



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR A

5TH 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.

In many of the times of suffering and trial in our lives, we find it very hard to trust in God. We ask him to look after us and those we love but it is quite often half-heartedly. We are quite often suspicious of God.

Our first reading this week reminds us of the centrality of the virtue of faith. In the scriptures, faith isn't principally about the ideas or events I intellectually assent to. Rather, faith is about *trust*. It's about the attitude we have in our relationship with God. Faith means trusting in who God is, and thus in what he tells me, in what he asks of me, and our faith is most severely tested when we have no reason to trust other than because he said so. This makes it very hard to trust in God, because we want to be secure, we want to *know* that everything is going to be ok. Everything *will* be ok, just not always in the way we imagine. Abram was able to do as the Lord had told him, because he trusted in the fidelity of God, that he is good and is a Father who keeps his promises, not because he could see how the outrageous promises God makes him could possibly come true.

We have even more reason to believe, to persevere in prayer and in our trust of God because of Jesus. Jesus told his disciples he was going to die but rise again, and he wanted to give them some assurance by taking them up the mountain and revealing to them his glory. You can believe in me, he says, because I have shown you who I am and from whom I come, there is no reason to doubt me. This must have been part of what made John the Beloved stick by him all the way to Calvary. We are fortunate enough to have even more than the Transfiguration to rely on. Our trust in God rests primarily on Jesus' death and Resurrection. It is this event which more than anything manifests to us the providence of God – that no matter what happens in our life, he will work all things for our good, and the good of those we love. Even the worst that can happen, a gruesome and cruel death, can be overcome by the power of his love for us.

So let us persevere in our prayer. Let us trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us in our petitions for ourselves and for one another, and that at the heart of each prayer will be this filial trust in him and in his plan.

Deacon Tom Green

Parish Directory

St. Michael's Church - 58 Orwell Street, South Blacktown &
St. Patrick's Church - 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown.

Parish Office: At St. Patrick's Church. **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm
Telephone: 02 9622 1125 **A/H:** 02 8705 0830.
Website: www.mqofblacktown.org.au **Email:** admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

Parish Team:

Parish Priest: Fr. Regie Lavilla, MSP.

Assistant Priest: Fr. Ever Bernaldez, MSP & Fr. Andrew Rooney

Deacons: Rev. John Cinya & Rev. Tom Green

Finance Officer: Sarah Canete-Damole **Email:** accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au

Secretaries: Ann Hart (Wed-Fri) & Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Mon & Tues)

Email: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

Sacramental Coordinator: Gerald "Ged" Oblea. **Mobile:** 0422 724 008

Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

Catechist Coordinator: Sandra Baker

Youth Minister & Liturgy Coordinator: Blake Bano

Parish Pastoral Council: **Chair:** Cecil Fernandes; **Asst Chair:** Joshua Carr **Secretary:** Savita Surendra
Members: Beato Pudadera, Ekhas Ambili, Erica Luiz, Harlane Petersen, Helena Vea, Tony Fernando, Sidney Lazum, Fr. Regie Lavilla, Fr. Andrew Rooney, Fr. Ever Bernaldez, Rev. John Cinya, & Blake Bano.

Parish Schools:

St Michael's Primary:

P : 8869 6200 <https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au>

St Patrick's Primary:

P : 8869 6000 <https://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au>

Nagle College:

P : 8887 4507 <https://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au>

Patrician Brothers College:

P : 8811 0300 <https://www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au>

Catholic Early Learning Centre (St Michael's) :

P : 8814 8406 <https://www.celcblacktownstn.catholic.edu.au>

Nursing Homes:

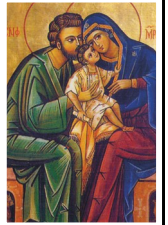
Opal Nursing Home (37 Kildare Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 9852 9600

Mulluana Retirement Village (61 Bungarribee Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 8822 2100

Catholic Healthcare St Hedwig Village Blacktown (140 Reservoir Rd, Blacktown 2148) P: 8822 9920



Welcome to the Family..



We are a welcoming parish... you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of Mary, Queen of the Family. If you are not an active member of this Community, consider partaking in what we have to offer. We serve the Community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, youth and comfort to the sick and mourning. In addition to our spiritual and outreach organisations, perchance you have an interest in joining one of our many liturgical ministries such as: Minister of Holy Communion, Reader/Commentator, Welcomer, Collectors, Minister of DVP/Power Point, Catechists etc.

Volunteers are formally registered by filling out a *Join a Ministry* form that is then entered into the parish data system (*information supplied remains confidential*). These forms are available from the parish office or in the church foyer, or for further information call the Parish Office on 9622 1125.

~ *The Parish Team*

MARY QUEEN OF THE FAMILY ~ PARISH MISSION



- * Grow as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ
- * Deepen our understanding of the Sacred Tradition & Scriptures of the Catholic Church
- * Strive to live as a faithful & committed Catholic community
- * Evangelise and respond to the needs of the family in the Blacktown community and beyond



OBJECTIVES TO MEET OUR MISSION AT MARY QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH.

WORSHIP ~ Practice the right forms of Worship. **WORD** ~ Increase the Biblical literacy in the Parish. **WALL** ~ Building our community.

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LENT AND HOLY WEEK DATES

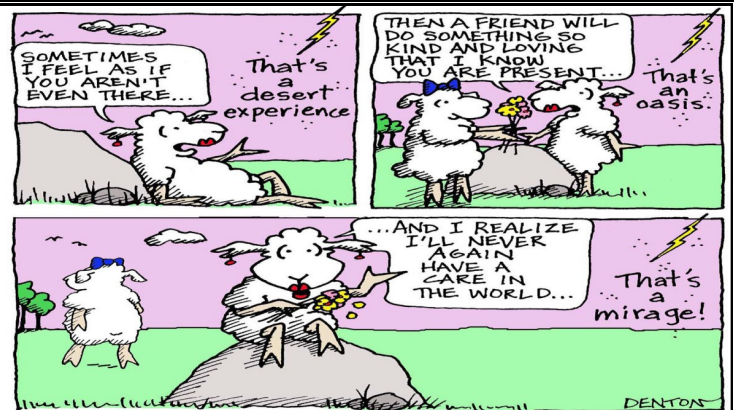
- Palm Sunday: 2nd April 2023 (Sunday)
- Holy Thursday: 6th April 2023 (Thursday)
- Good Friday: 7th April 2023 (Friday)
- Easter Vigil: 8th April 2023 (Saturday)
- Easter Sunday: 9th April 2023 (Sunday)



FR. EVER ON ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr. Ever is currently on his annual leave from the 23rd February until 30th March 2023.

SUNDAY FLOCK



"This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Sheepish Question:

Where, recently, have I seen or experienced the glory (Godliness) of Jesus? How can that bolster me when times get tough?

THE LITURGY

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING: GEN 12:1-4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. V.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING: 2 TM 1:8-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him.

Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear.

But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

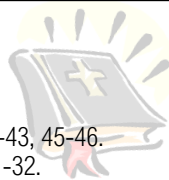
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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Daily Readings

Monday 6th March: Dan 9:4 -10; Lk 6:36 - 38.
 Tuesday 7th March: Is 1:10, 16-20 ; Mt 23:1-12.
 Wednesday 8th March: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28.
 Thursday 9th March: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31.
 Friday 10th March: Gen 37:3-4. 12-13. 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46.
 Saturday 11th March: Mic 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32.
 Sunday 12th March: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42.



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

VI. The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
 Reconciliation with the Church

1449 The formula of absolution used in the Latin Church expresses the essential elements of this sacrament: the Father of mercies is the source of all forgiveness. He effects the reconciliation of sinners through the Passover of his Son and the gift of his Spirit, through the prayer and ministry of the Church:
 God, the Father of mercies, through the death and the resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

VII. The Acts of the Penitent

1450 "Penance requires . . . the sinner to endure all things willingly, be contrite of heart, confess with the lips, and practice complete humility and fruitful satisfaction. Contrition

1451 Among the penitent's acts contrition occupies first place. Contrition is "sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again.

1452 When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called "perfect" (contrition of charity). Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible.

1453 The contrition called "imperfect" (or "attrition") is also a gift of God, a prompting of the Holy Spirit. It is born of the consideration of sin's ugliness or the fear of eternal damnation and the other penalties threatening the sinner (contrition of fear). Such a stirring of conscience can initiate an interior process which, under the prompting of grace, will be brought to completion by sacramental absolution. By itself however, imperfect contrition cannot obtain the forgiveness of grave sins, but it disposes one to obtain forgiveness in the sacrament of Penance.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Anthony Coutinho, Joe Buttigieg,
 Leon Geronimo, Carlisle Bartley.

IN MEMORIUM

Frank Cefai, Cirilo & Rosalina Aclao

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Millie

SICK

Marie France Raymond, Raully Aure, Vinnie Zahra, Ian Ward, Gloria Rivas;
 Teresita Alston, Edna Canete, Phoebe Ann Canete; Angela Michael,
 Maria Ceclia Rodrigo Salvador.

Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will be published for
 4 weeks at a time.

THE SACRAMENTS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Baptism

Parents wishing to have their children baptised are to contact the parish office prior to attending a Baptism workshop. The next workshop will on Saturday 1st April 2023. - St. Patrick's Church. Please take note there are no Baptism at the parish during the season of Lent.

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

SACRAMENT 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 3 - 6: **17th September 2023.**

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

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

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

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR SACRAMENTAL PROCESSES 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

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Parish is looking for volunteers to be part of our sacramental team to assist in the planning and facilitating of our parish sacramental process.

For More Information Please Contact

Gerald "Ged" Oblea

Parish Sacramental Coordinator

Ph: 9622 1125 (option 4)

Mobile: 0422 724 008

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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.



A PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE



YOU ARE INVITED TO
A PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE
AVILA | FATIMA | SANTIAGO | LOYOLA
LOURDES | MILAN | PADUA | ASSISI | ROME

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
- Accommodation in Premium Hotels
- Breakfast and Dinner
- Transfers on Deluxe A/C Coach
- Entrance Fees
- Services of Professional Guides

Fr. Regie Lavilla, MSP
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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

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

FREE to Register at parousiamedia.com



NAGLE COLLEGE POSITION VACANT

TEMPORARY VACANT POSITION FOOD TECH ASSISTANT

Nagle College, Blacktown has a temporary position in our TAS department for a Food Tech Assistant.

Hours:
* Monday to Friday (9.30am to 1.30pm)

- Duties:
- * Shopping for the Food Tech classes
 - * Organising food for start of practical classes
 - * Assist students with cooking
 - * Clean up after practical class
 - * Place orders.

- Criteria:
- * Has an understanding of food handling regulations
 - * Working with Children Check
 - * Understanding of WHS

If you are interested please contact Mary Fairhurst (Business Manager) on 88874500 or email: mfairhurst@parra.catholic.edu.au



TEMPORARY VACANT POSITION MAINTENANCE / GROUNDS PERSON

Nagle College, Blacktown has a temporary position for a Maintenance/Grounds Person

Hours:
* Tuesdays - 7.30am - 3.30pm

- Duties:
- * General maintenance around the school which may involve buildings and grounds
 - * Mowing of grass areas
 - * Empty bins
 - * General upkeep of grounds

- Criteria:
- * Working with Children Check
 - * Understanding of WHS

If you are interested please contact Mary Fairhurst (Business Manager) on 88874500 or email: mfairhurst@parra.catholic.edu.au



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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/>

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.

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.



PATRICIAN BROTHERS OPEN EVENING



COLLEGE OPEN EVENING



TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 4.00PM - 8.00PM
WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH 4.00PM - 8.00PM

Online Bookings Essential



[HTTPS://WWW.SCHOOLINTERVIEWS.COM.AU/CODE/EAU62](https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/EAU62)

Enquiries to College Office on 8811 0300

100 FLUSHCOMBE ROAD, BLACKTOWN

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

MARY MACKILLOP TODAY

NEED A HELPING HAND?
Financial Assistance



Mary Mackillop Today's No Interest Loan scheme (NILS) is an accredited program that was developed by the Good Shepherd Sisters in 1981. The loans do not attract interest and there are no fees. Loans are for up to \$2,000 and the loan term is for 12 to 18 months.

For more information pick up a brochure from the church foyer or email rochelle.harris@marymackilloptoday.org.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 3rd February 2023, we have received the sum of **\$68,154.90** in donations. We are also thankful to those who are still considering... only your continued support can make the roof of the House of our God rebuild!

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

HOW TO DONATE:

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



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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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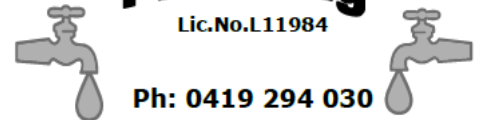
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