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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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

29TH JANUARY 2023

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.

Beatitudes Challenged

Pursuing our journey in the ordinary time and focusing on the public ministry of Jesus, this Sunday's liturgy brings us to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount which opens up with His teaching on the beatitudes. The set of beatitudes in the gospel has two important themes; that of the Kingdom of God and the lifestyle characterizing the reality of the kingdom.

The Kingdom of God is the centrality of Christ's mission. In as much as we follow Jesus and taking His mission as our aspiration, we must live our life that manifests words and deeds in consonance to the values of the kingdom. So, the beatitudes inspire us to be peacemakers, meek and humble, poor and enduring the tests of time in the midst of trials and persecutions, merciful and just and always exuding conspicuously joy and contentment with purity of intentions in all undertakings.

Yet, the beatitudes are challenged in the world of celebrity-driven culture where people seek fame, wealth and power. Many have been captivated by secularism where religious piety has become noticeably declining. Those who could not meet the world's standards are ignored, despised and shamefully blamed as backward and irrelevant. But we should standstill for it is in our time that we must insist the relevance of the beatitudes. We need to listen to Jesus once again who teaches a different way. He raises up those who are humble, poor, in mourning and persecuted, promising that they will find joy in God.

Let life be the judge. The world is suffering because of human person's pride, selfishness and greed. When we lose our sight from the aspiration of God's kingdom, we have been led to these evil inclinations that would eventually destroy humanity. It is when we begin living out the beatitudes in our life that we start redeeming what has been lost and finding hope that all will be restored in Christ.

Fr. Ever Bernaldez MST

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. Ever Bernaldez, MSP & Fr. Andrew Rooney
Deacons: Rev. John Cinya & Rev. Tom Green
Finance Officer: Sarah Canete-Damole Email: accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au
Secretaries: Ann Hart (Wed-Fri) & Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Mon & Tues)

Email: admin@mgofblacktown.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: Joshua Carr Secretary: Savita Surendra Members: Beato Pudadera, Ekhlas Ambili, Erica Luiz, Harlane Petersen, Helena Vea, Tony Fernando, Sidney Lazum, Fr. Regie Lavilla, Fr. Andrew Rooney, Fr. Ever Bernaldez, Rev. John Cinya, & Blake

Parish Schools:

St Michael's Primary:

https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au P · 8869 6200

St Patrick's Primary:

https://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au : 8869 6000

Nagle College:

https://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au

P: 8887 4507

Patrician Brothers College:

P: 8811 0300 https://www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au

Catholic Early Learning Centre (St Michael's):
P: 8814 8406 https://www.celcblacktownsth.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, 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



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WALL ~ Building our community.

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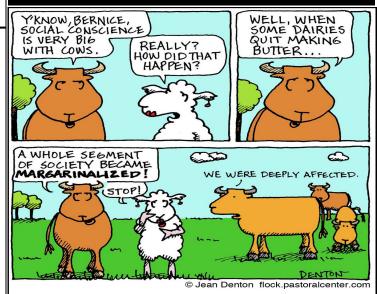


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ORDINATION TO THE PRESBYTERATE

Bishop Vincent Long and the Diocese of Parramatta invite you to the Ordination to the Presbyterate of Adam Carlow, Matthew Dimian and Jack Elkazzi on Thursday 2 February at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please RSVP to the Cathedral Parish team at secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au if you are able to attend. We hope you will be able to join us at this joyous event for our Diocese and our faith community.

SUNDAY FLOCK



"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Sheepish Question:

What injustices am I witnessing today that motivate me to act against them?

THE LITURGY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING: ZEP 2:3; 3:12-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 145:7-10. R. MT 5:3.

(R.) Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

SECOND READING: 1 COR 1:26-31.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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Daily Readings

Monday 30th January: Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20 Tuesday 31st January: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43. Wednesday 1st February: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6. Thursday 2nd February: Mal 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32. Friday 3rd February: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29. Saturday 4th February: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34. Sunday 5th February: Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART TWO: THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY SECTION TWO THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH CHAPTER TWO THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING Article 4 THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

IV. Interior Penance

1430 Jesus' call to conversion and penance, like that of the prophets before him, does not aim first at outward works, "sackcloth and ashes," fasting and mortification, but at the conversion of the heart, interior conversion. Without this, such penances remain sterile and false; however, interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures and works of penance.²³

1431 Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed. At the same time it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace. This conversion of heart is accompanied by a salutary pain and sadness which the Fathers called animi cruciatus (affliction of spirit) and compunctio cordis (repentance of heart).²⁴

1432 The human heart is heavy and hardened. God must give man a new heart.²⁵ Conversion is first of all a work of the grace of God who makes our hearts return to him: "Restore us to thyself, O LORD, that we may be restored!"²⁶ God gives us the strength to begin anew. It is in discovering the greatness of God's love that our heart is shaken by the horror and weight of sin and begins to fear offending God by sin and being separated from him. the human heart is converted by looking upon him whom our sins have pierced:²⁷

Let us fix our eyes on Christ's blood and understand how precious it is to his Father, for, poured out for our salvation it has brought to the whole world the grace of repentance.

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 31st January: SAINT JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST Thursday 2nd February: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Friday 3rd February: SAINT BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR & SAINT ANSGAR, BISHOP

Saturday 4th February: SATURDAY MASS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Recently Deceased

Raul Alfonso Abela, Tony Arena, William McConnell

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph Anthony Dias, John, Rita & Evelyn Rajayah, George Lobo.

IN MEMORIUM

Remy Bermudez.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Lily.

SICK

Vinnie Zahra, Ian Ward, Gloria Rivas; Teresita Alston, Edna Canete, Phoebe Ann Canete; Angela Michael, Maria Ceclia Rodrigo Salvador.

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

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 4th February 2023. - St. Patrick's Church.

For more information please logon to our website:

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

With joyful hearts, we welcome our newly Baptised to our parish community: Elijah Sserebe

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK



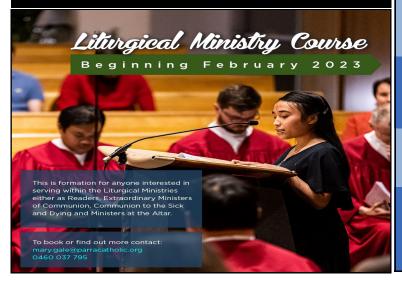
World Day of the Sick Mass

11am | Saturday 11 February 2023

Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

RSVPs are required by 6 February 2023 to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

LITURGICAL MINISTRY



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

The Bible Study will be taking a break from 1st Dec 2022 and will resume on Thursday 2nd February

HOLY FAMILY **FELLOWSHIP** PRAYER GROUP





Meeting Time and Venue: Every 2nd Saturday 6:30pm-9:30pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church.



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



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

LEGION OF MARY ST PATRICK'S



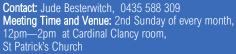
Contact: Maurice Bru 0419 626 583 (for statue bookings) Meeting Time and Venue: Every Thursday, 7:30pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church.

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!









Contact: Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566 Meeting Time and Venue: Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday after the 8am Mass, at St Michael's

TEHILLAH COMMUNITY



Contact: Ash & Rozario Fernando, 0416 861 976 or

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 For More Information please contact our Youth Minister.

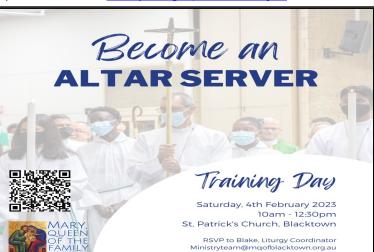
PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

MINISTRY FORMATION

The parish Ministry Team invites those currently involved, or those wishing to be involved in liturgical ministry to attend our Ministry Formation Courses starting from the 4th February.

Ongoing and regular formation ensures that our parishes liturgical ministers are kept up to date with necessary policies, procedures, and best practice allowing all the faithful who attend Holy Mass on Sundays to become duly nourished by the liturgies they attend.

Please take note of the following session times and RSVP or direct any guestions to Blake at Ministryteam@mgofblakctown.org.au





Saturday, 4th February 2:30pm-3:30pm St. Michael's Church, South Blacktown

Session 2: Serving the Mass*

Saturday, 4th February: 7pm-8pm St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown repeated session*



For any questions and to RSVP, ase email Blake, the Liturgy Coordinator at Ministryteam@mqofblacktown.org.au

Liturgical Formation **MINISTERS OF** IE WORD

Readers & EMHC Session 1

Saturday, 11th February 2pm-3:30pm St. Michael's Church, South Blacktown

Readers & EMHC Session 2*

Saturday, 11th February: 7pm-8:30pm St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown

repeated session*

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A PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE







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Fr Regie Lavilla, MSP

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- St James Cathedral, Santiago de Compostela
- Pray at the Lourdes Grotto
- Pray at the tomb of St Antony
- ☐ See the tomb of St Francis in Assisi
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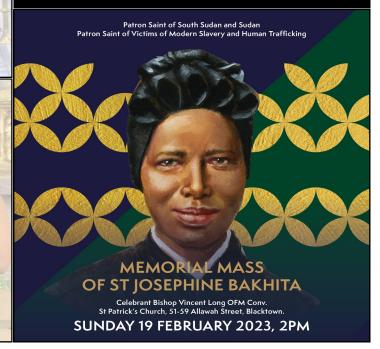
Email: Reginaldo.Lavilla@parracatholic.org Sarah Damole Mobile: 0479 042 633

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Interested pilgrims are invited to an Information Meeting on Friday, 3rd of February at 6PM at the Cardinal Clancy Room, St Patrick's Church - 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown. Light dinner will be served.

FEAST DAY OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

ARTS & CRAFT MOVEMENT

ARTS & CRAFTS MOVEMENT

Join us every Friday of the week from 10:00am till 12:00pm at the Cardinal Clancy room - St. Patrick Church Our Arts and Crafts activities will include:

- Embroidery and Embellishment Crocheting
- Knitting Arts and Crafts (Painting) Sewing

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

Refreshment is provided.

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



MORNING TEA AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Morning tea is served every Sunday after the 9.30 Mass and volunteers are currently needed to fill vacancies in the roster.

Families and ministry groups are welcome/ encouraged to join.

You will be required to serve once every two or three months and bring food to share. Assistance will be given with the preparations and tidying up.

If you would like to help, please leave your details in the sacristy, or contact Vicky on 0425 235 050 for more information.

FORMATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS



PARISH BINGO EVENT



ANNUAL LEGAL RED MASS

Members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families are cordially invited to the annual Legal Red Mass on Monday 6 February 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral from 7.30pm. The Red Mass is an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith for the new year. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance by 3 February via enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au or (02) 8839 8400.

MARY'S PANTRY



Please continue to donate non perishable items. Your donations will go to help those who are doing it tough in our community and beyond. Food donations can be placed in the baskets in the church foyer. Thank you!

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 CAFE

Please join us for morning tea every Wednesday from 1st February 2023 after the 9am Mass in the Cardinal Clancy Room.

All are welcome!!



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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

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

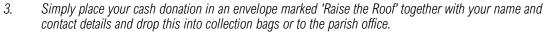
We are grateful to all our parishioners and friends who shared their treasures to our church. As of 29th January 2023, we have received the sum of \$67,039.90 in donations. We are also thankful to those who are still considering... only your continued support can make the roof of the House of our God rebuild!

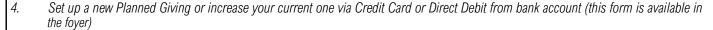
The investigation and brainstorming part of the preparation stage of our project is now shaping. We have met with the head of the Asset and Property Office of the Diocese of Parramatta, we have been instructed to do further investigations before a final solution can be drawn. We will keep you posted.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

HOW TO DONATE:

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Credit card or bank account and then, drop this into the collection bags or to the parish office; or





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.



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Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 0677

Reference: 6004 ~ Donor's name

If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Sarah at

accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au. Thank you so much for your continued support of

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 fover and on our parish website or contact the parish office on 9622 1125.

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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@mgofblacktown.org.au. Thank you. God bless us.

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