



# Weekly Bulletin

## 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*

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

19TH 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.

# Sunday Connection



The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at "an eye for an eye" as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist.

Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God's kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbour are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God's love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as "complete." We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

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### 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. Ever Bernaldez, MSP & Fr. Andrew Rooney

**Deacons:** Rev. John Cinya & Rev. Tom Green

**Finance Officer:** Sarah Canete-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. 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 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



### 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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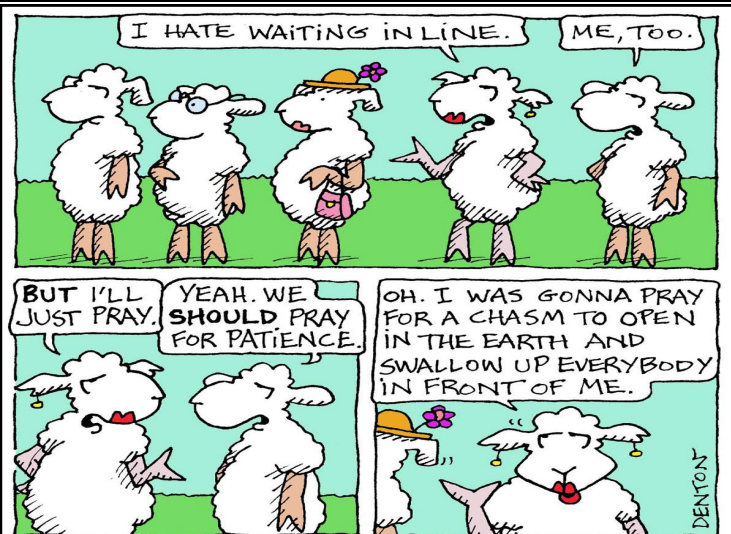
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### LENT AND HOLY WEEK DATES

Ash Wednesday: 22nd February 2023 (Wednesday)  
 Palm Sunday: 2nd April 2023 (Sunday)  
 Holy Thursday: 6th April 2023 (Thursday)  
 Good Friday: 7th April 2023 (Friday)  
 Easter Vigil: 8th April 2023 (Saturday)  
 Easter Sunday: 9th April 2023 (Sunday)



### SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people."

#### Sheepish Question:

Who are the people hardest for me to love, and what is my prayer for them today?

# THE LITURGY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

### FIRST READING: LV 19:1-2. 17-18

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. V.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

### SECOND READING: 1 COR 3:16-23

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Mt 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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# 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

VI. The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation  
Reconciliation with the Church

**1443** During his public life Jesus not only forgave sins, but also made plain the effect of this forgiveness: he reintegrated forgiven sinners into the community of the People of God from which sin had alienated or even excluded them. A remarkable sign of this is the fact that Jesus receives sinners at his table, a gesture that expresses in an astonishing way both God's forgiveness and the return to the bosom of the People of God.<sup>44</sup>

**1444** In imparting to his apostles his own power to forgive sins the Lord also gives them the authority to reconcile sinners with the Church. This ecclesial dimension of their task is expressed most notably in Christ's solemn words to Simon Peter: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."<sup>45</sup> "The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of the apostles united to its head."<sup>46</sup>

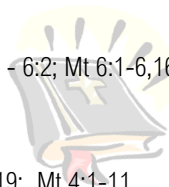
**1445** The words bind and loose mean: whomever you exclude from your communion, will be excluded from communion with God; whomever you receive anew into your communion, God will welcome back into his. Reconciliation with the Church is inseparable from reconciliation with God.

The sacrament of forgiveness

**1446** Christ instituted the sacrament of Penance for all sinful members of his Church: above all for those who, since Baptism, have fallen into grave sin, and have thus lost their baptismal grace and wounded ecclesial communion. It is to them that the sacrament of Penance offers a new possibility to convert and to recover the grace of justification. the Fathers of the Church present this sacrament as "the second plank [of salvation] after the shipwreck which is the loss of grace."<sup>47</sup>

## Daily Readings

Monday 20th February: Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29  
Tuesday 21st February: Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37  
Wednesday 22nd February: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday 23rd February: Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25.  
Friday 24th February: Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15.  
Saturday 25th February: Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32.  
Sunday 26th February: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11.



## FEAST DAYS

**Tuesday 21st February: SAINT PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH.**  
**Wednesday 22nd February: ASH WEDNESDAY.**  
**Thursday 23rd February: SAINT POLYCARP, BISHOP AND MARTYR**



## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Vincenzo Tiplado, Thomas McNamee, Victoria Caruana, Jackie Duncan.

### IN MEMORIUM

Stan Radacic

### SICK

Marie France Raymond, Raully 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:  
Andre Abonado

### SACRAMENT PROCESS 2023

The sacramental process dates and registration for 2023 are now available on our parish website. Follow the below link:

<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 NOW OPEN!

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](mailto: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

Email: [sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au)

[ged@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:ged@mqofblacktown.org.au)



### 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.

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:Blake@mqofblacktown.org.au)  
**For More Information please contact our Youth Minister.**

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## BBQ BONANZA

**WYD FUNDRAISER**

# BBQ BONANZA

Join us after Mass **This Weekend**

**18th & 19th February**

5:30pm Vigil- St Patrick's  
10am- St. Patrick's  
5:30pm St. Patrick's

Snag-\$4  
Drink-\$2

**COMBO\$5**

## A PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE





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BOOK BEFORE 15<sup>TH</sup> FEB

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A PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE  
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WITH  
**Fr Regie Lavilla, MSP**

14 - 31<sup>ST</sup> 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
- Transfers on Deluxe A/C Coach
- Entrance Fees
- Services of Professional Guides




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## LENT AT OUR PARISH

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH: 9AM  
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH: 7:30PM

### ADORATION

WEDNESDAY - ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH: 6:30 - 7:30PM

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH: 6:30 - 7:15PM

### 1ST RITE OF RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY - ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH: 6:30 - 7:15PM  
FRIDAY - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH: 6:30 - 7:15PM  
SATURDAY - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH: 9:30 - 10:30AM

## OLD PALMS WANTED

On Tuesday, we will be burning palms from last year for use on Ash Wednesday, 22nd February.

If you have palms from Palm Sunday last year, please put them in the containers in the foyers of the Church.

## NO HOLY HOUR



A gentle reminder that there will be no Holy Hour at St Michael's Church on Ash Wednesday 22nd February. There will be reconciliation commencing at 6:30pm, followed by Mass at 7:30pm.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at St. Patrick's Church 6:30pm - 7:15pm.

Commencing from Friday 24th February 2023. All welcome to attend!



## MINISTRY EOI FOR HOLY WEEK

The Parish Needs YOUR Ministry & Service

# Register for Holy Week!

The parish is in need of Liturgical Ministers to offer their time and talents for our Holy Week celebrations



Scan the QR code on the screen to register!



# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## ARTS & CRAFT MOVEMENT

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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



## CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION

### Project Compassion Sunday 18 & 19 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



## HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth invites you to join them for the Holy Family Association & Friends gathering.

- Date:** Saturday, 25 February 2023  
**Venue:** Queen of Poland Convent, Meeting Room  
 116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong
- 09.30 am:** Morning Tea  
**10.30 am:** *Speaker:* Fr. Geoffrey Plant  
*Topic:*— Living in Hope, Grace and Gratitude  
**12.00 pm** Eucharist, followed by Lunch
- Please contact Sr Rita Mob. 0424 678 766 Email: [ahfcsfn@gmail.com](mailto:ahfcsfn@gmail.com)

## PALMS AUSTRALIA



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RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)



## 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 volunteers at Mary's Pantry are in urgent need of reusable shopping bags preferably material ones to pack groceries for those in need, whom they minister to at the Pantry. The generosity of the Parish Community in this matter is greatly appreciated. Bags can be left in the trolley baskets in each of the foyers at both churches.

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!!



## LENTEN SCRIPTURE REFLECTION NIGHT



REGISTER FOR NEXT WEEK'S  
**2023 Diocesan LENTEN**  
 Scripture Reflection Night  
 Tuesday 21 February 2023 - 6:30PM to 8:30PM  
 Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre  
 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148  
 Use the following link to SIGN UP:  
[pfparra.org.au/lent2023](https://pfparra.org.au/lent2023)

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. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/lent2023/>

## 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:

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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

In January we received a letter advising us that the Government Grant applications were unsuccessful. Hence we need to find ways to fund our maintenance works for both churches.

We need generous people to help us fund the above works.

Please don't hesitate to talk to one of our priests or call the parish office on 9622 1125 or email [accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au). All donations are welcome.

Thank you. God bless us.

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