



Mary, Queen of the Family Parish

St. Michael's Church - 58 Orwell Street, South Blacktown. & St. Patricks' Church - 51 – 59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

6TH 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.

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

Parish Team: 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 Secretaries: Ann Hart (Wed-Fri) & Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Mon & Tues) Sacramental Coordinator: Gerald "Ged" Oblea. Mobile: 0422 724 008 Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au Catechist Coordinator: Sandra Baker Youth Minister & Liturgy Coordinator: Blake Bano

It's probably intimidating to read about the martyrs and their heroic sacrifices, their utter selflessness in the face of torture and imminent death. We might wonder whether if similar circumstances came our way we'd be able to endure it so gracefully, so courageously. Each of the brothers who are killed in this week's first reading are very bold before their persecutors. At the point of death, the second calls his torturer an "inhuman fiend"; the third doesn't shirk from the torture he's about to undergo but presents himself willingly; the fourth had the temerity to cry out just before he was finished off, "ours is the better choice."

The brothers here are showing a kind of indifference to death. They were indifferent not because they'd built up some kind of superhuman strength to endure extreme sufferings, nor because they found life pointless. Their indifference was born of their faith in the promise of resurrection. That we have a God who promises that he will restore again our life and that he who thus promised already went before us into death and rose again, is the foundation for this kind of strength in the face of death. This then changes the focus. Instead of worrying about how we might endure similarly, instead of worrying about if we're good enough or what have you, we should set our focus with an attentive love on the One over whom death had no power, he whose is the kingdom the power and the glory now and forever, and thus proclaim confidently, O death, where is thy sting?

Our faith tells us that every merely human power is subject to Christ the Lord, and that the Final Judgment over our lives is his. Human tribunals are limited and human laws are not always just, marred as they are by our inability to see clearly what is right and what is wrong. But we have an Advocate, Jesus, who has claimed us for his own, who died for us so that we might live with him, who calls us ever deeper into a share of his own Divine Sonship. If this is our true and final Judge, whom are we to fear?

To finish, I would like to personally invite you all to attend my ordination to the diaconate which will be at the 5:30pm Mass at St Patrick's on 27th November. I have been very blessed to have been with you all over the last nine months, to serve among you, to learn from you and to be blessed by your encouragement and prayers. I sincerely offer you all my thanks. Please see the invitation in the bulletin for information regarding the RSVP.

70m Green-Seminarian.

Parish Pastoral Council: Chair: Cecil Fernandes; Asst Chair: Joshua Carr Secretary: Savita Surendra Members: Beato Pudadera, Ekhlas 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: https://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au : 8869 6000 Nagle College: P : 8887 4507 Patrician Brothers College: P : 8811 0300 https://www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au https://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au Catholic Early Learning Centre (St Michael's) : P : 8814 8406 https://www.celcblacktownsth.catholic.edu.au Nursing Homes: Dopal 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 6 November 2022



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.

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. W.

Sn. WALL ~ Building our community.

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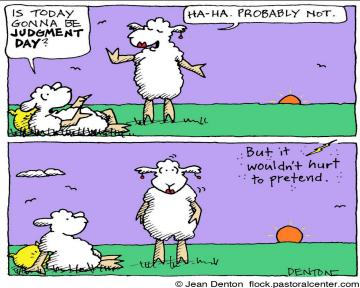
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IMPORTANT MASS NOTICE



Please take note: There is no 9:30am Mass on Sunday 20th November at St Michael's Church due to the Adoration & Procession at 10am at St Patrick's Church for Christ the King Feast Day. There will also be no 6pm Mass at St Michael's Church on Sunday 27th November due to Mr Tom Green's Ordination.

SUNDAY FLOCK



"The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever."

Sheepish Question:

How must I act today in the knowledge that my life with God is for all time?



THE LITURGY THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C	CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 87:3 Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.	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
FIRST READING: 2 MC 7:1-2, 9-14	VI. The Paschal Banquet 1398 The Eucharist and the unity of Christians. Before the greatness of this
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. V.15	mystery St. Augustine exclaims, "O sacrament of devotion! O sign of unity! O bond of charity!" ²³⁴ The more painful the experience of the divisions in
(R.) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.	the Church which break the common participation in the table of the Lord, the more urgent are our prayers to the Lord that the time of complete unity
SECOND READING: 2 THES 2:16 – 3:5	among all who believe in him may return.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Rv 1:5. 6 Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia! GOSPEL: Lk 20:27-38	1399 The Eastern churches that are not in full communion with the Catholic Church celebrate the Eucharist with great love. "These Churches, although separated from us, yet possess true sacraments, above all - by apostolic succession - the priesthood and the Eucharist, whereby they are still joined to us in closest intimacy." A certain communion in sacris, and so in the Eucharist, "given suitable circumstances and the approval of Church authority, is not merely possible but is encouraged." ²³⁵
Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all	1400 Ecclesial communities derived from the Reformation and separated from the Catholic Church, "have not preserved the proper reality of the Eucharistic mystery in its fullness, especially because of the absence of the sacrament of Holy Orders." ²³⁶ It is for this reason that Eucharistic intercommunion with these communities is not possible for the Catholic Church. However these ecclesial communities, "when they commemorate the Lord's death and resurrection in the Holy Supper profess that it signifies life in communion with Christ and await his coming in glory." ²³⁷
seven?' Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies	1401 When, in the Ordinary's judgment, a grave necessity arises, Catholic ministers may give the sacraments of Eucharist, Penance, and Anointing of the Sick to other Christians not in full communion with the Catholic Church, who ask for them of their own will, provided they give evidence of holding the Catholic faith regarding these sacraments and possess the required dispositions. ²³⁸
that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of	FEAST DAYS
Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'	Wednesday 9th November: THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASIL- ICA.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 22:1-2	Thursday 10th November: SAINT LEO THE GREAT, POPE AND DOC- TOR OF THE CHURCH.
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.	Friday 11th November: SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP.
	Saturday 12th November: SAINT JOSAPHAT, BISHOP AND MARTYR. PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY
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Daily Readings	PLEASE TAKE NOTE ~ MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER
Monday 7th November: Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6 Tuesday 8th November: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10. Wednesday 9th November: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9,12; 1 Cor 3:9-11,16-17; Jn 2:13-22. Thursday 10th November: Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25. Friday 11th November: 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37. Saturday 12th November: 3 Jn5-8; Lk 18:1-8. Sunday 13th November: Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19.	Just a friendly reminder: Friendly reminder: Friendly reminder: Friendly reminder: Friendly reminder: Friendly reminder: Friendly reminder: Friendly Friendl

THE SACRAMENTS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



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://mgofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/#baptism

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, 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.
	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
BOR YOUTH	Contact: Blake Bano Blake@mqofblacktown.org.au Mosting Time and Vonue: Event Sunday from 4pm

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6:30pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church.

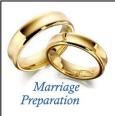
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 ged@mqofblacktown.org.au

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 2022



Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit 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 or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 13 November 2022 at The Hustle, Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd, Minchinbury at 7pm. The speakers are Cardinal Joseph Coutts, Archbishop Emeritus of Karachi, Pakistan, and Miss Regina Lynch, International Head of Projects, ACN International (Germany). They will speak of the suffering Church and share inspiring stories of the Witnesses of Faith; those brothers and sisters following Christ amidst oppression and persecution. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship!

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

ADVENT REFLECTION

WORLD YOUTH DAY ~ FUNDRAISER COLLECTION

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

ON GOING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES



Rekindle Our Wonder

12th November 2022 | 9.30-3.00 PM Bishop Bede Heather Centre (Formerly known as IFM) 1-5 Marion St Blacktown Presenter: Mr Chris Ohlsen

RSVP 7th November Register: mary.gale@parracatholic.org (02) 8838 3456

Morning tea and lunch provided.



The dream of attending World Youth Day can only become a reality with the generous support of you, the parishioners of Mary, Queen of the Family Parish.

Our pilgrims depend on the financial assistance of parishioners to attend this once in a lifetime opportunity, to encounter Jesus Christ with millions of likeminded youth.

Next Sunday, there will be a special 3rd Collection to kickstart fundraising for World Youth Day 2023. Our aim is \$30,000, and this can only be achievable with your aid and contribution.

Your financial support will will make a lasting impact on the lives of our parish pilgrims who have committed to serve the needs of the parish, as well as deepen their encounter with Jesus Christ.

From next Sunday, along with the 3rd collection, there will be donation points at the entries of the church dedicated to supporting those attending WYD23.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CONCERT

St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong, will be holding a concert to raise funds for their Social Justice initiatives to mentor refugees and help them settle in Australia. The concert will be held on Saturday 26 November, from 7pm at the St Andrew's School Hall. Each concert ticket is \$10 and are available by contacting the parish office on (02) 9622 0817.

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.

CHRISTMAS CAKES & PUDDINGS

For the first time ever, our Piety Store, is making available the purchase of Christmas cakes, Puddings & more to our parishioners.

Purchases are by ORDER ONLY and must be placed no later than 15th November 2022. A deposit of 10% of the order or \$15, which ever is higher, is required on placing of orders.

Order Forms, with prices, can be found at the entrances of both our churches and in the Piety Stores. Return order, with required deposit, to our Piety Stores. Deposits can be made either by cash or credit card.

As a token of thanks to all our Parish ministers and helpers for all the services rendered to the parish during this year, Fr Regie, on behalf of the Parish Team and all parishioners, has very happily and kindly approved a 15% discount on the retail prices of all products on the Order Form to all of our ministers and helpers in both churches.

Thank you Fr Regie, and more importantly, thanks, gratitude and blessings go to each and every parishioner so generously offering their time and services to the services of the Parish and all parishioners. God Bless all.



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PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE



celebrating **70 YEARS** BACK TO PATTIES

Friday 11th November 2022 4pm to 8pm WE ARE INVITING PAST STUDENTS AND STAFF BACK TO THE COLLEGE FOR TOURS AND A BBQ

More Information Call us: 02 8811 0300 <u>Register using this link or with the QR Code</u>

JEAN & BETTY'S BUS TRIP

CHRISTMAS BUS TRI

When: Tuesday 15th November 2022.

Where: The Fiddler at Rouse Hill for Christmas Lunch

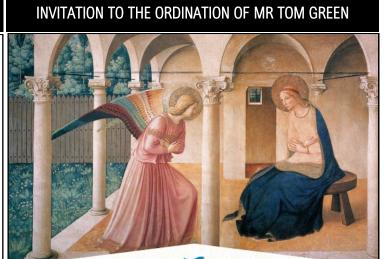
Cost: \$80.00 per person

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

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

If you would like to join us there are still seats available.

For more information, bookings, and if you have any special Dietary requirements, please call Jean on 9920 3401.





MOST REVEREND VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN OFM CONV, BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA CORDIALLY INVITES

TO THE ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE MASS FOR

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER AT 5.30PM THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH 51-59 ALLAWAH STREET, BLACKTOWN NSW 2148

FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION IN THE ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS

PLEASE RSVP BY SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER ADMIN@MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU | (02) 9622 1125

Please note: There will also be no 6pm Mass at St Michael's Church on Sunday 27th November due to Mr Tom Green's Ordination.

CHRIST THE KING PROCESSION PLEASE NOTE

- The Eucharistic procession will take place on Sunday 20th November starting from 11am at St. Patrick's Church to St. Michael's Church, South Blacktown.

- There will be a BBQ, fellowship and performances at St. Michael's from 12:30pm

- Please note that the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, 20th November will be suspended for that week only. All parishioners are encouraged to attend the 10am Mass in preparation for the procession

- We encourage anyone interested in assisting the procession to contact Blake, Liturgy Coordinator at Ministryteam@mgofblacktown.org.au

All are welcome!!

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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 31st October 2022, we have received the sum of **\$61,000** 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 and we will be meeting with the head and his team of the Asset and Property Office of the Diocese of Parramatta this 9th of November 2022 to cement the solution in addressing our roof issues. Rest assured that you will all be informed of the outcome of this meeting and 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:

- Scan the QR code to donate or logon to the following link (<u>https://www.mqofblacktown.org/make-a-donation-or-payment</u>) 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 Charlles. 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.

MORNING TEA AT ST MICHAELS

Please join us for a cuppa after the 9:30am Mass this Sunday 6th November 2022.



GARDEN WORKING BEE AT ST MICHAELS



Can you spare a couple of hours on Saturday 12th November 2022 between 9:30am - 11:30am for a Garden Working Bee around St Michael's garden. Just show up with a pair of gardening gloves, a hat, and a lot of sunscreen. Morning Tea will be provided.

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 <u>accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au</u>. Thank you. God bless us.



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