



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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

12TH FEBRUARY 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.

This weekend, our parish is privileged to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the priesthood with one of the dioceses most newly ordained priests and a former seminarian who undertook a pastoral placement here in 2017. Fr Jack El Kazzi was ordained at a very joyful celebration last Thursday, 2nd February in our mother Church of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta with two other deacons by the Most Rev Vincent Long.

Over the last three weeks, we have been navigating Christ's famous *Sermon on the Mount*, as recorded by the Evangelist, St Matthew. It is in this sermon, as our 4th Century Church Father, St Augustine, says, we will find "the highest morals [and] a perfect standard for Christian life". Christ's sermon presents to us a new programme of life and the features of the New Covenant, to be consummated by His blood sacrificed on Good Friday.

This Sunday's excerpt is commonly referred to as the "Antitheses", due to Christ's repeated phraseology: "you have heard that it was said...but I say to you", a formula for the new Torah and the "law of Christ" (Gal 5:13). Although Christ is often misrepresented as a liberator from the harsh Mosaic Law, this new Moses who is the "fulfilment of the Law and the prophets" rather immerses us more deeply into the formative spirit of the law, and if anything introduces a far more demanding rule of life, which ultimately compels the disciple to 'renounce himself and take up his cross' (Mt 16:24). The paradoxes of the Beatitudes and the imperatives of the Antitheses instils the discordance between worldly wisdom and godly wisdom, establishing a life of subject to hostility, though promising newfound freedom and fulfilment, perfectly witnessed through the life of Christ and our glorious martyrs.

Last Thursday, as the Church sung her intercessory litany, the soon-to-be Fr El Kazzi lay prostrate, with his arms laid out in a cruciform posture of humility and sacrifice, symbolising his newfound vocational freedom in laying down his life for you: the Church. Despite the seeming absurdity in pursuing a priestly vocation within the current climate of our culture and Church, Fr El Kazzi is a testament to how the scandal of the Gospel can radically enhance our lives. After living a self-described "misguided youth" he was coaxed into attending WYD '08 wherein his devotion to our Lord and Blessed Mother and participation in the life of the Church enriched his own to such an extent that he uncovered a God-given desire to exercise this exclusively. Fr El Kazzi, now being configured to Christ the Priest, embarks on a life as a walking *antithesis* to the world. Each time he utters the words "this is my body, this is my blood, given up for you", he will confront the crux of his mission, that it is not by professing his many admirable qualities and abilities, but only in dying to himself and daily rising in Christ.

Our Lady, Mother of Priests, pray for him.

Fr. Rooney

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@mqofblacktown.org.au

Sacramental Coordinator: Gerald "Ged" Oblea. **Mobile:** 0422 724 008

Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

Catechist Coordinator: Sandra Baker

Youth Minister & Liturgy Coordinator: Blake Bano

Parish Pastoral Council: **Chair:** Cecil Fernandes; **Asst Chair:** Joshua Carr **Secretary:** Savita Surendra
Members: Beato Pudadera, Ekhas Ambili, Erica Luiz, Harlane Petersen, Helena Vea, Tony Fernando, Sidney Lazum, Fr. Regie Lavilla, Fr. Andrew Rooney, 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:

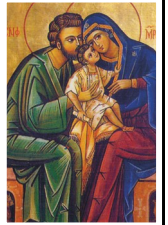
Opal Nursing Home (37 Kildare Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 9852 9600

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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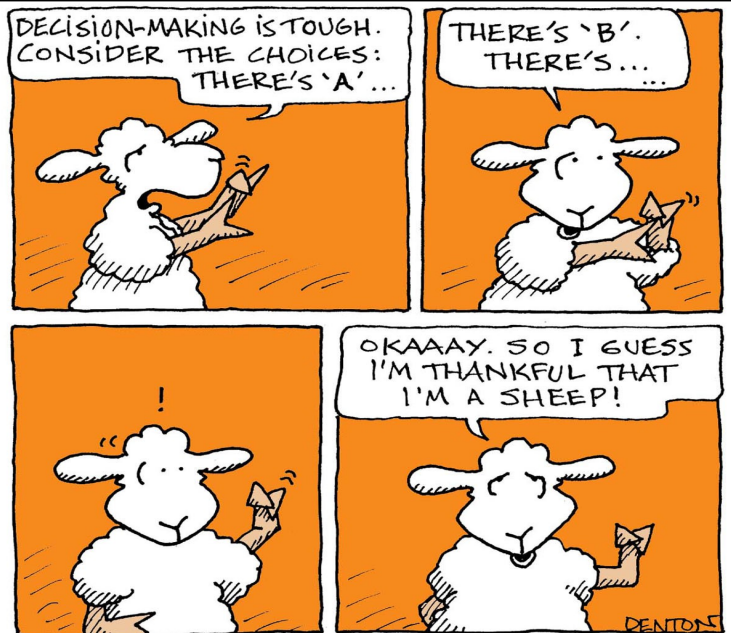


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FR REGIE ON HOLIDAY

Fr. Regie will be away on holidays from 9th February to 23rd February.
Please keep him in your prayers for a safe trip.

SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Before everyone are life and death, whichever they choose will be given them."

Sheepish Question:

There are only two choices. Why is it so hard sometimes for me to go with God's way?

THE LITURGY

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: SIR 15:15-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. V.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING: 1 COR 2:6-10.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 5:17-37 (Shorter Form)

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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

V. The Many Forms of Penance in Christian Life

1439 The process of conversion and repentance was described by Jesus in the parable of the prodigal son, the center of which is the merciful father:³⁷ The fascination of illusory freedom, the abandonment of the father's house; the extreme misery in which the son finds himself after squandering his fortune; his deep humiliation at finding himself obliged to feed swine, and still worse, at wanting to feed on the husks the pigs ate; his reflection on all he has lost; his repentance and decision to declare himself guilty before his father; the journey back; the father's generous welcome; the father's joy - all these are characteristic of the process of conversion. the beautiful robe, the ring, and the festive banquet are symbols of that new life - pure worthy, and joyful - of anyone who returns to God and to the bosom of his family, which is the Church. Only the heart of Christ Who knows the depths of his Father's love could reveal to us the abyss of his mercy in so simple and beautiful a way.

VI. The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

1440 Sin is before all else an offense against God, a rupture of communion with him. At the same time it damages communion with the Church. For this reason conversion entails both God's forgiveness and reconciliation with the Church, which are expressed and accomplished liturgically by the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.³⁸

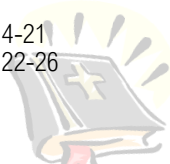
Only God forgives sin

1441 Only God forgives sins.³⁹ Since he is the Son of God, Jesus says of himself, "The Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" and exercises this divine power: "Your sins are forgiven."⁴⁰ Further, by virtue of his divine authority he gives this power to men to exercise in his name.⁴¹

1442 Christ has willed that in her prayer and life and action his whole Church should be the sign and instrument of the forgiveness and reconciliation that he acquired for us at the price of his blood. But he entrusted the exercise of the power of absolution to the apostolic ministry which he charged with the "ministry of reconciliation."⁴² The apostle is sent out "on behalf of Christ" with "God making his appeal" through him and pleading: "Be reconciled to God."⁴³

Daily Readings

Monday 13th February: Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday 14th February: Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday 15th February: Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday 16th February: Gen 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33.
Friday 17th February: Gen 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 - 9:1.
Saturday 18th February: Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13.
Sunday 19th February: Lev 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48.



FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 14th February: *SAINTS CYRIL, MONK, AND METHODIUS, BISHOP.*

Friday 17th February: *THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER.*

Saturday 18th February: *SATURDAY MASS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

IN MEMORIUM

Joe Aquilina, Joseph Azzopardi,
Carmen & Joseph Formosa, Mary Mifsud,
Rex Scott, Olga Thomas.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Isabella Miruzzi, Frank Meilak,
Maria Aquilina, Elsie Lobo.

SICK

Rauly Aure, 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

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 4th March 2023. - 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:
Kaiah & Marleigh Blake and Alejandro Drake .

SACRAMENT PROCESS 2023

The sacramental program dates for 2023 are available on our parish website <https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/>

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS REGISTRATION CLOSURE DATES:

Reconciliation process for Year 3 - 6: **17th September 2023.**

First Eucharist Process: **10th May 2023.**

Confirmation Process: **3rd July 2023.**

High School Process: **2nd April 2023.**

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR SACRAMENTAL PROCESSES ABOVE THIS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH 2023.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our sacramental coordinator on the details below:

Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Sacramental Coordinator)

Mary Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown.

Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

Ph: 02 9622 1125 – option 4 **Mobile:** 0422 724 008

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

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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 2023.

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.

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, 4:00pm – 6:00pm 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 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!

MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP



Contact: Jude Besterwitsch, 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.

CATECHIST MINISTRY



Contact: Sandra Baker

admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

For More Information please contact our the parish office

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

For More Information please contact our Youth Minister.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

NSW ELECTION ASSEMBLY

NSW Election Assembly

with NSW Treasurer Matt Kean (LIB), Shadow Treasurer Daniel Mookhey (ALP) and representatives of the crossbench



28 February 2023 | 6:00pm
Morley Centre
2 Darcy Rd, Westmead

Let's advocate for a fair, just and sustainable city in the spirit of Catholic Social Teaching!



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14 - 31ST MAY 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Avila, the Birthplace of Saint Teresa
- Join the procession of Our Lady of Fatima
- 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
- Guided tour of Catacombs & Colosseum
- Pray at the tomb of St Padre Pio
- Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel

INCLUSIONS

- Return Economy Class Airfare
- Accommodation in Premium Hotels
- Breakfast and Dinner
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POSITIONS VACANT

Parish Office Administration Assistant – St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood.

Policy Coordinator – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 10pm Monday 20 February

People and Culture Adviser – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 10pm Monday 20 February

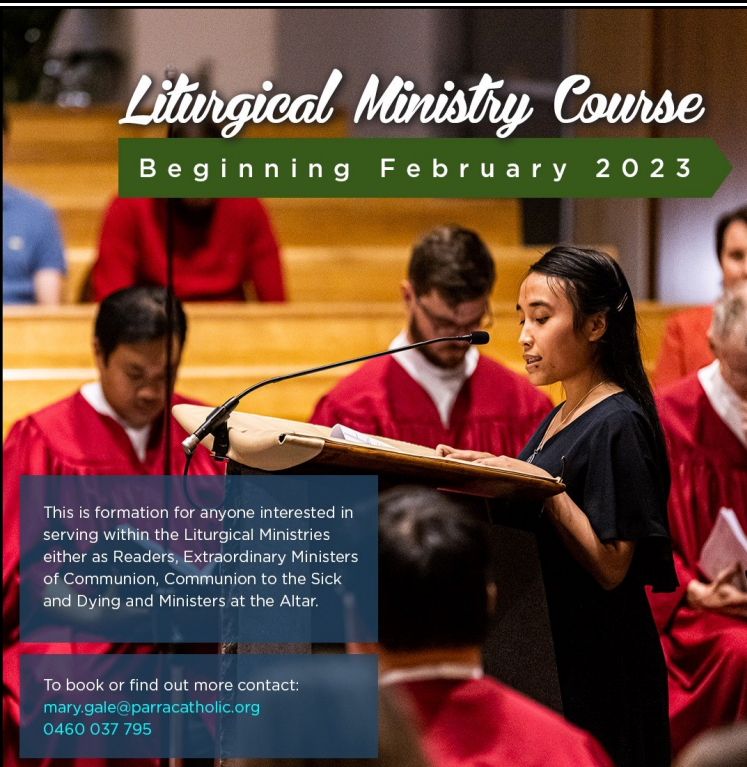
Sacramental Coordinator – Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville – Applications close Monday 20 February

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Liturgical Ministry Course

Beginning February 2023



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.

To book or find out more contact:
mary.gale@parracatholic.org
0460 037 795

FEAST DAY OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan
Patron Saint of Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking



MEMORIAL MASS OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Celebrant Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv.
St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.

SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2023, 2PM

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

ARTS & CRAFT MOVEMENT

LENTEN SCRIPTURE REFLECTION NIGHT

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 provided
This Friday Aboriginal Catholic Services will show some painting techniques and drawing.

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



FLOWER MINISTRY



MQOF Flower Ministry is seeking volunteers to assist with the flower arrangements for St Patrick's Church every fortnight on Saturday morning. No formal training is required – just your time and enthusiasm!

If you are interested, please call Donna on 0414 858 403.

FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM



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 for your generosity.

The social justice group 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.

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



Looking for a Scripture reflection session on the season of Lent? You are most welcome to attend the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Scripture Reflection Night with Dr Laurie Woods on Tuesday, 21 February from 6:30PM to 8:30PM, downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148.

BE TRANSFORMED ~ WORSHIP NIGHT.

Be Transformed - A night of worship organised by the Risen Lord Community Australia.

Join us for a free family friendly evening filled with worship, healing and prayer ministry. Food trucks will be available from 5-6pm.

Vineyard Church 357 Windsor Rd, Vineyard NSW 2765
18th February 2023, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

The night will feature music and worship by Come alive worship band and CRL worship band.

There'll be something for everyone, so bring your family, friends and loved ones and come ready to receive!

Free parking onsite.

Register now at www.risenlordcommunity.com.au/be-transformed

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 3rd February 2023, we have received the sum of **\$68,154.90** 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!

Where are we now? The parish maintenance volunteers in their recent meeting decided to contact the Property Manager of the Diocese of Parramatta to provide a roof expert to reassess the roof issue and provide recommendations. The Property Manager of the Diocese has advised the parish office that a Roof Auditor will be engaged towards the end of February to conduct an audit of the condition of St Patrick's Church roof and present findings to the Finance Committee, which could help to form the basis of the solution of the roof issue. We will keep you posted of the outcome. Again we ask for your patience, 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)



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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

FIRST COLLECTION: For the Diocesan Clergy

Account Name: Diocesan Clergy
Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 4265
Reference: 6004 - Donor's Name

SECOND COLLECTION: For the Parish

Account Name: Blacktown Catholic Church
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 foyer 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's church:

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

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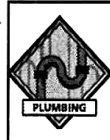
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