



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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

5TH 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.

Our readings for this Sunday are very encouraging. Christ tells us to let our light shine. The grace he offers us, the conversion he wants for us, his will for us in every moment, is never a matter of stifling us, of detracting from who we really are, but is always the gift he offers to enable us to be that which we were always meant to be.

God doesn't produce robots, there's no such thing as a cookie-cutter Christian. Each of us is unique and is meant to reflect his glory, his goodness in a particular way. But we cannot do it without his grace, without his help, without living in that union with him by which we can truly say that the light that I shine out into the world is truly mine and truly his.

St Catherine of Siena is famous for saying, "be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." Catherine wouldn't have wanted us to despair of the seemingly meagre difference we might be able to make in the world if we compared our contribution with her impressive resume. We aren't all Catherine, and our "setting the world on fire" will look different in every case. We probably won't reprimand popes or have mystical dialogues with the Father. Our influence will be different, but never the worse because of that, quite to the contrary.

But if we are to fulfil the unique purpose God has for each of us, two things are required. The first is that we need to pray. Without listening to him in that attitude of lowly simplicity with which the Blessed Virgin approached him, we won't have him and the sure guidance he provides every day. The second is related. We need to grow in self-knowledge. Unless we really know who we are and can grow in a holy acceptance of ourselves, every endeavour to be good and to affect the world will be based on a false idea of ourselves and our efforts will be in vain. Make your times of prayer a place where you can wrestle with God and be challenged by him to learn and to grow so that he can enter into the darkness of our hearts and transform them into light. Only then will our light shine out for others so that their light may in turn be seen as well.

Deacon Tom Green

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 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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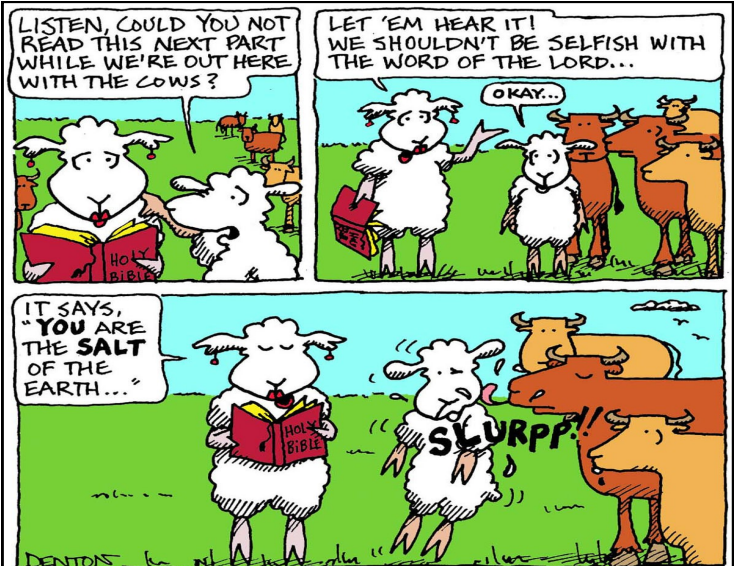


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WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings .

SUNDAY FLOCK



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"You are the salt of the earth."

Sheepish Question:

When have I shied away from exemplifying the Gospel among my friends?

THE LITURGY

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: IS 58:7-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 111:4-9. R. V.4.

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

SECOND READING: 1 COR 2:1-5.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 30:17-18

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

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Daily Readings

Monday 6th February: Gen 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday 7th February: Gen 1:20-24; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday 8th February: Gen 2:4-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday 9th February: Gen 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30.
Friday 10th February: Gen 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37.
Saturday 11th February: Gen 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10.
Sunday 12th February: Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37.



FEAST DAYS

Monday 6th February: SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Wednesday 8th February: SAINT JEROME EMILIANI & SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN.

Friday 10th February: SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN.

Saturday 11th February: OUR LADY OF LOURDES & SATURDAY MASS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

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

1434 The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving,³¹ which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others. Alongside the radical purification brought about by Baptism or martyrdom they cite as means of obtaining forgiveness of sins: effort at reconciliation with one's neighbor, tears of repentance, concern for the salvation of one's neighbor, the intercession of the saints, and the practice of charity "which covers a multitude of sins."³²

1435 Conversion is accomplished in daily life by gestures of reconciliation, concern for the poor, the exercise and defense of justice and right,³³ by the admission of faults to one's brethren, fraternal correction, revision of life, examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering, endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness. Taking up one's cross each day and following Jesus is the surest way of penance.³⁴

1436 Eucharist and Penance. Daily conversion and penance find their source and nourishment in the Eucharist, for in it is made present the sacrifice of Christ which has reconciled us with God. Through the Eucharist those who live from the life of Christ are fed and strengthened. "It is a remedy to free us from our daily faults and to preserve us from mortal sins."³⁵

1437 Reading Sacred Scripture, praying the Liturgy of the Hours and the Our Father - every sincere act of worship or devotion revives the spirit of conversion and repentance within us and contributes to the forgiveness of our sins.

1438 The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice.³⁶ These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works).

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Recently Deceased

Fr. Roberto Ruben C. Elago, MSP

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Antony Abdallah; Angelina Abdallah; Sienna Abdallah;
Veronique Sakr; Helen Tanti, Peter & Phoebe D'Souza,
Anthony, Wency & Olga Coutinho, Nicholas Apap,
Andreana & Felix Muscat, Bro. Joe Byrne, Marguerite Byrne

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:
Arlo Bugg

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

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 questions to Blake at Ministryteam@mqofblacktown.org.au

Liturgical Formation MINISTERS OF THE 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**



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

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.

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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



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FEAST DAY OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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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

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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



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK



World Day of the Sick Mass

including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

11am | Saturday 11 February 2023

Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

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

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



Faith and Formation session for Catholic Health Care Professionals

Saturday 11 February 2023 9am-10.30am

All-Saints of Africa Centre, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown
Followed by World Day of the Sick Mass with Anointing at 11:00am

RSVP by 06 Feb to met@parracatholic.org

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!!



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.
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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 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. All donations are welcome.

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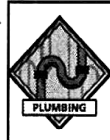
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