



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 EASTER ~ YEAR A (DIVINE MERCY)

16TH 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.

In 2000, the Supreme Pontiff, Pope St John Paul II, decreed that this octave day of Easter, known as the Second Sunday of Easter, shall also be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Though this decree was primarily a response to the private revelations of the 20th Century Polish mystic and nun, St Faustine Kowalska, it truly emphasises the extant theme which permeates our Easter Season, clearly highlighted in our collect prayer for this Sunday, wherein we invoke our "God of everlasting mercy".

St Faustina records in her famous diary during a private revelation from Christ in 1931:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. (n. 699)

This theme of mercy is particularly important during this paschal season, as we meditate on the salvation won for us through the paschal mystery of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. We poor sinners truly meet mercy face-to-face, as we seek refuge under the tree of life, which had our God and saviour hanging upon it. This face of the innocent and spotless lamb is our Lord and God. It is He, who in entering the deepest, darkest pits of humanity, dispels the darkness, winning for us salvation and eternal life.

Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us that not only is no one exempt from the mercy of God, but that no one is exempt from needing God's mercy. This Sunday, the Church reinforces this act of mercy in offering a plenary indulgence to anyone who participates "in a pious exercise in honour of the Divine Mercy" (such as praying the chaplet), or prays the Our Father, the Creed and invokes the merciful Christ in front of the Blessed Sacrament, along with the normal conditions (going to confession, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the intention of the Holy Father).

Fr. Andrew Rooney

Parish Directory

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

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

Parish Team:

Parish Priest: Fr. Regie Lavilla, MSP.

Assistant Priests: 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

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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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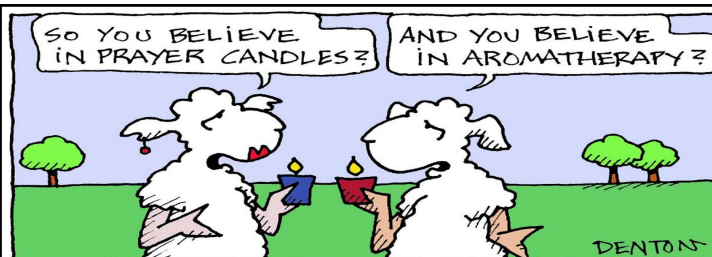
BISHOP VINCENT'S EASTER MESSAGE

An Easter 2023 Message from Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta.



Follow the below link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33lB11hZSWo>

SUNDAY FLOCK



"Peace be with you.
...Do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Sheepish Question:

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THE LITURGY

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: 1 Pt 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:42-47

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. V.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING: 1 PT 1:3-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jn 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART TWO: THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY
SECTION TWO THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH
CHAPTER TWO THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING
Article 4 THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION
THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

VII. The Acts of the Penitent

Satisfaction

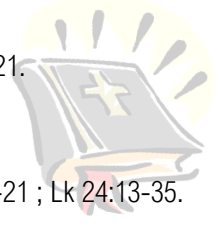
1459 Many sins wrong our neighbour. One must do what is possible in order to repair the harm (e.g., return stolen goods, restore the reputation of someone slandered, pay compensation for injuries). Simple justice requires as much. But sin also injures and weakens the sinner himself, as well as his relationships with God and neighbour. Absolution takes away sin, but it does not remedy all the disorders sin has caused.⁶² Raised up from sin, the sinner must still recover his full spiritual health by doing something more to make amends for the sin: he must "make satisfaction for" or "expiate" his sins. This satisfaction is also called "penance."

1460 The penance the confessor imposes must take into account the penitent's personal situation and must seek his spiritual good. It must correspond as far as possible with the gravity and nature of the sins committed. It can consist of prayer, an offering, works of mercy, service of neighbour, voluntary self-denial, sacrifices, and above all the patient acceptance of the cross we must bear. Such penances help configure us to Christ, who alone expiated our sins once for all. They allow us to become co-heirs with the risen Christ, "provided we suffer with him."⁶³

The satisfaction that we make for our sins, however, is not so much ours as though it were not done through Jesus Christ. We who can do nothing ourselves, as if just by ourselves, can do all things with the cooperation of "him who strengthens" us. Thus man has nothing of which to boast, but all our boasting is in Christ . . . in whom we make satisfaction by bringing forth "fruits that befit repentance." These fruits have their efficacy from him, by him they are offered to the Father, and through him they are accepted by the Father.⁶⁴

Daily Readings

Monday 17th April: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8.
Tuesday 18th April: Acts 4:32-37 ; Jn 3:7-15.
Wednesday 19th April: Acts 5:17-26 ; Jn 3:16-21.
Thursday 20th April: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36.
Friday 21st April: Acts 5:34-42 ; Jn 6:1-15.
Saturday 22nd April: Acts 6:1-7 ; Jn 6:16-21.
Sunday 23rd April: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21 ; Lk 24:13-35.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Antony Goldwyn, Louis Mary Goldwyn, Evelyn Marca,
Miguel Angel Rojas

IN MEMORIUM

Joe Aquilina, Vincenzo Tipaldo

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Lily, Angela Mikhail, Fe Maximo,
Margaret Camilleri, Pauline Phillips

SICK

Genevieve Williams, Emily Rosales, 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:

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

Reconciliation process for Year 3 - 6: **17th September 2023.**

High School Sacramental Process Begins: 2nd May 2023.

First Eucharist Process Begins: 2nd May 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.

FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR



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Friday **19 May 7:30pm**
 St Paul the Apostle Church, 40 Buckleys Rd, Winston Hills

Please register your attendance at:
marriage@parracatholic.org

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

EASTER OFFERING

Easter Offertory
Alleluia! He is Risen!



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the Easter offering envelopes.

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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.

POSITIONS VACANT

Policy Coordinator – Diocese of Parramatta
Communications and Digital Manager – Diocese of Parramatta
Communications Assistant – Diocese of Parramatta
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Toongabbie Parish is hiring! Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper
If you would like more information regarding this position,
please contact the office on (02) 9631 3316 or
secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au

MQOF FLOWER MINISTRY



THE MQOF FLOWER MINISTRY
is holding a **MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE**.

Six great prizes to be won.

Tickets sales will commence on the weekend of
8th & 9th April and will be drawn following the
BAKE SALE on 14th May 2023.

Thank you for your support.

HOLY FAMILY SERVICES

Holy Family Services, Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and the Polish Community in Marayong invites you to share the community spirit in celebration of the Constitution Day, Our Lady Queen of Poland Feast and Multiculturalism of our Neighbourhood.

During the day will be the time for family activities,
ethnic group performances, good food and time for
prayer.

WHEN: 7 May 2023 from 11am to 5pm
WHERE: 116 Quakers Road, Marayong (Church, hall
and all around the property)



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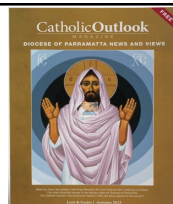
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Fr Regie Lavilla, MSP

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! I'm Christine. I've been a parishioner at MQOF since 2016. I was one of the children's liturgy facilitators at St. Michael's.



Teaching children about God and faith has always been something I'm passionate about. Now, I get to do it everyday as a Year 5 teacher and one of the Mini Vinnies coordinators at St. Patrick's Primary School.

The call to holiness is a universal one. We're all called to be saints. But what does this really, truly entail? In this pilgrimage, I pray to find out, so I can live it out and pass it on to our parish community in whatever way I'm called to do.

Parramatta Diocese will take us WYD pilgrims through an itinerary called "Journey of the Saints". We'll be following a trail of saints and learning about their life, humbly lived and spent for God. This is what I'm most looking forward to in attending WYD, to get to know these ordinary people who lived extraordinary lives because they followed Christ. I pray that I could imitate their courage and faith to be Christ-centred.

I thank you all for your generous and giving spirits. Your financial support and your prayers in enabling the continued growth of my and other WYD pilgrims' faith is greatly appreciated....

Thank you, again Christine

FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM



The Social Justice Group are requesting Parishioners to please be more mindful of recycling cans and bottles this Easter season and bring them in for recycling. ONLY CANS AND BOTTLES THAT HAVE 10 cents printed on them can be recycled. Please place these in containers in the foyers of both churches. Thank you for your support. The money collected is for Social Justice issues.

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.

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

UPDATE ON "RAISE THE ROOF" PROJECT

We are grateful to all our parishioners and friends who shared their treasures to our church. As of 13th April 2023, we have received the sum of **\$75,953.00** 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. 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)

If you have any questions or, if you can assist or support us in any way, due to your expertise or background, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125.

SAVE THE DATE ~ PARISH EVENTS

Our parish need volunteers on each event, we are calling all interested volunteers for a meeting on Thursday, 4th of May at 6:30pm at the parish office. Feel free to call the parish office on 9622 1125, if you need more information/clarification. Thank you so much for your valuable assistance. God bless us.

**PARISH FEAST DAY IN HONOUR OF MARY,
QUEEN OF THE FAMILY - Sunday, 20th of August, 2023**

PARISH GOLF DAY – Friday, 29th of September, 2023

PARISH CHRISTMAS GALA – Saturday, 09th of December, 2023



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

Account Name: Diocesan Clergy
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Reference: 6004 - Donor's Name

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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.

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.

Thank you. God bless us.

PIETY STORE

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