



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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

21ST AUGUST 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)
6.00pm 2nd Sat Vigil - Filipino Mass (St Michael'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)

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.

Salvation Offered to All

I remember the time when I had to make one of my most difficult decisions in life, whether I will enter the seminary and become a missionary. From among the many options set before me, I had to take one and be ready to face the consequences of my decision. In retrospect, I found it hard because it would change my life's direction. It was a difficult transition, but it was clear for me that I had to go through the experience to make my life truly meaningful. This insight came through the help of some spiritual persons who journeyed with me in my discernment as to what God really wanted of me to become and to do. For one, I am indebted to the best-selling author M. Scott Peck with his book "The Road Less Travelled." This was very instrumental in putting a period to all my doubts during my discernment. Now, I said, is the time to finally tell my family of my decision even if it meant rejection. And so, it happened...

Things have changed by now, but in the past I had to endure the many trials of family pressure and the purification process in my 10 years of seminary formation. I slowly understand what Scott Peck meant in the book that love is discipline. I put my heart to my vocation and to God who called me but never been spared of many painful events in life...rejected, persecuted in many ways, betrayed, broken. I am always convinced that love is always related with self-mastery, self-control and self-discipline. I learned to become vulnerable and accept that sacrifice and suffering are important elements in growth and maturity, more so in my spiritual journey.

The Letter to the Hebrews (2nd reading- 12:5-7; 11-13) reminded me that I had to endure the trials but saw the hands of God working, and came out victorious. I gradually realized the unfathomable mercy and love of God for me and for others. Indeed, God deserves praise, worship and thanksgiving! Out from the chosen people of God (the Israelites), the Lord "gathers the nations of every language" to come and see his glory (1st reading- Isaiah 66:18-21).

Everyone has to take a path for himself/herself. We will be lost spiritually if we just drift away. Enlightened and nourished by our faith in Christ, we know that the road, the gate that Jesus asks us to enter is narrow but brings us salvation (Luke 13:22-30). Salvation is being offered to all. God's grace is freely given through Jesus Christ, in his Paschal Mystery (passion, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven), but each one should also be free to accept God's offer. Our response is also as important as the grace given to us by God.

Our Blessed Mother, Mary, Queen of the Family chose the path of true discipleship. She followed Jesus to the foot of the cross. Now she reigns to intercede for all of us her children who turn to her and ask for her prayers. As we celebrate her feast day in our parish community, we may all experience her maternal comfort and help. Happy Feast Day to all!

-Fr. Regie, MSP

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.

Deacon: John Cina **Seminarian:** Tom Green

Finance Officer: Sarah Damole **Email:** accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au

Secretaries: Ann Hart (Wed-Fri) & Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Mon & Tues)

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, Ekhlas 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.ceclblacktownstn.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



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

COVID-19 UPDATE

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**

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

SUNDAY FLOCK

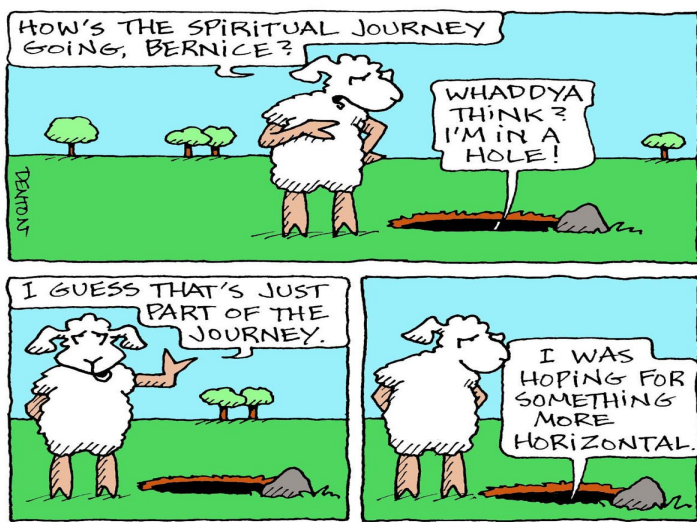
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3. Select "Mary Queen of the Family" and press "Next";
4. Enter your Name and your Email address to register a new account and press "Sign Up";
5. Download the FORMED app on your phone and "Sign In" using your email address in step 4;
6. Browse, Watch, Listen, Read, and Study - to form your catholic conscience.



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"Whom the Lord loves, he disciplines."

Sheepish Question:
 What recent setback do I now recognize as a moment of spiritual growth?

THE LITURGY TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING: IS 66:18-21

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 116. R. MK 16:15

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News

SECOND READING: HEB 12:5-7, 11-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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Daily Readings

- Monday 22 August: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday 23 August: 2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26.
- Wednesday 24 August: Rv 21:9-14 ; Jn 1:45-51.
- Thursday 25 August: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51.
- Friday 26 August: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13 .
- Saturday 27 August: 1 Cor 1:26-31 ; Mt 25:14-30.
- Sunday 28 August: Sir 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Lk 14:1. 7-14



FEAST DAYS

- Monday, 22nd August: THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.**
- Tuesday, 23rd August: SAINT ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN.**
- Wednesday 24th August: SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE.**
- Thursday 25th August: SAINT LOUIS & SAINT JOSEPH CALASANZ, PRIEST.**
- Saturday 27th August: SAINT MONICA**

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART TWO: THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY SECTION TWO THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH CHAPTER ONE THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION Article 3 THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

V. The Sacramental Sacrifice Thanksgiving, Memorial, Presence

1356 If from the beginning Christians have celebrated the Eucharist and in a form whose substance has not changed despite the great diversity of times and liturgies, it is because we know ourselves to be bound by the command the Lord gave on the eve of his Passion: "Do this in remembrance of me."¹⁸¹

1357 We carry out this command of the Lord by celebrating the memorial of his sacrifice. In so doing, we offer to the Father what he has himself given us: the gifts of his creation, bread and wine which, by the power of the Holy Spirit and by the words of Christ, have become the body and blood of Christ. Christ is thus really and mysteriously made present.

1358 We must therefore consider the Eucharist as: - thanksgiving and praise to the Father; - the sacrificial memorial of Christ and his Body; - the presence of Christ by the power of his word and of his Spirit.

Thanksgiving and praise to the Father

1359 The Eucharist, the sacrament of our salvation accomplished by Christ on the cross, is also a sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for the work of creation. In the Eucharistic sacrifice the whole of creation loved by God is presented to the Father through the death and the Resurrection of Christ. Through Christ the Church can offer the sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for all that God has made good, beautiful, and just in creation and in humanity.

1360 The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all his benefits, for all that he has accomplished through creation, redemption, and sanctification. Eucharist means first of all "thanksgiving."

1361 The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of praise by which the Church sings the glory of God in the name of all creation. This sacrifice of praise is possible only through Christ: he unites the faithful to his person, to his praise, and to his intercession, so that the sacrifice of praise to the Father is offered through Christ and with him, to be accepted in him.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Susan Jane Sherwood, Paul Farrugia

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

George Sparmon, Jacquina D'Silva, Victoria Aguirre, Salud Nolasco DeGuzman, Jan & Bob Vasey, Evelyn Rajayah

IN MEMORIUM

Christopher Berkley, Frank Cefia, Benjamin Ingles, Virgilio Alegado

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Limun & Frugal Family

SICK

Teresita Alston, Edna Canete, Phoebe Ann Canete; Angela Michael, Maria Ceclia Rodrigo Salvador, Trevor Anthony, Joan Clout.

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 be on Saturday 3rd September 2022. - St. Patrick's Church.

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:
 Cairo Elipane; Sharielle Barretto; Daenerys Atendido; Maya Arguelles,
 Achu Wol & Lucy Wol.

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.**

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Gerald "Ged" Oblea our Sacramental Coordinator on the details below:

Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au
 Ph: 02 9622 1125 – option 4 Mobile: 0422 724 008



CONFIRMATIONS 2022

It is with great joy to advise our parish family, that we have just over 160 candidates receiving the sacrament of confirmation this year. We kindly request that our parish families, keep these candidates in your prayers. In the foyer of each church there are RED prayer cards in a basket. These prayer cards have a candidates name preparing to receive the sacrament of confirmation. We invite families to take a prayer card home to pray for this candidate.

Confirmation Dates: **Tuesday 30th August - 7pm; Thursday 1st August - 7pm**
Sunday 4th September - 10.00am.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

BE PART OF THE SACRAMENTAL TEAM

The Parish is looking for volunteers to be part of our sacramental team to assist in the planning and facilitating of our parish sacramental process.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
Gerald "Ged" Oblea
 (Parish Sacramental Coordinator)
0422 724 008 or ged@mqofblacktown.org.au

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: Noemi Romero, 0475 798 770 (for statue bookings)
Meeting Time and Venue: Every Thursday, 2:30pm – 4:30pm 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



Sponsorship
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**DO YOU WANT TO GO TO WYD?
FIND OUT HOW MQOF CAN HELP**

The Diocese of Parramatta invites young people across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains to join them on its official pilgrimage to the 18th International World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, in August 2023.

OFFICIAL LAUNCH EVENT:
Thursday 18th August, 2022

WORLD YOUTH DAY
July 21st- August 11th 2023

More Information parrawyd.org Register your EO! to youth@mqofblacktown.org.au

NOTIFICATION OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on 25th September 2022 from 11.30am to 1pm at the St. Patricks School MPA hall.

At this AGM we will elect the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) members for the next 3 year term starting from after the AGM. Only parishioners nominated will be allowed to take part on the voting process.

Nominations are invited from Parishioners. Those wishing to nominate fellow parishioners or themselves must obtain, complete and submit a nomination form (that includes the names, contact details, addresses and signatures of the proposer, seconder and the candidate). to the Parish Office by 12th September.

Parishioners, wishing to have any matter discussed at the AGM, will be required to submit such a matter in writing to the SECRETARY of the COUNCIL by 12th September 2022.

PARISH SURVEY

During the month of August the parish will be conducting a survey to get to know & understand our Parishioners better who come to our daily & Sunday masses – so that we can better serve you, run more targeted activities that bring us together & help us achieve our Parish mission. We look forward to your participation. The survey can also be completed electronically via our website: <https://www.mqofblacktown.org/mqofparishsurvey2022>

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



@mqof_youth



MQOF Youth

ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

We still have a few places available for Kindergarten 2023. We would love to meet you and take you for a tour of our beautiful school. **DON'T MISS OUT!**

Phone: 02 8869 6000

Email: stpatsblacktown@parracatholic.edu.au

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

WELCOMING MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Our parish will be hosting a welcoming ministry workshop on Tuesday 23rd August at St. Patrick's Church at 10.00am and 7.00pm. For those interested in being part of this important ministry and would like to attend this workshop please contact the parish office.

GOD'S WORD 2023 ~ AVAILABLE NOW

GET A COPY OF GOD'S WORD 2023 BIBLE DIARY FROM THE PIETY STORE. \$20.00 EACH COPY! Designed to help you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life.



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.

A REMINDER ~ FROM SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

A gentle reminder from the social justice group who are requesting Parishioners to please continue to bring in cans and bottles for recycling. ONLY CANS AND BOTTLES THAT HAVE 10 cents printed on them. Please place these in containers in the foyer of the church. Thank you for your support.

FR CHADI ON HOLIDAY

Fr Chadi is on holidays from 15th August until 20th September. Please keep him in your prayers.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PARISH GOLF DAY



MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY
PARISH, BLACKTOWN

Presents
Raise the Roof!

Golf Day FUNDRAISER

to benefit
St. Patrick's Church ~ Raise the Roof Appeal.
Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club
86 Stonecutters Dr, Colebee NSW 2761
Friday 14th October 2022 At 7.00am

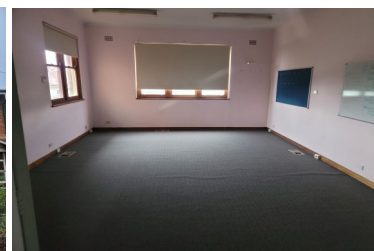
\$520.00 4 Person Team or Single Entry \$130.00	18 Holes ~ Ambrose Team Event. Breakfast & Lunch Provided	Green Fees & Shared Cart Provided. VARIOUS PRIZES TO BE WON!
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Hole Sponsors Needed!
\$650.00 with 4 players or \$200.00 with out players.
To Register call Parish Office or email
admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

OFFICE SPACE / RETREAT VENUE FOR RENT

Our parish currently has a venue for rent that may be used for office space or a retreat venue for a small parish or religious group.

To inquire please contact Sarah or Ged at the Parish Office on (02) 9622 1125 or admin@mqofblacktown.org.au.



PARISH BAKE SALE ~ FATHER'S DAY



To celebrate the fathers, fathers-to-be and father figures in our Parish Community, the MQOF Flower Ministry is holding a Bake Sale on **Sunday, 4th September**, after the 8.00am and 9.30am Masses at St Michael's and after 10.00am Mass at St Patrick's.

Proceeds from the sale will go towards the Raise the Roof Appeal.

Tea and coffee will be provided. Your support will be very much appreciated.

BISHOP'S FATHERS DAY APPEAL



Let us care for those who have cared for us through their lifetime of service



“ Our Clergy Support Foundation needs to be supported in its work, so our priests can enjoy a well-deserved and spiritually fulfilling retirement. Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta

Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal supporting our retired and sick clergy parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

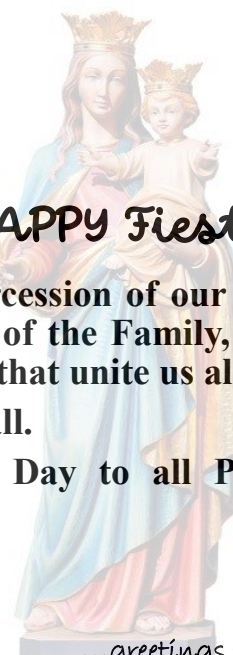


HAPPY Fiesta!!!

May the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Mary, Queen of the Family, will continue to build bridges that unite us all to Christ.

God bless us all.

Happy Feast Day to all Parishioners and friends.



...greetings from the Parish Team



Thank you to all those who donated and/or participated in the City 2 Surf.

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 17th of August 2022, donations received is **\$42,600.49**. We thank the 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!

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)



Congratulations to Colin & Dorothy Morris, Boy & Malou Gatchalian and Len Cruz, the winners of our 3 draws over the last 3 months. And again, a very big THANK YOU to Blacktown Workers, Club Blacktown and our two anonymous parishioners who so kindly donated the prizes. We are very appreciative of your support.

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



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.

FIESTA RAFFLES AND DONATIONS

an Initiative of our MQOF Piety Shop Ministry for the upkeep expenses of St Michael's & St Patrick's Churches

For the August Raffle there will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize. The prizes are religious statues of our Mother Mary. Tickets will be selling for \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Tickets for the raffle will be at the entrances of both churches. As we are short of volunteers the selling of tickets is not manned. Instead, tickets, pens, and two containers one to drop the tickets with your names and phone number in and the other for the donations for the tickets. If paying by card, ask at the Piety Store.

You can also purchase tickets online by logging onto the following website: <https://www.mqofblacktown.org/pietystoreraffle>

The raffle will be drawn during the Parish Feast Day 21/08/22 @ 10am Mass. All proceeds and donations received during the Fiesta will go towards the Raise the Roof Appeal.

Your support is greatly appreciated, and we thank you in advance and with great anticipation.

For further information/questions, call Charlls Sant on 0410 662 591 or the Parish Office on 9622 1125.

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Setting up a one-time or recurring donation/Planned Giving is quick and easy. Just go to: www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations. You can also send your offerings/donations thru bank transfer:

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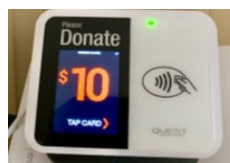
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If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Sarah at accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au. Thank you so much for your continued support of our parish. We are grateful!



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.

Planned Giving (Direct Debit or Credit Card) 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 or contact the parish office on 9622 1125.

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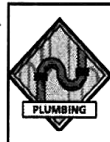
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