



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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ~ YEAR A

2ND APRIL 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.

The tradition of Palm Sunday has its origins in the fourth century when Christians obtained freedom to practice their religion throughout the Roman Empire. They re-enacted, as we continue to do today, that solemn entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem on the Sunday before Easter, carrying branches and singing *Hosanna*. For these early Christians, this would have been more than simply a re-enactment of an ancient event, but a celebration of the very real instantiation of the freedom Christ won for them even in their own time. Christians throughout the centuries continued this practice until it eventually became universal - a sure reminder that Christ is our Universal King, and that his rule establishes us in freedom.

That our King rides into his city to establish his kingdom on the back of a young donkey should help us to appreciate the nature of his rule. He doesn't come to "lord it over us" like the so-called kings of this world. He doesn't take the world by force. Instead, he humbles himself, making himself the least of all, so that stooping right down to the depths of our humanity, he might triumphantly elevate us all into a share in his own divine life. He is the King who leaves his power behind in order that we might be Kings with him.

That this Sunday is also referred to as Passion Sunday is instructive. The glory we share with him is only possible because he allowed himself to suffer and to die. This is important on two fronts. Firstly, suffering and dying for us means that God himself knows what it means to be truly human and has entered into those conditions which were the result of our own sinfulness. There is nothing that we suffer that he hasn't. Secondly, he entered *wilfully* into this suffering and death - no one takes his life from him, he lays it down of his own accord. With a face "set like flint" he enters into Jerusalem, in order to suffer and to die, so that he may then raise us all with him, from the depths of our corruption, into the glory of his own divinity.

This is the King who seeks to reign over each of us personally. He seeks to set us free from whatever might be preventing us from that total gift of self for which we were made. But it is in and through suffering that he achieves this freedom for us. And he won't do it without our cooperation, without our participation in his saving passion.

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
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Finance Officer: Sarah Canete-Damole **Email:** accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au
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Catechist Coordinator: Sandra Baker
Youth Minister & Liturgy Coordinator: Blake Bano

Parish Pastoral Council: **Chair:** Cecil Fernandes; **Asst Chair:** Joshua Carr **Secretary:** Savita Surendra
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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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"If it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will."

Sheepish Question:

What am I afraid of?

THE LITURGY

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

FIRST READING: IS 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. V.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING: PHIL 2:6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Mt 27:11-54 (Shorter form)

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?'

They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called

Gospel (Cont.)

Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God." Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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Daily Readings

Monday 3rd April: Is 42:1-7 ; Jn 12:1-11.

Tuesday 4th April: Is 49:1-6 ; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38.

Wednesday 5th April: Is 50:4-9 ; Mt 26:14-25 .

Thursday 6th April: Ex 12:1-8. 11-14 ; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15 .

Friday 7th April: Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42.

Saturday 8th April: Gen 1:1 – 2:2; Gen 22:1-18; Mt 28:1-10.

Sunday 9th April: Acts 10:34. 37-43; Col 3:1-4 ; Jn 20:1-9 .

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Ante Milina, Stanislaus Saldanha

IN MEMORIUM

Rex & Lorna Scott, Frank Cefai, Rose Cook, Otto Zehentner.

SICK

Meghan De Vos, Dorothy Angyalfi, Josie Phelps,
Marie France Raymond, Raully Aure, Vinnie Zahra,
Gloria Rivas, Teresita Alston, Edna 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 6th May 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:

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called Smart Loving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

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 3-5 May, 2023



THE FAITHFEED ON THE MOVE: 7 MAY 2023

Have questions about life & faith? Join with others on the search at The FaithFeed live studio audience - hosted by Glenbrook in the Mountains Deanery – all are welcome! The FaithFeed will be on Sunday 7 May at the parish hall after the 6PM mass. Doors open 7:00PM for a 7:30PM start. The night will feature faith stories + live music + activities + great conversation. Book now: <https://tinyurl.com/tffrego>

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

YOUTH MINISTRY



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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

HOLY WEEK



Join Mary, Queen of the Family Parish for
Holy Week

Palm Sunday- 2nd April 2023
Holy Mass at St. Patrick's Church - (V)5:30pm, 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
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SAVE THE DATE ~ FR CHRIS ALAR

Understanding the Divine Mercy



On the Sunday 28th May 2023, Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, will be celebrating Mass at St. Patrick's Church Blacktown at 10.00am followed by a talk on understanding the Divine Mercy at 11.00am. All are welcome to attend.

Father Chris Alar, MIC, entered the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, the religious community entrusted with spreading the message and devotion of Divine Mercy, as a postulant in July 2006. Prior to that time, he received a Bachelor of Science in industrial engineering and a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Michigan. After working as an engineering manager at a large automotive supplier in Detroit, he began his own consulting firm in Charlotte, North Carolina, in 2000. Answering the Lord's call, he attended Franciscan University of Steubenville, in Ohio, for his philosophy studies; Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., for his theology studies; and he earned his Masters of Divinity degree from Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut. He wrote and produced the popular "Divine Mercy 101" and "Explaining the Faith" DVD series and is the author of the bestselling book *After Suicide: There's Hope for Them and for You*, as well as *Understanding Divine Mercy*. He is host of the EWTN show *Living Divine Mercy*, which airs on Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. EST. He serves as "Fr. Joseph, MIC," the Director of the Association of Marian Helpers, and is the head of Marian Press, located on the grounds of the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL



Thank you for supporting our seminarians!

"I thank everyone, from the bottom of my heart, for supporting us and for your prayers. I don't think we would be able to become priests without that prayer."

"I pray that I will be an instrument of God's love to others in my life."
- recently ordained priest, Father Adam Carlow.



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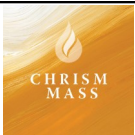


RECONCILIATION DURING HOLY WEEK

During Holy week our reconciliation times are as follows:

Friday 7 April ~ St. Patrick's Church: From 11am

NO MASS AT ST MICHAEL'S



A gentle reminder that due to the Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Wednesday 5th April 2023, there won't be Adoration and Mass at St Michael's

GOOD FRIDAY WALK

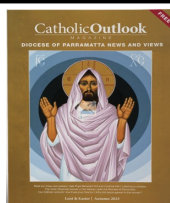


For more info & to register:
<https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/>

Catholic Outlook

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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Fr Regie Lavilla, MSP

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
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PARISH WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIM

Hello! My name is Samantha Cheetley and I'm one of the selected pilgrims from our parish who will be attending World Youth Day 2023.



I am a year 11 student at Nagle College, Blacktown. I frequently altar serve and additionally I participate in a choir in St. Michaels. I am also one from a group of five students who will be representing Nagle College in this event.

While attending WYD23 I am aspiring to answer the question of how being a catholic is different to everyone. Discovering how youth feel involved in the church is also something that I am interested in. During this time I am also expecting myself to be focusing on my connection with faith.

Once returning from WYD I am hoping to expand my experience with other individuals and to involve more youth into the church. I will continue to participate in 'Youthfulness,' and help out whenever the opportunity is given. I extend my deepest appreciation to those who have assisted in donating or helped fundraising for WYD23.

Donating to this fundraiser will assist us pilgrims to not only further develop faith for ourselves, but for others as well. I highly encourage those parishioners to donate, even if it's a small amount... Thank you, again Samantha.

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!!



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.

PARISH YOUNG ADULTS ACTIVITIES

Simon Carrington

SEXUAL DESIRE:
A CALL TO
LOVE

Thu 27th April 2023, 7:30pm

St Patrick's Catholic Church
51-59 Allawah St,
Blacktown NSW 2148



We would like to invite all of our parish young adults on Thursday, 27th April from 6:30pm at St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown, as Simon Carrington presents on 'Sexual Desire: A Call to Love'.

Simon is a renowned chastity, relationships, sexuality, and Theology of the Body speaker. He is the founder of Fire Up Ministries and has completed studies at both the University of Notre Dame, Australia and the Theology of the Body Institute, USA.

Simon has been active in youth/ young adults ministry for several years with a passionate focus on chastity, sexuality, apologetics, and Theology of the Body. Endorsed by Parousia Media, Simon has spoken to parishes and schools all over Sydney.

This event is targeted towards young adults between the ages of 18 -35 but welcomes anyone who may wish to join.

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 29th March 2023, we have received the sum of **\$72,088.00** 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

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

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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 our parish. We are grateful!

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.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR BULLETIN

Scan this QR code or log on to our website, to subscribe to our weekly bulletin. You will receive a copy of our bulletin via email on a weekly basis. <https://www.mqofblacktown.org/subscribenow>



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

UPDATE ON ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH MAINTENANCE WORKS

We would like to thank the generous parishioners who have funded the following:

All the doors to the Church
The restoration of the Dedication Plaque

The works still outstanding are:

Roof maintenance
Gutters Replacement
Painting of ceiling of the Sanctuary
Carpark repairs and resurfacing
The fencing of the Remembrance Garden

We need generous people to help us fund the work that is still outstanding.

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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Burial Plot

Single burial site with blank granite plaque in Pine Grove Memorial Park ~ Eastern Creek. Located in Catholic section. \$8,300.00 ono. Can be upgraded to double plot at an additional cost. Call Lilian – 02 43580470

 For more information.

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A small consignment of bibles – Some in Large Print

	New Catholic Bible (St Joseph Giant Type) Blue Duralux		Donay-Rheims Bible SB2414 (First Communion Gift)
	Ignatius Catholic Bible (RSV) - Large Print Deluxe Gift Boxed		New Community Bible Catholic Standard Edition

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