



# 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*

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR C

20TH NOVEMBER 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.

## Christ's Kingship

This year's liturgical calendar comes to its climax as we are celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King.

When we speak of kings, different images and ideas come to our mind. Kings have power and might, wealth and Lordship over his dominions. Other kings use force to get things done. Of course, one could not imagine of a king without a kingdom.

Our gospel today portrays a completely different kind of a king which in fact does not even deserve a joyful celebration. Jesus, as king, was hanging and nailed to the cross. Apart from the terrible physical pain, Jesus has been stripped of all dignity before a mocking world.

But behold our king: His throne is the cross, His crown is made of thorns, His garment is the blood flowing from the many wounds over His body, His sceptre are the nails that pierced His hands and His only command is "love one another as I have loved you."

Yes, the image of Jesus on the Cross accurately and eloquently captures the true nature of His kingship. In its radicalism, Christ's life embodies the whole vision of God's Kingdom by the way He lived, worked, taught and sacrificed His life in love for us. This is the concept of King and Kingdom that God wants to establish on each and every one of us. A kingdom that is founded in God's love.

Christ as our King has been chosen for us by God, yet it is for each one of us to profess our allegiance to Him and we do this by taking as our own His life and teachings. It should have become imperative for those who believe in Jesus to imitate Him.

Celebrating Christ's kingship should impel us to participate in His mission in order that His reign may be made manifest in our time. In imitation of Him, may we become courageous with His love to share in His Paschal Mystery as the way towards the fullness of His Kingdom. May we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and King to submit to His rule of love so as to become citizens in His Kingdom of righteousness, love and peace.

*Fr. Ever Bernaldez, 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. Fr. Ever Bernaldez, MSP.

**Deacon:** Rev. 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:** Joshua Carr **Secretary:** Savita Surendra  
**Members:** Beato Pudadera, Ekhas Ambili, Erica Luiz, Harlane Petersen, Helena Vea, Tony Fernando, Sidney Lazum, Fr. Regie Lavilla, Fr. Chadi Ibrahim, Fr. Ever Bernaldez, Rev. John Cinya, & Blake Bano.

#### 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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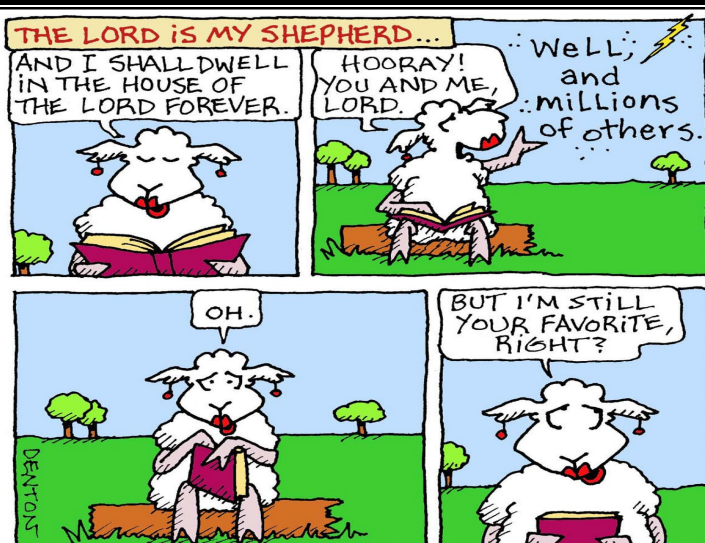
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## IMPORTANT MASS NOTICE



Please take note: A gentle reminder that Mr Tom's Green ordination to the Diaconate Mass will take place next Sunday 27th November 2022 at St. Patrick's Church at 5.30pm. There will also be no 6pm Mass at St Michael's Church on Sunday 27th November due to the Ordination.

## SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

**Sheepish Question:**

What is my place in God's house?

## THE LITURGY

### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YR C

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rv 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

#### FIRST READING: 2 SM 5:1-3

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 121:1-5. R. SEE V.2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

#### SECOND READING: COL 1:12-20

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mk 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord . Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL: Lk 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 72:28

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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### Daily Readings

Monday 21st November: Rev 14:1-5; Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday 22nd November: Rev 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11.  
 Wednesday 23rd November: Rev 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19.  
 Thursday 24th November: Rev 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3,9; Lk 21:20-28.  
 Friday 25th November: Rev 20:1-4,11- 21:2; Lk 21:29-33.  
 Saturday 26th November: Rev 22:1-7; Lk 34-36.  
 Sunday 27th November: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44.

### FEAST DAYS

**Monday 21st November:** *THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.*  
**Tuesday 22nd November:** *SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR*  
**Wednesday 23rd November:** *SAINT CLEMENT I, POPE AND MARTYR & SAINT COLUMBAN, ABBOT.*  
**Thursday 24th November:** *SAINT ANDREW DONG-LAC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS.*  
**Friday 25th November:** *SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR.*

## 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

VII. The Eucharist - "Pledge of the Glory To Come" The Paschal Banquet

IN BRIEF

**1406** Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; . . . he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and . . . abides in me, and I in him" (Jn 6:51, 54, 56).

**1407** The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life, for in it Christ associates his Church and all her members with his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to his Father; by this sacrifice he pours out the graces of salvation on his Body which is the Church.

**1408** The Eucharistic celebration always includes: the proclamation of the Word of God; thanksgiving to God the Father for all his benefits, above all the gift of his Son; the consecration of bread and wine; and participation in the liturgical banquet by receiving the Lord's body and blood. These elements constitute one single act of worship.

**1409** The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's Passover, that is, of the work of salvation accomplished by the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, a work made present by the liturgical action.

**1410** It is Christ himself, the eternal high priest of the New Covenant who, acting through the ministry of the priests, offers the Eucharistic sacrifice. and it is the same Christ, really present under the species of bread and wine, who is the offering of the Eucharistic sacrifice.

**1411** Only validly ordained priests can preside at the Eucharist and consecrate the bread and the wine so that they become the Body and Blood of the Lord.

**1412** The essential signs of the Eucharistic sacrament are wheat bread and grape wine, on which the blessing of the Holy Spirit is invoked and the priest pronounces the words of consecration spoken by Jesus during the Last Supper: "This is my body which will be given up for you.... This is the cup of my blood...."

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

#### 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.

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE ~ MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER



A gentle reminder that no names will be mentioned during November for Deceased, Death Anniversaries and Memorial. However the priest will still mention the Special Intentions e.g. Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries.



## 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 3rd December 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:  
Emilio Dacey & Aubrey Walker

## 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 PREPARATION COURSE 2022



Marriage Preparation

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website.

For more information, email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

## THANKSGIVING MASS

## SAVE THE DATE

There will be a Thanksgiving Mass for all our Ministers and volunteers who generously give their time to serve God through the various Ministries.

Friday 9th December 7:30pm at St Patrick's Church.

## 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



**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.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### ADVENT REFLECTION

We invite you to our next parish formation program. Join us for our Advent Reflection. This is a 3 part series commencing on Tuesday 22nd November, 29th November and 6th December from 7pm—9pm at St Patrick's Church facilitated by Richard & Marina DeSa.

### NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

## November Masses

November is traditionally the month in which we remember our deceased family members and friends. A book of remembrance has been placed in each Church, where we invite you to write the names of your deceased loved ones. If you would also like to have those who have gone before us remembered in all Masses during November, please write their names on the **'November Mass Offering'** envelopes, located in the Church foyer. Place it on either collection plate, or hand it in to the Parish Office. All names will be written in the memorial book placed near the altar for the duration of November.

*During November only the names of recently deceased will be published in the parish bulletin.*

*May they Rest In Peace*

### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE



To commemorate the life of your dearly departed loved ones who have died in the last FIVE years, we welcome you and your family to join us here at Mary Queen of the Family Parish as we celebrate a Holy Mass of Remembrance on **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> of November,**

**7:30pm at St Patrick's church.**

Please bring a framed photograph of your deceased loved one and place on the special table before the Mass. Also, please contact the Parish Office with the names of your loved ones (deceased in the last five years) to be included in the Mass.

You are invited to join us for supper after the Mass and you are welcome to bring a plate to share.

*(An initiative of the Pastoral Team)*

### MARY'S CAFE

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



### SAVE THE DATE ~ CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

MQOF YOUTH PRESENTS

# CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

**SATURDAY 17TH DEC**  
**6PM - 10 PM**  
**NAGLE HALL**  
**58A ORWELL STREET, BLACKTOWN**

We **invite** you and your families to join us for a celebration of Christmas with stalls, carolling and the annual Christmas play to fundraise for our **'World Youth Day 2023'** pilgrims

<b>\$5</b> CHILDREN	<b>UNDER 12</b> YEARS OLD	<b>TICKET INFORMATION:</b> All tickets include Entry and Food 1x Sausage Sizzle 1x Bottled Water
<b>\$10</b> ADULTS	<b>12 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE</b>	

PLEASE SCAN OR VISIT FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKET PURCHASES  
[www.mqofblacktown.org/mqofchristmasspectacular](http://www.mqofblacktown.org/mqofchristmasspectacular)

### 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.

### MARY'S PANTRY

**Make a difference this Christmas!**  
**Help families doing it tough.**

Your donation of Christmas goodies, or if you prefer a gift card of \$25 from Coles or Woolworths will help.

Christmas goodies could include:  
 Christmas pudding  
 Fruit mince pies  
 Juice and Cola's  
 Tinned meat  
 Chocolates and treats



Food donations can be placed in the baskets in the church foyer and Gift cards can be handed in to the Parish Office or a Mary's Pantry Volunteer.

Thank you for your generosity.



## DAILY ADVENT REFLECTION BOOK



As we journey through the seasons of Advent and Christmas this year, we invite you to join us as we reflect daily on the wonder of the incarnation of Jesus Christ, where, as St Augustine of Hippo reflects: "Man's maker was made man that He, Ruler of the stars, might nurse at His mother's breast; that the Bread might hunger, the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired on its journey; that Truth might be accused of false witnesses, the Teacher be beaten with whips, the Foundation be suspended on wood; that Strength might grow weak; that the Healer might be wounded; that Life might die." Available from the Piety store for \$5.00 each.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY

### Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2023

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence next year in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

## ARTS & CRAFT MOVEMENT

**ARTS & CRAFTS MOVEMENT**

Join us every Friday of the week, starting 20th January 2023 from 10am till 12:00pm at Cardinal Clancy room (MQOF).

Our first session on Arts & Crafts activities will include: Learning sewing embroidery stitches, Show & Tell of works, Sewing, Crocheting, Knitting and Embroidery.

Please, note all sessions are free. Materials for the lessons is provided or Bring your own materials.

For any inquiries please contact: Noemi Romero  
Mobile: 0475 798 770

MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY  
PARISH BACKSTORY

## MASS AND PRAYERS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its first official Mass for our deceased clergy on Friday 25 November at 10.30am at St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Castle Hill Cemetery.

All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

### SAVE THE DATE – Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass: 11 February 2023

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held on Saturday 11 February 2023 at St Patrick's Church.

All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. More information to come.

## MEMORIAL MASS - BEREAVED BY SUICIDE

### Memorial Mass

FOR THOSE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE

CATHOLIC CARE WESTERN SYDNEY  
AND BLUE MOUNTAINS TOGETHER WITH THE  
DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA INVITE THOSE  
BEREAVED BY SUICIDE, TO A CELEBRATION OF  
MASS TO HONOUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE  
TAKEN THEIR LIVES

LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED AFTER MASS

DATE: MONDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2022 at 7.30pm  
PLEASE ARRIVE AT 7:15PM FOR 7.30PM START  
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL  
1 MARIST PLACE, PARRAMATTA

RSVP FOR CATERING PURPOSES AND MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT RITA CHATER ☎ (02) 8843 2500  
or email [rita.chater@ccss.org.au](mailto:rita.chater@ccss.org.au)

*"Come to me, all you who are weary  
And burdened, and I will give you rest."*

— MATTHEW 11:28

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## PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL & ROME

### "QUO VADIS?" PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL AND ROME: 5 – 23 SEPTEMBER 2023

At the request of many of his previous pilgrims, Fr Wim Hoekstra is leading a pilgrimage to Israel and Rome next year. Our pilgrimage will be following in the footsteps of St Peter. Details are available for download via the QR code. If you need further details, please contact Fr Wim on 0409908361 or email [wim.hoekstra@parracatholic.org](mailto:wim.hoekstra@parracatholic.org)



## EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR THE HORN OF AFRICA

### Salesians of Don Bosco Emergency Relief for the Horn of Africa

Recently we have received a request to support emergency relief efforts by the Salesians located in the Horn of Africa. Communities are in need of water, food and hygiene supplies as food shortages increase and conflict continues.

With economic inflation impacting us all, support is also needed to enable transport of supplies into these regions.

To make an online donation to support these communities please click on the [Donate Today](#) button. Donations to this fund of \$2 and over for development projects are tax deductible. (<https://salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au/donate/horn-of-africa-food-and-supply-shortages>)



## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### RAISE THE ROOF APPEAL - NEW ROOF FOR ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

#### UPDATE ON "ST. PATRICK'S RAISE THE ROOF" PROJECT

We are grateful to all our parishioners and friends who shared their treasures to our church. As of 16th November 2022, we have received the sum of **\$65,930.90** in donations. We are also thankful to those who are still considering... only your continued support can make the roof of the House of our God rebuild!

The investigation and brainstorming part of the preparation stage of our project is now shaping. We have met with the head of the Asset and Property Office of the Diocese of Parramatta, we have been instructed to do further investigations before a final solution can be drawn. We will keep you posted. In the meantime, we ask for your generosity and prayers and, thank you for your ongoing support. It is much appreciated.

#### 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 October raffle has been drawn with green ticket F74 winning the first prize of the 40cm St Joseph Statue and Blue ticket F25 winning the second prize \$50.00 Bunning voucher. \$500.00 was raised from this raffle to help our St Anthony's sister parish in Papua New Guinea. \$350 of the \$500.00 were from ticket sales and \$150.00 were donations by our parishioners. Fr Regie will be donating these funds to St Anthony's Parish needs in due course. Anyone who would like to donate to this cause can still do so by leaving donations in an envelope marked "St Anthony" at the Piety Store or by contacting Charles. Many thanks to all participants and God bless.

Tickets are now on sale for our Christmas raffle to be drawn the week before Christmas. Prizes will be for 1st, 2nd and 3rd drawn tickets which will be announced shortly. Thanking you all in anticipation of your participation and help with meeting the running cost of our parish. Wishing you all a very Happy blessed and safe Christmas.

### BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

#### Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care's Assistance with Care and Housing Service

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Please stretch out your hand to the poor and give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal envelopes, at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you for your prayers, heart-felt compassion, and help to end homelessness.

### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

#### UPDATE ON ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH MAINTENANCE WORKS

The Parish Finance Committee, in its recent meeting, decided to release the following updates on the status of the hereunder works to be done on St Michael church:

**Roof maintenance**  
**Gutters Replacement**  
**Painting works for doors and handrails**  
**Repair of the rusted fencing of the Remembrance Garden**  
**Carpark repairs and resurfacing**

We have received the quotes on all proposed works and applied for a Government Grant to fund the projects. The grant application will be decided at the end of December 2022. If we will be successful on our application, we can have the abovementioned projects done simultaneously, otherwise, if we will be unsuccessful, we will use our meagre resources to fix the necessary maintenance works by stages. We assure our parishioners that we are working to carry out all these important maintenance works.

We need funding to all the works to be done and we thank our parishioners who donated some monies and talents, your gifts to our appeal will make the completion of the works possible and enjoy God's house in a joyful way.

For those who want to donate to fund the above works, please feel free to call the parish office on 9622 1125 or email [accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au). Thank you. God bless us.



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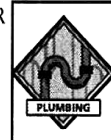
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All contributions go to the maintenance and development of the Parish as does the second collection at weekend Masses.

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