, God's destruction of Babel serves as a teaching moment. God scattered, smeared the face of the earth so that in Jesus and the Gift of the Holy Spirit he could renew the face of the earth and bring humanity into a union grounded in his own divine life through the bestowal of his gift in the Church. And it is a gift given to each of us uniquely, personally. The Holy Spirit seeks for hearts that will provide for him a home to dwell in; repentant, silent and humble hearts that know their own poverty and their need of him.

The Holy Spirit renews the face of the earth by first renewing each one of us in a very personal and intimate way. He guides us to the fulfilment our hearts long for but have never quite been able to reach without him. He makes new what our old and tired ways have worn out. And he forms us again and again evermore into the likeness of Jesus. So let us open our hearts to this best gift of all and pray for his coming so that with him, and only with him, we may attain to that glory for which he has destined us.

Tom Green (Seminarist)

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 **Seminarist:** 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 PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. V.30

(R) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING: 1 COR 12:3-7, 12-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 24:46-53

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

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'
After saying this he breathed on them and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 28:20 Acts 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, 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 6 June: Gen 3:9-15. 20; Mt 5:1-12.
Tuesday 7 June: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16.
Wednesday 8 June: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19.
Thursday 9 June: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26.
Friday 10 June: 1 Kgs 19:9. 11-16; Mt 5:27-32.
Saturday 11 June: Acts 11:21-26; Mt 5:33-37.
Sunday 12 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

1448 Beneath the changes in discipline and celebration that this sacrament has undergone over the centuries, the same fundamental structure is to be discerned. It comprises two equally essential elements: on the one hand, the acts of the man who undergoes conversion through the action of the Holy Spirit: namely, contrition, confession, and satisfaction; on the other, God's action through the intervention of the Church. the Church, who through the bishop and his priests forgives sins in the name of Jesus Christ and determines the manner of satisfaction, also prays for the sinner and does penance with him. Thus the sinner is healed and re-established in ecclesial communion.

1449 The formula of absolution used in the Latin Church expresses the essential elements of this sacrament: the Father of mercies is the source of all forgiveness. He effects the reconciliation of sinners through the Passover of his Son and the gift of his Spirit, through the prayer and ministry of the Church:

God, the Father of mercies, through the death and the resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.⁴⁸

FEAST DAYS

Monday, 6th June: MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH.

Thursday, 9th June: SAINT EPHREM, DEACON AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH.

Saturday, 11th June: SAINT BARNABAS, APOSTLE.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Cresencio Anorico

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Fabiana Dela Cruz; Teresita Magdalena,
Joven & Liza Magdalena, Liz McMahon,
Lucia Rubbo, Maria Frugal, Louise Vella

IN MEMORIAM

Connie Redman, Debbie Mifsud,

SPECIAL INTENTIONS.

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

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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.

SUNDAY FLOCK



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

Sheepish Question:

How can I better energize the Holy Spirit dwelling within me?

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 2nd July 2022. - St. Patrick's Church.

For more information please logon to our website:
<https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/#baptism>

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, 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

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

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 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 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!



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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>

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



St Patrick's Primary school
51-59 Allawah Street
Phone: 02 8869 6000

Email: stpatsblacktown@parra.catholic.edu.au

PATRICIAN BROTHERS - 2023



PATRICIAN BROTHERS'
COLLEGE, BLACKTOWN



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YEAR 7 2023/2024

Click the link below to express your interest.

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E: patricianbros@parra.catholic.edu.au

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Fine young men striving for personal excellence centred in faith

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

HAPPY FEAST DAY



Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, That I always may be holy.
AMEN

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.**

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*

FR. CHUKWUNONYEREM ADAMADU



On the 1st June 2022, Fr. Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, known as "Fr. Chinonye" was appointed administrator of Cranebrook parish. His appointment will be until September 29th. We wish Fr. Chinonye well and look forward to him returning to our parish in September.

CARPARK LIGHTS ~ ST.PATRICK'S CHURCH

We are aware that the carpark lights need fixing and are currently investigating a temporary solution until these can be fixed. Our apologies for the inconvenience this may cause and we are working on rectifying the situation as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

THANK YOU ~ GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Thank You for Supporting our Holy Spirit Seminarians, we received \$2435.

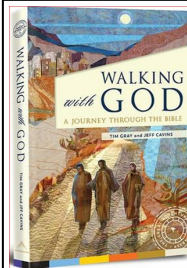
Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and our Holy Spirit seminarians would like to thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for our future good shepherds and priests.

For anyone who hasn't yet had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code.

The money raised will help our Holy Spirit Seminary to support the faithful men who have answered God's call to become priests and beacons of Christ's light.

Please continue to pray for the Diocesan ministries supported by Parramatta Catholic Foundation, including our Holy Spirit Seminarians and all those who contribute to their education, formation, and care.

Thank you for ongoing support, prayers and generosity.



MQOF Book Club

The Piety Store has introduced a selection of books for our parishioners targeting the development of our spirituality and to help us in increasing our faith and love for God.

One of our first picked books is *Walking with God: A Journey through the Bible*, a review of which appears below.

The long-term aim is to form a Book Club to meet and discuss chapters from a selected book every month, chaired by one of our resident priests. In the meantime, you are encouraged to raise any questions arising from reading the books with Fr Regie or any one of our priests.

Walking with God: A Journey through the Bible Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins - Ascension (Paperback) This revised paperback edition of *Walking With God: A Journey Through the Bible* includes reflection questions at the end of each chapter. Reflect on your own or discuss with a group of readers to gain a better understanding of the story of salvation history. Written by Dr. Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins, *Walking With God* unpacks the central story woven throughout Scripture and presents it in an easy-to-read, concise manner. Gray and Cavins take you on a journey through the "narrative" books of the Bible—the ones that tell the story—and present a panoramic view of God's glorious plan of salvation. Their expert commentary dives deep into the mysteries of Scripture, unlocking its riches and showing how these inspired words are meant for you today. Enter into the scriptures with *Walking with God*. Witness the fascinating story of our faith unfold, and see how you, at this moment in your life, fit into God's plan for all of humanity. **Order your copy now by ringing the office on 9622 1125.**

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.

As of the 3rd of June 2022, donations received is **\$21,162.45**. We thank the 74 parishioners who have shared their treasure to our Raise the Roof Appeal. We are praying that more will respond generously to our appeal because it's only through your continued support that we 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 (Drawn on 29/05/22 after 10am Mass) The winner was Colin & Dorothy Morris.**
- 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.

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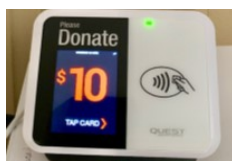
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If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Sarah at accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au. Thank you so much for your continued support of our parish. We are grateful!



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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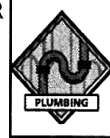
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