



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ YEAR A

23RD 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.

Moving Forward With Jesus

This Sunday's Gospel is the journey narrative about the famous "Road to Emmaus." The two disciples afterwards realized that while listening to Jesus their hearts were lifted up and in the breaking of the bread they recognized Jesus' presence throughout their journey.

The Risen Christ assures that His appearances manifest His desire to bring peace, to dissolve the fears and uncertainties accumulated during the days of passion and death. His appearance in their midst bespeaks how real He is. The Gospel echoes everything what has been foretold by the law and the prophets that He is the one to bring deliverance from any form of evil.

When fear is taking shape before us as the only reality possible, we must look at the Resurrection of Jesus assuming a relevance to our own pains and sufferings that may regain our peace of mind and calm down worries and disappointments. There may be three faith assurances that we can have as we contemplate on the resurrection:

Firstly, Christ is present in His Word. The two disciples' experience may make us understand the importance of the scriptures. Listening to Jesus makes our heart become a flaming heart, a heart that endures and perseveres.

Secondly, Christ's real presence in the eucharist. It was in the breaking of the bread, in dining with His disciple, Jesus was truly recognized. Christ is present in the eucharist, not merely symbolically or metaphorically, but in a true, real and substantial way. The presence of each other at table in the family is an affirmation of Christ's presence.

Lastly, Christ's presence in repentance and reconciliation. The first reading in the Acts of the Apostles contains the disciples' witnesses to the Risen Christ. Acknowledging the power of the resurrection, they continued His works, admonishing with gospel message to amend lives so that God's healing and peace may come through the forgiveness of sins.

Easter may mean moving forward, adhering to the Word of God, sharing at the table of His love and coming together reconciling and forgiving. Darkness will turn into light and peace may come in our midst.

Fr. Ever Bernaldez 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 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

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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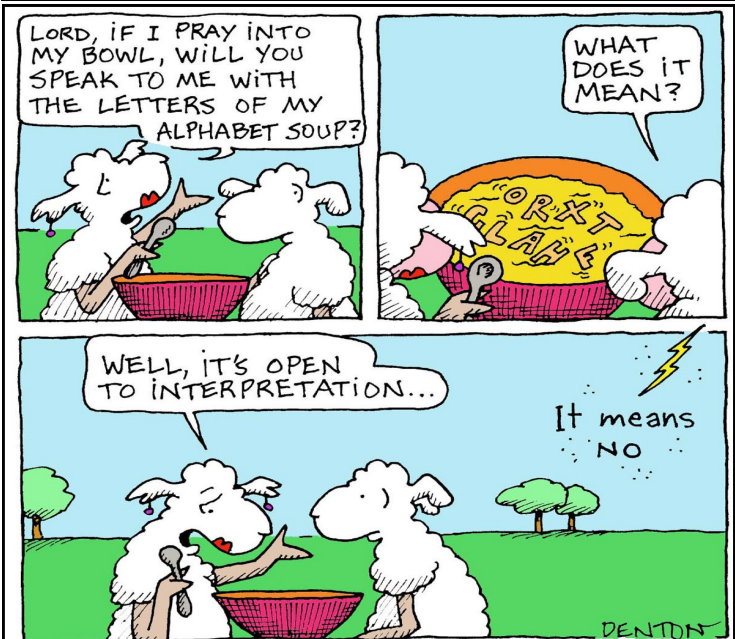


1. Scan the QR code - to go to the FORMED website;
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5. Download the FORMED app on your phone and "Sign In" using your email address in step 4;
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PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - 25TH APRIL 2023

The parish office will be closed on ANZAC Day Tuesday 25th April 2023 and will reopen on Wednesday 26th April 2023. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Their eyes were opened and they recognized him."

Sheepish Question:

As I follow Jesus today, where do I look and listen for him?

THE LITURGY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:14, 22-33

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. V.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

SECOND READING: 1 PT 1:17-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Lk 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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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

VIII. The Minister of This Sacrament

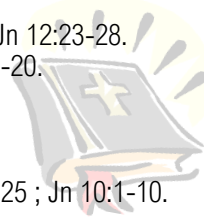
1461 Since Christ entrusted to his apostles the ministry of reconciliation,⁶⁵ bishops who are their successors, and priests, the bishops' collaborators, continue to exercise this ministry. Indeed bishops and priests, by virtue of the sacrament of Holy Orders, have the power to forgive all sins "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

1462 Forgiveness of sins brings reconciliation with God, but also with the Church. Since ancient times the bishop, visible head of a particular Church, has thus rightfully been considered to be the one who principally has the power and ministry of reconciliation: he is the moderator of the penitential discipline.⁶⁶ Priests, his collaborators, exercise it to the extent that they have received the commission either from their bishop (or religious superior) or the Pope, according to the law of the Church.⁶⁷

1463 Certain particularly grave sins incur excommunication, the most severe ecclesiastical penalty, which impedes the reception of the sacraments and the exercise of certain ecclesiastical acts, and for which absolution consequently cannot be granted, according to canon law, except by the Pope, the bishop of the place or priests authorized by them.⁶⁸ In danger of death any priest, even if deprived of faculties for hearing confessions, can absolve from every sin and excommunication.⁶⁹

Daily Readings

Monday 24th April: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29.
Tuesday 25th April: Wis 3:1-9; 1 Cor 1:18-25; Jn 12:23-28.
Wednesday 26th April: 1 Pet 5:5-14 ; Mk 16:15-20.
Thursday 27th April: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51.
Friday 28th April: Acts 9:1-20 ; Jn 6:52-59.
Saturday 29th April: Acts 9:31-42 ; Jn 6:60-69.
Sunday 30th April: Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20-25 ; Jn 10:1-10.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Marc Pierre, Lorna Scott, Miguel Angel Rojas,
Arthur D'Souza, Ante- Janezic, Angelica Hidalgo

IN MEMORIUM

John Portelli, Saturninand Luciano Acido,
Jackie Duncan, Frances Irugalbandara

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Lucy Janezic, Andrew Laming & Family

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.

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



Introducing: Chris Padgett
 American Speaker, Musician, Author and Professor of Theology Touring Australia

FREE EVENT: HAPPY MARRIAGE
 Faith filled ways to a better relationship.

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

SYNOD ~ DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

This weekend across more than 47 parish communities in the Diocese of Parramatta we're sharing the exciting news that the Bishop has formerly announced, and work is well underway, for a Diocesan Synod.



A Synod is an event where clergy, religious, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. But before the "main event" in October, there is a big process of collating feedback from as many people as possible. It's a big task, but an important one as we want to hear everyone's perspective on the future and life of our Church here in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. This is the first ever Synod for our Diocese, but it's not out of the blue.

For the last few years, there have been many national and international Synods, as well as the Australian Plenary Council. And now it's time for us as a Diocese to come together and be part of this transformative process and event that leads to renewal in the Church's life.

Fr. Regie has appointed Blake Bano to represent the parish to lead, meet and organise spiritual conversations on the themes for the Synod.

Stay tuned for more information and details on how to participate!

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.

CFC ~ CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM



Invites you to a

Christian Life Program

Starts on Apr 30, 2023 (Sun)
2pm-4pm

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



You may contact the following:
Allan Tolentino 0413 846 977
Gerlie Tolentino 0439 595 677
Mike Marquez 0425 244 455
Carmela Marquez 0426 263 186



Again, Jesus said, "Peace be with you." As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

John 20: 21-22

FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM



Mary's Pantry and the Social Justice Group would like to thank all of you for supporting their Lenten Giving Tree.

Thank you so much for your overwhelming generosity. Your donation has helped those who are struggling in the community and beyond.

We ask you to continue to support us. Our drop-off boxes can be found in the foyers of both churches. Your generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated.

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.

MQOF FLOWER MINISTRY

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

Six great prizes to be won.

Tickets sales will be on sale after all weekend Masses, and will be drawn following the **BAKE SALE** on 14th May 2023.

Thank you for your support.



PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT



"Parishioners are invited to recognise the 50th Anniversary of the commencement of the Passionist Family Group Movement which began at St Anthony's in the Field by Fr Peter McGrath cp in May 1973. Today there are Family Groups in every Australian state; in New Zealand, Ireland and England; as well as in the United States. The Passionist Order have carried on its support of the PFGM by appointing National Co-Ordinators to continue the mission of the founder, Fr Peter who died in 2020.

As you may be aware Family Groups existed in many Parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta including your Parish and in some Parishes they are being rekindled. We ask you to recognise this significant Anniversary in any way you feel appropriate – a phone call, an invitation to re connect, or just a sharing how the PFGM touched you and your family and your Parish. We are aware that many friendships, caring opportunities and fun times were experienced in Parishes because of the Family Groups. The FG aim to help people to get to know one another so that they can genuinely be able to love one another".

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

TRIVIA NIGHT ~ WYD FUNDRAISER

Trivia Night

Big Prizes | Food Included

SATURDAY MAY 20

NAGLE COLLEGE HALL, 58A ORWELL STREET 2148 BLACKTOWN

DOORS OPEN AT : 6:30PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT : 7:00PM

TICKET PRICE: \$200 FOR TEAMS OF 10 OR \$25PP



Note: Please bring cash for mini game opportunities



PARISH WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIM

Hello! My name is Joshua Mendens and I am one of the select few parishioners that will be attending World Youth Day 2023. I am a Year 11 student at Patrician Brothers College Blacktown.



I am a currently a member of two parish choirs, Il Celebrate and Youthfulness. My mission for WYD23 is to go on a journey of personal spiritual development and to explore how cultures around the world celebrate our faith in different ways. It is also very important to me to discover how I can help encourage youth to join our parish.

Leading up to this pilgrimage, I am excited by the prospect of deepening my connection with God and my understanding of Catholicism. On my return from this pilgrimage, I aim to use my experience to bring youth back into our church and encourage a strong culture of young followers of God. I will continue my involvement in the two choirs and provide assistance to any youth activities in the future.

On behalf of all parish pilgrims attending WYD23, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude for your continued support in our fundraising efforts. Your generous contributions have drawn us ever closer to our goal and have aided us greatly in the development of our faith and devotion to God.

I highly encourage all parishioners to donate, even if you believe it is only a small amount, every cent makes a big difference.....

Thank you, again Joshua.

SAVE THE DATE ~ PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

Tuesday 13th June 2023
Stay Tuned for more details!

HIS FAITH WAS TESTED. OUR HOPE WAS BORN.

HIS ONLY SON

ROCKRIDGE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS A COMMISSIONED PICTURES PRODUCTION A DAVID HELLING FILM HIS ONLY SON CASTING BY NICOLAS MOUAWAD COSTUME DESIGNER SARA SEVED EDITOR OTTAVIO TAZDIGHI EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS NICOLAI PEREZ EDITHAN MOSKOWITZ PRODUCED BY DANIEL DA SILVA WRITTEN BY JORDAN WALLACE DIRECTED BY DAVID HELLING EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS NICK WALKER PRODUCED BY DAVID HELLING EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS JASON STEPHENS DAVID HELLING EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS ROMAN MEDLANDI MUSIC BY JIMMY KANEY II EDITOR DAVID HELLING

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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 next 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 20th April 2023, we have received the sum of **\$76,233.00** 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.
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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.
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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.

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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.

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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



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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