



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR A

12TH MARCH 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.

Over the last few weeks, I have made brief reference to the organisation of the Church's Lectionary (i.e. the selection of readings) during the Lenten Season. Throughout the three-year lectionary cycle in Ordinary Time, we more-or-less navigate Christ's public ministry systematically, going through each of the first three Gospels (the so-called 'Synoptic Gospels'), as well as systematically going through the Pauline Letters. In Lent, as well as in the other seasons, the Church is very deliberate in her selection of readings and prayers, and as our Mother, tries to nurture, direct and illumine our pathway during this Lenten retreat. Of highest concern, most especially for our current liturgical year (Yr A), is those in the Order of Catechumens, who already enjoy the motherly love of the Church as they prepare to be initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil, entering the womb of the Church in the baptismal font and being born into new life through this "fountain of living water". Thus, over the next few weeks on our Sundays in Lent, the parish will have the privilege of participating and witnessing our wonderful catechumens undergo the three scrutinies, wherein 'all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect are to be uncovered, and to strengthen all that is upright, strong and good'- a very comforting reminder of what we should all be repeating and modelling for our little brothers and sisters in this holy season.

Thus, we will see our readings provide somewhat of a "highlights reel" of our salvation history, a fervent reminder for us long-time Catholics and an apt catechetical programme for our Catechumens. Our Old Testament first readings are no longer selected to be hinged directly on the Gospel reading (as in Ordinary Time) but demonstrates a summary of God's saving actions throughout history, anticipating our ultimate redemption through the passion and death of our Lord. In these last few weeks, for example, we have meditated on the fall of mankind, the covenant with Abraham, and this week the great Exodus. This will culminate in our most ancient, glorious and solemn Easter Vigil Liturgy, which through its seven Old Testament readings and psalms will see Christ's one saving act echoed throughout our history.

The Sunday Gospel readings fittingly begin with Christ's temptation in the desert, setting the scene for our Lenten retreat and will always be followed with a reading of the Transfiguration, both directing us to Jerusalem and providing some solace and hope as we approach the scandalous scene of the Cross. Following this, we will meditate on some major events from the Gospel of John, which does not have a dedicated year in the lectionary cycle. Year A, purposefully designed for our Catechumens, will highlight some major miraculous signs given by Christ, with a particular spiritual focus on the effects of initiation into the Body of Christ, through this Sunday's account of the Samaritan Woman at the well and the Living Water discourse, the man born blind who is healed both physically and spiritually, and the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

So let us not only support our Catechumens through prayer, but let us truly enter with them this journey through Lent and be inspired by their young faith.

Fr. Andrew 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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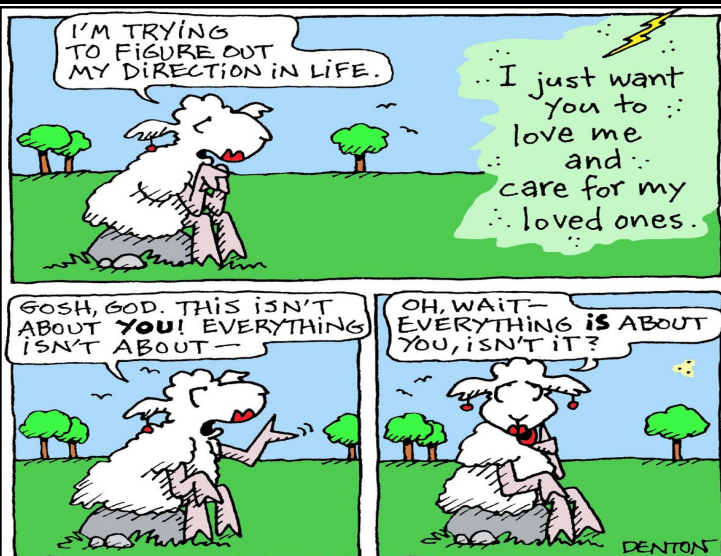
LENT AND HOLY WEEK DATES

- 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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"If you knew who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Sheepish Question:

Realizing it is all about Jesus, what must I do differently with my life?

THE LITURGY

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING: EX 17:3-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 94:1-2. 6-9. R. V.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: ROM 5:1-2. 5-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42 (Shorter Form)

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans.

Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water?'

Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?'

Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'

Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews.'

But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jn 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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Daily Readings

Monday 13th March: 2 Kings 5:1-15 ; Lk 4:24-30.

Tuesday 14th March: Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35.

Wednesday 15th March: Deu 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19.

Thursday 16th March: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23.

Friday 17th March: Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20.

Saturday 18th March: Hos 5:15 – 6:6 ; Lk 18:9-14.

Sunday 19th March: 1 Sam 16:1. 6-7. 10-13 ; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41.

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

VII. The Acts of the Penitent

1454 The reception of this sacrament ought to be prepared for by an examination of conscience made in the light of the Word of God. the passages best suited to this can be found in the moral catechesis of the Gospels and the apostolic Letters, such as the Sermon on the Mount and the apostolic teachings. The confession of sins

1455 The confession (or disclosure) of sins, even from a simply human point of view, frees us and facilitates our reconciliation with others. Through such an admission man looks squarely at the sins he is guilty of, takes responsibility for them, and thereby opens himself again to God and to the communion of the Church in order to make a new future possible.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bertila Lago

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Edgardo Asombrado, Victoriana Asombrado Kibir,
Leon Geronimo

IN MEMORIUM

Purificacion Smagui

SICK

Meghan De Vos, Dorothy Angyalfi, Josie Phelps,
Marie France Raymond, Raully Aure, Vinnie Zahra,
Gloria Rivas, Teresita Alston, Edna Canete,
Phoebe Ann Canete.

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 1st April 2023. - St. Patrick's Church. Please take note there are no Baptisms at the parish during the season of Lent.

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

SACRAMENTAL 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 4 - 6: **26th March 2023.**

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

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

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

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

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

PARISH YOUTH ACTIVITIES

YOUTH LED



**STATIONS
OF THE
CROSS**

**Friday, 31st March at 6:45pm
Followed by Mass at 7:30pm**



**THE
PASSION
OF THE CHRIST**

**FRIDAY 31ST MARCH - 8:30PM
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ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY
MA 15+ | \$5 FOR POPCORN AND DRINK**



MQOF Youth Ministry
Presents



**THE PASSION
RE-ENACTMENT**

**REHEARSAL
THURSDAY, 16TH MARCH - 7PM
ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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
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
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



Contact: Blake Bano
Blake@mqofblacktown.org.au
For More Information please contact our Youth Minister.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

LENT AT OUR PARISH

Adoration
Wednesdays - St. Michael's Church: 6.30pm-7.30pm.

Stations of the Cross
Fridays - St. Patrick's Church: 6.30pm - 7.15pm

1st Rite of Reconciliation
Wednesday - St. Michael's Church: 6.30pm - 7.15pm
Fridays ~ St. Patrick's Church: 6:30pm - 7.15pm
Saturdays ~ St. Patrick's Church: 9:30am - 10.30am

MINISTRY EOI FOR HOLY WEEK

The parish is need of liturgical ministers to offer their time and talents for our Holy Week celebrations. Scan the QR Code to register your interest.



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

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MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR. RUBEN ELAGO, MSP

There will be a 40th day memorial Mass for Fr. Ruben Elago, MSP former assistant priest at St. Michael's on Friday 17th March - 7.00pm at Mary Immaculate Parish Quakers Hill. 125 Barrier Drive Quakers Hill. Fellowship after Mass. All welcome are to attend!

BOOK LAUNCH ~ SAVE THE DATE



Joelle Maryn
- ACTRESS - SPEAKER - TV HOST -

MASTER OF THE PIECES
SYDNEY 2023
BOOK TOUR



SUN 19TH MAR
11:30am



Mary, Queen of the Family Parish.
St Patrick's Catholic Church
1-59 Allawah St, Blacktown

* After 10:00am Mass

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FROM THE FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY

Let's Celebrate!



THE FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY
DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

"St Joseph : The Silent Achiever"



Saturday, 18 March 2023

Church of St Patrick
Mary Queen of the Family Parish
51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown

Solemn High Mass at 10:30 am
Main Celebrant: Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan

Novena Masses for St Joseph
8 to 16 March 2023

Time : 7:30 PM

(except 8 and 15 March to start at 8:00 PM)

Venue: **St Michael's Church**
58 Orwell St, Blacktown

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION



Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis. **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, or by calling 1800 024 413.



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!!

PARISH WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIM

Hi my name is Chevonne Lobo and I am currently a year 11 student at Nagle College, Blacktown. I am one of the 5 students from my school, attending World Youth Day 2023 and one of the Pilgrims from MQOF.



I am the leader of Youthfulness, the youth choir of St. Michaels and also a member of the youth. From this amazing opportunity I've been presented with, I hope to further deepen my faith.

I also hope to learn different ways people from other nationalities practice Catholicism and I would really love to meet Catholic youth just like me.

Many of our youth are starting to lose faith in God and turn away from religion as a whole, so my aim is to bring more youth back into the church and help them realise just how great and fulfilling it is to be part of a church community.

I would like to give a big thanks to those of you who have contributed to all of our fundraising. If you haven't donated already, I urge you to do so. By your generous donations, it is allowing myself, and the other pilgrims attending to strive to make a more welcoming community to the future of our church, the youth.

Thank you, again Chevonne.

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.

NAGLE COLLEGE



NAGLE COLLEGE
Blacktown South



ENROLLING NOW 2024

Nagle College welcomes you and your family to explore our school grounds and facilities, meet College staff, and to ask any questions you may have about the enrolment process through a private tour on **28 March 2023 from 2pm.**

Nagle College can't wait to welcome you.

Register your interest in experiencing Nagle College today by following <https://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au/Enrolment/Tours-and-Events> or alternatively contact the office by telephone on 02 8887 4500 for more information

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL OPEN DAY



**ST MICHAEL'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL
BLACKTOWN**

**Looking to enrol your child for
Kindergarten in 2024?**



Is your child ready to start Kindy?
Come join us for a School Tour at
St Michael's Blacktown South,
Primary School

Tour of school

**-Friday 10th March
2023 @ 4pm**

**-Saturday 29th April
2023 @ 10am**

**- Friday 23 June 2023
@ 4pm**



Please call our school office on 02 8869 6200 to book in the tour and organise an enrolment package or download it from our school website:

<https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au/>

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 6th March 2023, we have received the sum of **\$70,367.90 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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If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Sarah at accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au. Thank you so much for your continued support of our parish. We are grateful!

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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. All donations are welcome.

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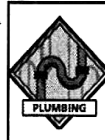
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