



# 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*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR A

26TH 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

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

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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:

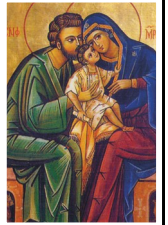
Opal Nursing Home ( 37 Kildare Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148 ) P : 9852 9600

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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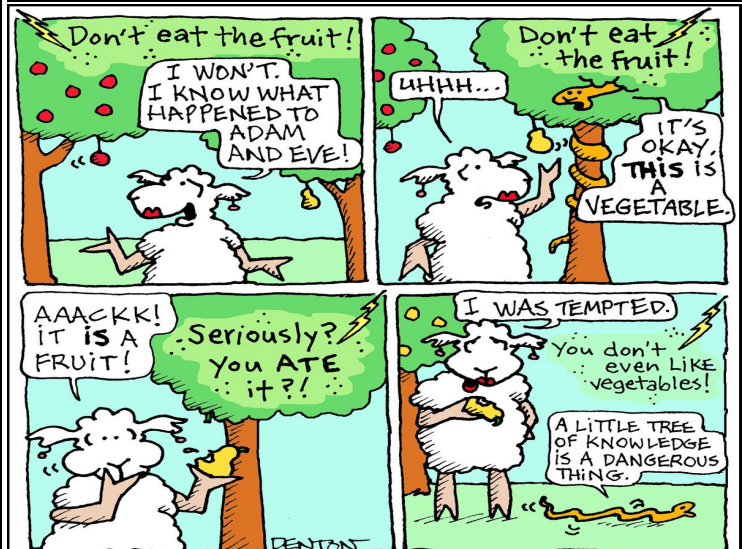
### LENT AND HOLY WEEK DATES

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)

*The Season of Lent*



### SUNDAY FLOCK



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"The woman answered the serpent: 'God said, You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'"

### Sheepish Question:

But seriously, about temptation: How am I like Adam or Eve?

## THE LITURGY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

### FIRST READING: GEN 2:7-9; 3:1-7

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. SEE V.3

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

### SECOND READING: ROM 5:12-19

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### GOSPEL: Mt 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.'

Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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## Daily Readings

Monday 27th February: Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46.  
 Tuesday 28th February: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15.  
 Wednesday 1st March: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32.  
 Thursday 2nd March: Est 4:1, 3-5, 12-14; Mt 7:7-12.  
 Friday 3rd March: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26  
 Saturday 4th March: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48.  
 Sunday 5th March: Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tm 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9.



## 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

**1447** Over the centuries the concrete form in which the Church has exercised this power received from the Lord has varied considerably. During the first centuries the reconciliation of Christians who had committed particularly grave sins after their Baptism (for example, idolatry, murder, or adultery) was tied to a very rigorous discipline, according to which penitents had to do public penance for their sins, often for years, before receiving reconciliation. To this "order of penitents" (which concerned only certain grave sins), one was only rarely admitted and in certain regions only once in a lifetime. During the seventh century Irish missionaries, inspired by the Eastern monastic tradition, took to continental Europe the "private" practice of penance, which does not require public and prolonged completion of penitential works before reconciliation with the Church. From that time on, the sacrament has been performed in secret between penitent and priest. This new practice envisioned the possibility of repetition and so opened the way to a regular frequenting of this sacrament. It allowed the forgiveness of grave sins and venial sins to be integrated into one sacramental celebration. In its main lines this is the form of penance that the Church has practiced down to our day.

**1448** Beneath the changes in discipline and celebration that this sacrament has undergone over the centuries, the same fundamental structure is to be discerned. It comprises two equally essential elements: on the one hand, the acts of the man who undergoes conversion through the action of the Holy Spirit: namely, contrition, confession, and satisfaction; on the other, God's action through the intervention of the Church. The Church, who through the bishop and his priests forgives sins in the name of Jesus Christ and determines the manner of satisfaction, also prays for the sinner and does penance with him. Thus the sinner is healed and re-established in ecclesial communion.

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Pasencia Sampang, Nicolina & Doris Xuereb,  
 Ivan Peric, Jayaraju.

### IN MEMORIUM

Maria Bugeja

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Lucy Janezic, Simic Family,  
 Andrew Laming & Family

### 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. Please take note there are no Baptism at the parish during the season of Lent.

For more information please logon to our website:  
<https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/#baptism>

### 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

## LENT AT OUR PARISH



# LENT

## 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

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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
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  - Breakfast and Dinner
  - Transfers on Deluxe A/C Coach
  - Entrance Fees
  - Services of Professional Guides

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## 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!



## BOOK LAUNCH ~ SAVE THE DATE



SUN 19<sup>TH</sup> MAR 11:30am - 10:00am Mass

## MASTER OF THE PIECES SYDNEY 2023 BOOK TOUR



## 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!

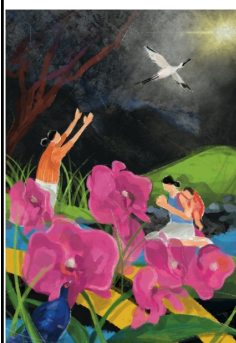


## REMEMBERING FR. SID MOSELEY

Fr. Sid Moseley was appointed Parish Priest of St Michael's Church at the end of 1969 and he celebrated his first Mass in the Church on 1st March 1970.

Wednesday 1st March will be the 53rd anniversary, St Michael's Church continues to grow with the support of our community.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



You are all invited to join in the World Day of Prayer 2023 on the 3rd March, 10.00am at the Blacktown Seventh-day Adventist Church 2B Newtown Road Blacktown.

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. For more information please contact Terri Sebastian through the parish office.

# 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!



Join Bishop Vincent Long and people from across the Diocese of Parramatta.  
**Register at:** [www.bit.ly/nswelectionassembly](http://www.bit.ly/nswelectionassembly)

Standup for Cost of living, Climate change, Affordable and renewable energy, Affordable and social housing and Fair renting reforms (including removing no-grounds eviction and climate-proofing rental properties). Make it one of your Lenten practices! On Tuesday 28th February at Sydney Alliance Assembly, Morley Centre, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead 6:15pm-8:15pm (arrival from 5:30pm). Bishop Vincent will be attending.

This is a rare opportunity to pressure and persuade NSW politicians to act on the common good agenda of united civil society. Register at <https://events.humanitix.com/sydney-alliance-nsw-election-assembly-february-28> (Organisation: Catholic Diocese of Parramatta).

## CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION



After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. 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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



## ARTS & CRAFT MOVEMENT

Join us every Friday of the week from 10:00am till 12:00pm at Cardinal Clancy room at St. Patrick's 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 is provided or bring your own materials. Refreshment is provided.

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

## 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!!



## PATRICIAN BROTHERS OPEN EVENING



### COLLEGE OPEN EVENING



**TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 4.00PM - 8.00PM**  
**WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH 4.00PM - 8.00PM**

Online Bookings Essential



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Enquiries to College Office on 8811 0300

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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 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

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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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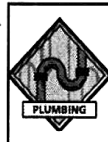
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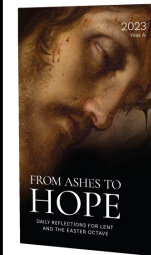


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