



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR A

26TH 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.

Life in God

In his book "Hope to Die: The Christian Meaning of Death and the Resurrection of the Body," Scott Hahn makes a point that life isn't just biological (Greek: *bios*); it is also *zoe* (spiritual life, eternal life, divine life). When God breathed life on Adam (Genesis 2:7), he is not just giving him biological life, he is also sharing his divine life "that from all eternity the Father is always communicating to the Son and that the Son is receiving and communicating right back to the Father" (Hahn, p. 11). Adam, like we are, image God not on physical resemblance but spiritual and intellectual. "The Church teaches that every spiritual soul is created immediately by God- it is not 'produced' by the parents- and also that it is immortal: it does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection" (CCC 366).

Sin brought suffering and death into the world. The fall of Adam and Eve is not the final end because Christ has come to redeem it and give meaning to our own experience of suffering death so that we can hope in God who is truly the source and giver of life. The raising of Lazarus is a powerful manifestation of God's power in our midst. We know that Jesus allows the illness of Lazarus, whom he loved (John 11:3), to reach death not because he does not love him, for Jesus' love is truly pure and perfect, but that in some mysterious ways, the glory of God would be revealed. Thomas Aquinas comments that "if someone has a bodily illness, this is not a sign that the person is not a friend of God" (Commentary on the Gospel of John, no. 1475). This truth reminds us that even in our suffering or illness, we can always hope in the help of God and God's power manifesting in us.

"Lazarus, come out" (John 11:43). By these words of Jesus, Lazarus came out from his tomb and was given life again. Among the many signs and wonders of Jesus, John made it sure that this event is being recorded in the Gospel so that we may believe that he is truly God, he is the Son of God sent by the Father. As mentioned above, life is not just *bios*; it is ultimately *zoe*. In Jesus-Christ, we are given back the life that had been lost by our first parents. This is what it means for our RCIA elect, that in baptism, they will receive the life of God, the Holy Trinity. Pope St. Leo the Great said, "what was visible in our Saviour (in Jesus' public ministry) has passed over into his mysteries (sacraments)." For us baptized, let us live in the Spirit of God, let us come out of our own tombs and put to death the works of the flesh that lead us into darkness and sin. Let the words of Jesus bring us life. Let us look forward for the gift of Christ's resurrection at Easter!

Fr. Regie Lavilla, MSP.

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
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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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"You shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and have you rise from them."

Sheepish Question:

In what ways do I need to strengthen my belief in God's power, particularly in the truth of resurrection?

THE LITURGY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING: Ez 37:12-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps129. R. V.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

SECOND READING: Rom 8:8-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Jn 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. – It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied: 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. . When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.'

Gospel (Cont.)

Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

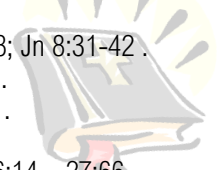
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jn 11:26

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

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Daily Readings

Monday 27th March: Dn 13:1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62; Jn 8:1-11 .
 Tuesday 28th March: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30.
 Wednesday 29th March: Dn 3:14-20. 24-25. 28; Jn 8:31-42 .
 Thursday 30th March: Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59 .
 Friday 31st March: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42 .
 Saturday 1st April: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56 .
 Sunday 2nd April: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 – 27:66 .



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Bortolo Rubbo, Fred Ballchambers.

IN MEMORIUM

Felicidad C. Borja, Jackie Duncan, Phoebe Ann Canete.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Frank Vella, Loretta Vella

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 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: **31st 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

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.

MISSION: ONE HEART MANY VOICES CONFERENCE 2023



For More Infor & to register:
<https://2023.mohmv.com.au/>

Join us for the sixth biennial Mission: one heart many voices conference
 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
www.mqofblacktown.org.au or (02) 9622 1125

PARISH YOUTH ACTIVITIES



YOUTH LED STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Friday, 31st at 6:45pm
Followed by Mass at 7:30pm

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST
Friday, 31st at 8:30pm
MPA, St Patrick's Primary
MA 15+ | \$5 Popcorn and Drink



GOOD FRIDAY WALK
7 APRIL 10PM-6AM 2023
START: St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown
FINISH: St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

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

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

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

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Teresa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.



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.



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED



Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday

We are calling for volunteers to help with making Palm Crosses, on Thursday 30th March from 6pm to 8pm and on Friday 31st March from 10am to 12pm at St Patrick's.

Can you please bring your own secateurs/scissors.

We also require palms for the crosses and decorating of the church. Please contact the parish office if you can assist.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

ARTS & CRAFT MOVEMENT

Join us every Friday of the week from 10:00am till 12:00pm at Cardinal Clancy room at St. Patrick's Church. Our Arts and Crafts activities will include: Embroidery and Embellishment, Crocheting, Knitting, Arts and Crafts (Painting) & Sewing.

Please, note all sessions are free. Materials for the lessons is provided or bring your own materials. Refreshment is provided.

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

FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

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.



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

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PARISH WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIM

My name is Joanna Fernando and I'm 16 years old. I am still in school and am currently studying in Year 11. I'm involved in the parish youth ministry and am an active member of the youth choir "Youthfulness".




In attending World Youth Day, I look forward to deepening my relationship with Christ and discerning a path for the future. I hope to meet other young people who share the same faith and I'm looking forward to engaging in worship and prayer. For me, WYD seems to be an opportunity to venture into the real world and strengthen my faith in a practical manner.

When I come back from WYD I aim to participate in more parish activities. I hope to involve myself more fully with the youth ministry and take on more leadership positions. In the future, I also plan to become an extraordinary minister of communion and a lector when I'm old enough.


Thank you to everyone who has supported us this far with donations and prayers. We really appreciate all the parish has done for us. If you are in a position to support us further, please attend our fundraisers and donations are most welcome.

Thank you, again Joanna.

OLMC PARRAMATTA MUSICAL



OLMC Parramatta
Production of



18, 19 & 20 May | Tickets \$25 - olmc.nsw.edu.au

Music by
ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by
HOWARD ASHMAN & GLENN SLATER

Book by
DOUG WRIGHT

Based on Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker and written & directed by John Musker and Ron Clements

Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

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 23rd March 2023, we have received the sum of **\$70,732.90 in donations**. We are also thankful to those who are still considering... only your continued support can make the roof of the House of our God rebuild!

Where are we now? The parish maintenance volunteers in their recent meeting decided to contact the Property Manager of the Diocese of Parramatta to provide a roof expert to reassess the roof issue and provide recommendations. The Property Manager of the Diocese has advised the parish office that a Roof Auditor will be engaged towards the end of February to conduct an audit of the condition of St Patrick's Church roof and present findings to the Finance Committee, which could help to form the basis of the solution of the roof issue. We will keep you posted of the outcome. Again we ask for your patience, generosity and prayers and, thank you for your ongoing support. It is much appreciated.

HOW TO DONATE:

1. Scan the QR code to donate or logon to the following link (<https://www.mqofblacktown.org/make-a-donation-or-payment>) Please type 'Raise the Roof' or just 'Roof' in the description field when making the donation.
2. Fill in the red 'Raise the Roof' donation form we have placed at the doors of each church authorising us to debit your Credit card or bank account and then, drop this into the collection bags or to the parish office; or
3. Simply place your cash donation in an envelope marked 'Raise the Roof' together with your name and contact details and drop this into collection bags or to the parish office.
4. Set up a new Planned Giving or increase your current one via Credit Card or Direct Debit from bank account (this form is available in the foyer)



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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:

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Account Name: Blacktown Catholic Church
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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.

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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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

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