



# 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

25TH SEPTEMBER 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.

## A Heart Sensitive to the Poor

The face of human poverty is always before us even in the so-called developed countries. It is amazing that even how much people try to eradicate it, this truth always haunts us. Thus, when we open our hearts, we will find deep within us the call for human solidarity and responsibility for each other. The call indeed can elicit a response proper to each person and most of all a response to poverty in whatever form: material, spiritual, even psycho-emotional poverty, the hunger for love and belongingness. It can also draw us to an experience of conversion and transformation from greed and selfishness to generosity and selflessness. Without doubt, everyone shares the same dignity- human dignity, that we are all created in the image and likeness of God. At this level of appreciation of human life, people enter into a relationship where there is respect, concern, and love for each one. Hence, the presence of the poor in our midst reminds us of our connectedness with each other. The poor people are our brothers and sisters, and our gaze towards them awakens our very identity.

It is not surprising that the Holy Scriptures reveal a special attention of God to the poor. The "anawim", the poor of Yahweh are those who have no resources of their own but submit themselves to the will of God. They are lowly in the eyes of the worldly-minded and they exhibit complete trust in God. In Psalm 34, the author recognizes God as the refuge of the poor and the needy, and praises him for the deliverance from trouble. It might be good to look at our hearts once again. Probably we may find that deep within we experience some sort of poverty even not materially. By recognizing it, we begin to acknowledge God as our refuge and grow in our trust and faith in him. It is not surprising why Jesus in his sermon on the mount says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3).

Jesus did not only preach it, he lived it from incarnation to his crucifixion. Jesus comes as "anawim." Born in a lowly stable, he has already condescended to become human, and all his life is a manifestation of humility and servanthood. He emptied himself again through his death on the cross. When we are full of ourselves, with our pride and self-reliance then there is no room and space for God. Consequently, we will not be able to see the needs of our brothers and sisters especially the poor. We become insensitive to others.

Fr. Regie Lavilla, 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](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 Cinya **Seminarian:** Tom Green

**Finance Officer:** Sarah Damole **Email:** [accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au)

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

**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, Ekhlas 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



# 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, or for further information call the Parish Office on 9622 1125.

~ 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.

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"The Lord gives sight to the blind ...raises up those who were bowed down."

### Sheepish Question:

Where have I failed to notice someone in need?



## THE LITURGY

### TWENTY– FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

#### FIRST READING: AM 6:1. 4-7

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 145:6-10. R. V.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

#### SECOND READING: 1 TM 6:11-16

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL: Lk 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." 'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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### Daily Readings

Monday 26th September: Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50.

Tuesday 27th September: Jb 3:1-3. 11-17. 20-23; Lk 9:51-56.

Wednesday 28th September: Jb 9:1-12. 14-16; Lk 9:57-62.

Thursday 29th September: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51.

Friday 30th September: Jb 38:1. 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16.

Saturday 1st October: Jb 42:1-3. 5-6. 12-17; Lk 10:17-24.

Sunday 2nd October: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 16:19-31; Lk 17:5-10

## 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

*The sacrificial memorial of Christ and of his Body, the Church*

**1379** The tabernacle was first intended for the reservation of the Eucharist in a worthy place so that it could be brought to the sick and those absent outside of Mass. As faith in the real presence of Christ in his Eucharist deepened, the Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration of the Lord present under the Eucharistic species. It is for this reason that the tabernacle should be located in an especially worthy place in the church and should be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and manifests the truth of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

**1380** It is highly fitting that Christ should have wanted to remain present to his Church in this unique way. Since Christ was about to take his departure from his own in his visible form, he wanted to give us his sacramental presence; since he was about to offer himself on the cross to save us, he wanted us to have the memorial of the love with which he loved us "to the end,"<sup>207</sup> even to the giving of his life. In his Eucharistic presence he remains mysteriously in our midst as the one who loved us and gave himself up for us,<sup>208</sup> and he remains under signs that express and communicate this love:

The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.<sup>209</sup>

### FEAST DAYS

**Monday, 26th September:** *SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS*

**Tuesday, 27th September:** *SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST*

**Wednesday 28th September:** *SAINT WENCESLAUS & MARTYR SAINT LAWRENCE RUIZ AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS*

**Thursday 29th September:** *SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS*

**Friday 23rd September:** *SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS*

**Saturday 25th September:** *SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH*

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

#### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Vivencio Marila, Vivencio De Jesus.

#### IN MEMORIUM

Mrs Dina Chiandotto, Joseph Anthony Dias,  
Candida Valancia Almarez, George Kitney,  
Irene Manché, George Manché & Roger Manché.

#### SICK

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

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

## 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 1st October 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:

Serena Cotterell, Jocelyn Macaulay,  
Marcellina Mikaele & Catalina Pouloupoulos

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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  
Ph: 9622 1125 (option 4)  
Mobile: 0422 724 008  
Email: [sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au)  
[ged@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:ged@mqofblacktown.org.au)



### MARRIAGE MASTER CLASS

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Friday 28 October at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Sponsoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance or to ask further questions, please email [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or phone Marisa on (02) 8838 3460.

### DIOCESE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 30 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent.

Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) by 21 October. Family and friends are welcome.

### 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:** Noemi Romero, 0475 798 770 (for statue bookings)

**Meeting Time and Venue:** Every Thursday, 5:00pm – 6:30pm 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 Cardinal Clancy Room, 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



**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](http://parrawyd.org) Register your EO! to [youth@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:youth@mqofblacktown.org.au)

## HSC MASS

Year 12 students and their families are invited to attend local HSC Masses being organised by parish teams across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains to recognise their hard work and dedication ahead of their exams. Parishes will be blessing students over the weekends of 1-2 and 8-9 October. Our Parish will have this opportunity on the **Sunday October 9th at our 5.30pm Mass**. We also invite year 12 students and their families for fellowship after Mass. If you are unable to make it to our parish for the HSC Mass please see the other Parishes HSC Mass times below.



**Sunday 2 October 2022**

GLENBROOK 6:00 PM  
St Finbar's

KELLYVILLE 6:00 PM  
Our Lady of the Rosary

**Saturday 8 October 2022**

EMERTON MOUNT DRUITT PARISH 5:30 PM  
Holy Family

LALOR PARK 6:00 PM  
St Bernadette's

ROUSE HILL 5:30 AM  
Our Lady of the Angels

SEVEN HILLS 6:00 PM  
Our Lady of Lourdes

STANHOPE GARDENS 6:00 PM  
St John XXIII

TOONGABBIE 5:30 AM  
St Anthony of Padua

**Sunday 9 October 2022**

BAULKHAM HILLS 6:00 PM  
St Michael's

BLACKTOWN 5:30 PM  
Mary, Queen of the Family

CASTLE HILL 6:00 PM  
St Bernadette's

EMERTON MOUNT DRUITT PARISH 9:00 AM | 10:30 AM  
Holy Family

EMU PLAINS 9:30 AM  
Our Lady of the Way

GREYSTANES 6:00 PM  
Our Lady Queen of Peace

HARRIS PARK 10:00 AM  
St Oliver Plunkett

MARAYONG 10:30 AM  
St Andrew the Apostle

PARRAMATTA 6:00 PM  
St Patrick's Cathedral

ROOTY HILL 10:30 AM  
St Aidan's

ROUSE HILL 8:30 AM | 10:00 AM | 5:30 PM  
Our Lady of the Angels

STANHOPE GARDENS 10:30 AM  
St John XXIII

ST CLAIR 6:00 PM  
Holy Spirit

TOONGABBIE 8:00 AM | 10:00 AM  
St Anthony of Padua

WINSTON HILLS 5:00 PM  
St Paul the Apostle

## GIFTS IN WILLS

### What Will Be Your Legacy of Faith, Hope and Charity?



During *Include A Charity Week*, we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider leaving a gift in your Will to our Parish, or a ministry in our Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations.

For information on remembering the Church in your Will: [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinWills](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinWills)

## BUILDING SAFE PARISHES TOGETHER 2022

### Building Safe Parishes Together in 2022: An Update from the Office for Safeguarding: Spring Training Opportunities!

*Have you had a chance to complete your Safeguarding Training Yet?  
Do you need to catch up on some Modules?*

The Office for Safeguarding is offering a range of opportunities to complete your Safeguarding Training this spring.

Please choose one of the following options and register for your Safeguarding Modules.

#### Weekday Training –

Bishop Bede Heather Centre – 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown  
**Monday 17th October (All Modules: 9.30am – 2.30pm)**

#### Weekday Morning Training –

St Andrew's Marayong (Fr Byrne Centre) – 36-40 Breakfast Road Marayong

- **Module 1: Monday 24th October (10am-11am)**
- **Module 2: Monday 31st October (10am-11.30am)**
- **Module 3: Monday 7th November (10am-11.30am)**

Saturday Training – St Matthew's Windsor – 12 Tebbutt Street Windsor  
**Saturday 29th October (All Modules: 10am – 3pm)**

Please register for one of these options by emailing:

[safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

If you would like to complete the training online 'Sign Up' by clicking on this link: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

## FREE C.P.R. TRAINING

The Diocese is participating in a program called FirstCPR that involves education and training in responding to cardiac arrest in the community. This program will allow us to provide CPR accredited training to all parish staff, volunteers and is free of charge.

Participation involves completing a short 5-minute survey and you will receive access to free CPR training materials. You must be 18 years or older to participate. For any questions about this research contact the team on Ph: 0412 369 519 or email: [warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au](mailto:warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au)



SCAN ME

## JEAN & BETTY'S BUS TRIP

## CHRISTMAS BUS TRIP

When: Tuesday 15th November 2022.



Where: The Fiddler at Rouse Hill for Christmas Lunch

Cost: \$80.00 per person

Includes: Lunch, Tea & Coffee plus entertainment by Roland Storm.

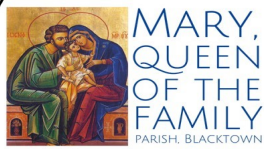
**Please book as early as you can as there are only 50 seats available.**

For more information and bookings, please call Jean on 9920 3401

Pick up time: Greystanes: 10.00am and St. Patrick's: 10.30am.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### PARISH GOLF



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!**

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](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)

**HURRY REGISTER NOW! ONLY 12 TEAM SPOTS REMAINING!**



We need items to use for raffles, lucky door prizes and for Silent Auctions on the day. Please donate any unused, unwanted items you may have around your home, over the coming weeks. Donated items can be left at the Parish Office or in the boxes provided at our church foyers.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support!

**ALL DONATIONS MUST BE  
SUBMITTED BY  
30TH SEPTEMBER 2022.**

### SYRO-MALABAR COMMUNITY ~ FEAST DAY

The Syro-Malabar community will be celebrating their annual community feast day in honour of Saint Alphonsa.

Novena Masses at St. Michael's church will commence from 30th September to 8th October.

Followed by their feast day Mass on the 9th October.

As part of the celebrations, St. Michael's Church will be decorated to commemorate their feast day.



### HEART OF LIFE

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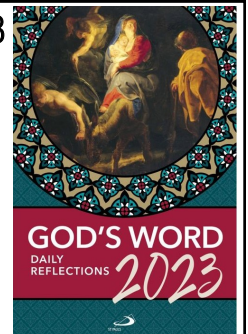
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### MARY'S CAFE

Please join us for morning tea every Wednesday after the 9am Mass in the Cardinal Clancy Room. **All are welcome!!**

### 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.

The money collected is for social justice issues.



## 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 19th of September 2022, donations received is **\$51,482.95** 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)



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.

### PIETY STORE RAFFLE

#### SUPPORT OUR MONTHLY RAFFLES

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

The September raffle has been withdrawn due to lack of support. Any purchased tickets, will be included in the Christmas raffle.

We will be having an October raffle, to be drawn early November. The proceeds of this raffle are for Fr. Regie's charity to help St Anthony's church missions in Papua New Guinea.

Tickets will be selling for \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00. 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 name and phone number 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>

### SUBSCRIBE TO OUR BULLETIN

Scan this QR code or log on to our website, to subscribe to our weekly bulletin. You will receive a copy of our bulletin via email on a weekly basis. <https://www.mqofblacktown.org/subscribe>



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



### REPAIRS TO ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

#### WE NEED HELP!

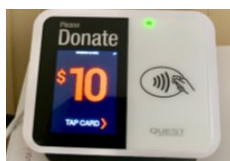
The church of St. Michaels is now approaching 42 years old and is desperately in need of some repairs such as:

1. Replacement of rusty roof gutters and installing leaf guards.
2. Modification to existing downpipes and installation of additional two.
3. Prepare and paint entrance doors.
4. Repair to rust parts of roof and associated work.
5. Replacement of the existing rusty fence including gates to the Memorial Garden.
6. Repair of St Michael's Carpark potholes.

If anyone can assist in obtaining materials and or provide labour it would be greatly appreciated.

Please call Sarah in the office on 9622 1125 if you can assist.

### 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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