



# 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*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR A

19TH 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.

## Truly, Now I can see Light!

Again, the Gospel of this Fourth Sunday of Lent presents us with a long and very detailed Gospel of John about the man born blind all his life. Jesus made a paste, put it on his eyes, asked him to go and wash in the Pool of Siloam. The man had shown courage to do that and when he washed and came back his sight was fully restored.

In this Gospel's story, groups of people investigated the healing of the man born blind, who truly can see light. The Gospel tells us that the neighbours were first to investigate their closest friend, who associated with them. They were hesitant, but they came to their senses to believe that it was the man who was blind, but now could see. Then the Pharisees took the responsibility over, who were the guardians of faith. The Pharisees did not make honest attempt to find out what really happened to this man born blind. They said, "This man cannot be of God, he cured you on Sabbath, this cannot be what it would seem to be." It is not allowed and wrong. They were openly hostile to anything to be said about Christ. The blind man stood up to the powerful Pharisees, defending his faith and kingship of Jesus. He took the risk of being thrown out from the synagogue.

Then, the Pharisees brought pressure to the parents of the man born blind. They asked the parents, "Is this your son? Yes. Was he blind? Yes. How is it that he can now see? We don't know. If you want to know, ask him. He is old enough. He can tell you the truth". The parents were scared that they would be expelled. The Pharisees failed to accept the truth about the work of God in Jesus, who is Christ, the light of the world.

As Christians, the message is to us. We are all born blind, we are spiritually blind, we are sinners. Why? Because we do not see Jesus, the light of the world, what is right, good, and true is now hidden from our view. We still need to open our eyes and hearts to make space for the source of light, and healer of physical and spiritual blindness. We need Jesus Christ to heal and restore us to the light.

How do we find truth, the light of Jesus? By our faith, by seeking Jesus and loving him. The blind man found Jesus. He prayed to find Jesus. He got gift of spiritual sight, faith, and physical light. He became the disciple of Jesus. The pharisees were not seeking truth, light of Jesus, they were blinded. They were covered with darkness. May we not allow Satan and evil of this world to blind us and not to forget our real identity and call. Amen.

*Deacon John Cinya*

### 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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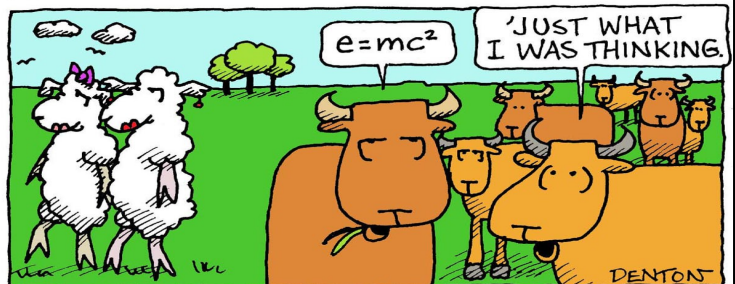
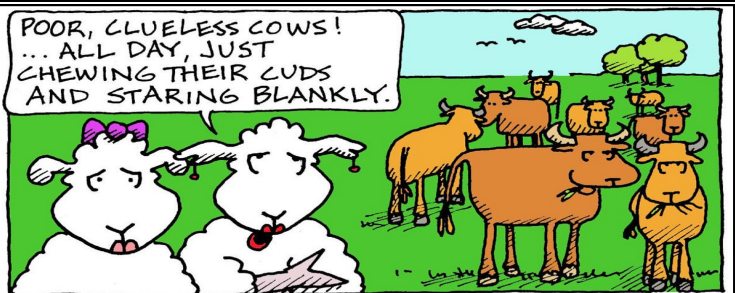
### LENT AND HOLY WEEK DATES

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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"Not as man sees does God see."

### Sheepish Question:

How can I broaden my perspective to view life around me with the eyes of God?

## THE LITURGY

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Is 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

#### FIRST READING: 1 SM 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 22 R. V.1

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

#### SECOND READING: EPH 5:8-14

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### GOSPEL: Jn 9:1-41

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered, 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 'As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.'

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.'

#### Gospel (Cont.)

So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him. Jesus said: 'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied:

'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jn 9:11,38

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

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### Daily Readings

Monday 20th March: 2 Sm 7:4-5. 12-14. 16 ; Mt 1:16. 18-21. 24 .  
 Tuesday 21st March: Ez 47:1-9.12 ; Jn 5:1-3. 5-16 .  
 Wednesday 22nd March: Is 49:8-15 ; Jn 5:17-30 .  
 Thursday 23rd March: Ex 32:7-14 ; Jn 5:31-47 .  
 Friday 24th March: Wis 2:1, 12-22 ; Jn 7:1-2. 10. 25-30 .  
 Saturday 25th March: Is 7:10-14.8:10 ; Lk 1:26-38 .  
 Sunday 26th March: Ez 37:12-14 ; Rom 8:8-11 ; Jn 11:1-45 .

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

#### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Jennifer Menon, Vittorio Mastrodomenico, Aleyamma Joseph,  
Ivan Mendonca, Joseph Anthony Dias.

#### IN MEMORIUM

Denis Monteiro, Bob Rubbo, Milagros Llamas,  
Jackie Duncan, Vincenzo Tiplado,  
Pacjienza Piscopo, Joseph & Theresa Vella.

#### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Andrew Laming & Family

#### 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](mailto:sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au)

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

### MASTERCLASS FOR MENTOR MARRIED COUPLES

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married.

Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage?

Join us for a Masterclass on Friday 24 March at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Mentoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program.

If you are unable to attend in-person, a follow up Zoom session will be held for interested couples on Saturday 1 April at 10am.

To book your attendance or to ask further questions, please email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Marisa on (02) 8838 3460.

### 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.

### 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

### 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

## HOLY WEEK



Join Mary, Queen of the Family Parish for

# Holy Week

**Palm Sunday- 2nd April 2023**  
 Holy Mass at St. Patrick's Church - 7am, 10am & 5:30pm  
 Holy Mass at St. Michael's Church - 8am, 9:30am & 6pm

**Holy Thursday - 6th April 2023**  
 Lauds (Morning Prayer) at St. Patrick's Church - 9am  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Patrick's Church - 7:30pm  
 Compline (Night Prayer) at St. Patrick's Church - 10pm

**Good Friday - 7th April 2023**  
 Youth Passion Re-enactment at School Grounds - 10am  
 Passion of the Lord at St. Michael's Church - 3pm  
 Passion of the Lord at St. Patrick's Church - 3pm

**Holy Saturday - 8th April 2023**  
 Lauds (Morning Prayer) at St. Patrick's Church - 9am  
 Easter Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Church - 7:30pm

**Easter Sunday- 9th April 2023**  
 Holy Mass at St. Patrick's Church - 7am, 10am & 5:30pm  
 Holy Mass at St. Michael's Church - 8am, 9:30am & 6pm

For more information, be sure to check our website or contact the Parish Office  
[www.mqofblacktown.org.au](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au) or (02) 9622 1125

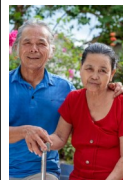
## BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

### Support our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community.



Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal  
[yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

## CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION



Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke.



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.



## Türkiye-Syria Earthquake Disaster

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Türkiye and Syria. Over 50,000 people have been killed, with many more injured and left homeless. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance.



We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe. Your generous donation means our partners in Türkiye and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy.

Visit: [www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey](http://www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.



## PARISH YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### YOUTH LED



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



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

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our parish has been advised that there has been illegal dumping of waste on our premises and rubbish bins. If you see this taking place we ask you to advise the parish office of the details of the incident and/or photos that may assist in reporting this to the necessary authorities.



# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

### The Lenten Giving Tree

During this time of reflection, Mary's Pantry asks you to please remember the less fortunate by taking a tag or two from the tree.



Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## PARISH WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIM

I am Louise Sergio and I am one of the World Youth Day 2023 pilgrims. I currently study at Nagle college. The way I assist our parish community is by altar serving at St Patrick's and participating in the choir at St Michaels.



When I attend World Youth Day, I personally believe that this three week period will be a time of reflection and a time where I truly look back on my past and how God was involved in my life. I think this pilgrimage will help me enhance my connection with God and learn to appreciate his wonderful creations.

When I return from my pilgrimage, I hope to share my experiences with individuals who may not particularly believe in God. Hopefully through sharing these experiences, individuals can be enlightened by God's work and be inspired to attend church. I wish to bring more youth into our community, young people who willingly want to build a relationship with God. I would like to thank parishioners for their overwhelming support and for the donations we've received thus far. I would like to encourage those who are eligible to donate, so myself and fellow pilgrims can experience God's love with fellow youth.

## 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

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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 6th March 2023, we have received the sum of **\$70,452.90 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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Planned Giving (Direct Debit or Credit Card) is also an option if you wish to do cashless donation to the parish, forms are available in the foyer and on our parish website or contact the parish office on 9622 1125.

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#### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

#### UPDATE ON ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH MAINTENANCE WORKS

The Parish Finance Committee, in its recent meeting, decided to release the following updates on the status of the hereunder works to be done on St Michael's church:

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

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.

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