



# 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*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ YEAR A (MOTHER' DAY)

14TH MAY 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.

### Loving God and keeping his commandments

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Love is at the heart of the covenant God has established with the people he chose for himself in order to perpetuate it to the whole of humanity. A covenant requires fidelity to the promises made by the two parties, done freely and out of love. The pinnacle of freedom is seen in the most selfless act of the person towards God and one's neighbour. "I will be your God, and you will be my people." This promise of God runs throughout the fabric of the Sacred Scripture. Christ has fulfilled it on the cross. He has inaugurated the new covenant during the Last Supper and renewed again and again when we celebrate the Holy Eucharist. "This is my body... this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant" (Eucharistic Prayer I-IV). "Do this in memory of me."

The commandments of God are expressions of his love that would lead us to the fullness of life. The ancient serpent's temptation to Adam and Eve was to put in their minds doubt on God's love for them and that he's arbitrary by not allowing them to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. While they are already like God bearing his image and likeness, they gave in to the temptation to be like God without God (CCC 398). That's the greatest tragedy that has entered humanity. The rest of the story is a bit long to be told. God does not give up, however. His love is everlasting. The ten commandments he gave to Moses were his most pure and authentic expressions of love that gives us life.

The Church echoes this invitation throughout the generations. "God has loved us first. The love of the One God is recalled in the first of the 'ten words'. The commandments then make explicit the response of love that man is called to give God" (CCC 2083). We all certainly know our predicament. We are all wounded and we carry this even after our baptism. St Augustine calls this concupiscence, our tendency to sin. God has to redeem us and save us from being eternally separated from him. He sent his only-begotten Son, the Second Person of the Trinity, taking on our flesh, he became like us except sin. Jesus willingly embraced the mission entrusted to him by the Father so that through his life, death and resurrection, we will all be led back to our eternal home- to God, the life of the Trinity. When he ascended into heaven, he did not leave us orphans. He sends us another helper, a Paraclete, an advocate- the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Holy Spirit has penetrated every sacrament that we have in the Catholic Church. He will help us to obey God's commandments and to love God, for He is the Spirit of Love that binds the Father and the Son. He is the fire of love that would enflame our hearts to hold on to the covenant God has made between us in Jesus Christ. Let's then continue our covenant journey by loving God and keeping his commandments.

**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY to our mums!**

*Fr Regie, 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](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au) **Email:** [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au)

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

**Email:** [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)

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

**Email:** [sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto: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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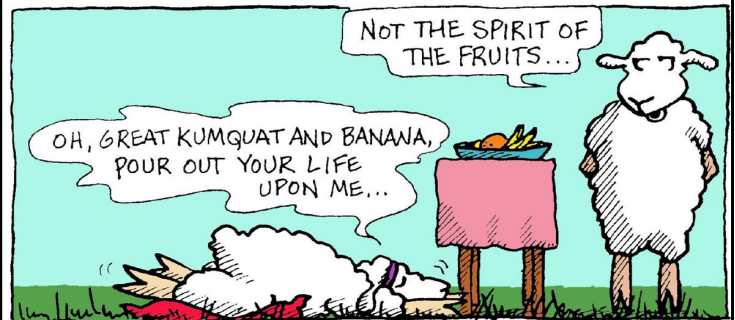


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### FR. REGIE ON LONG SERVICE LEAVE.

Please note that Fr. Regie will take his long service leave from the 15th May and returning to the parish office on 1st August 2023.

### SUNDAY FLOCK



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"He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth."

### Sheepish Question:

As you pray to the Holy Spirit, are you more attentive to the gifts you receive or to the giver?



## THE LITURGY

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ YEAR A

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Is 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** ACTS 8:5-8. 14-17

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** PS 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. SEE V.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**SECOND READING:** 1 PT 3:15-18

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Jn 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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## MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord, Bless every mother and every grandmother with the finest of your spiritual blessings today. Confirm in her heart and spirit the work of her hands and the love that she has so freely given to those children under your care. Validate her worth daily, so she has no reason to doubt whether she is loved, valued, and cherished in the eyes of her Heavenly Father. Amen.

## DAILY READINGS

**Monday 15th May:** Acts 16:11-15 ; Jn 15:26-16:4.

**Tuesday 16th May:** Acts 16:22-34 ; Jn 16:5-11.

**Wednesday 17th May:** Acts 17:15. 22-18:1 ; Jn 16:12-15.

**Thursday 18th May:** Acts 18:1-8 ; Jn 16:16-20.

**Friday 19th May:** Acts 18:9-18 ; Jn 16:20-23.

**Saturday 20th May:** Acts 18:23-28 ; Jn 16:23-28.

**Sunday 21st May:** Acts 1:1-11 ; Eph 1:17-23 ; Mt 28:16-20.

## 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

X. Indulgences

**1471** The doctrine and practice of indulgences in the Church are closely linked to the effects of the sacrament of Penance.

What is an indulgence?

"An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints."<sup>81</sup> An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin."<sup>82</sup> Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead.

The punishments of sin

**1472** To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the "temporal punishment" of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin. A conversion which proceeds from a fervent charity can attain the complete purification of the sinner in such a way that no punishment would remain.<sup>83</sup>

**1473** The forgiveness of sin and restoration of communion with God entail the remission of the eternal punishment of sin, but temporal punishment of sin remains. While patiently bearing sufferings and trials of all kinds and, when the day comes, serenely facing death, the Christian must strive to accept this temporal punishment of sin as a grace. He should strive by works of mercy and charity, as well as by prayer and the various practices of penance, to put off completely the "old man" and to put on the "new man."<sup>84</sup>

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Leticia Cachero Gabriel, Annie Sorreda

### DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Joseph Aquilina, Margaret Camilleri

### IN MEMORIUM

Anacoreta Sorreda

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Limun & Frugal, For All Mothers.

### SICK

Denzil Considine, 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



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 3rd June 2023. - St. Patrick's Church.

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

**With joyful hearts, we welcome our newly Baptised to our parish community:**  
 Alfred Affleck

### 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.**

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](mailto:sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au)

Ph: 02 9622 1125 – option 4 Mobile: 0422 724 008

#### THIS WEEKEND:

We ask families to take a green prayer card from the foyer of the church, which has a name of candidate preparing for the sacrament. We invite families to pray for the candidate and their family during this time.

### ADULT CONFIRMATIONS 2023

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 2nd September, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bede Heather Centre (formerly known as the Institute For Mission) in the Downstairs Hall, 1- 5 Marion Street, Blacktown 2148 (off Flushcombe Road).

For more information please contact Ged our sacramental coordinator.

Date of confirmation will be Tuesday 5th September, 2023 at 7.30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral - Parramatta.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://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](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

### FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR

You are invited to a free talk "Happy Marriage: Faith-filled ways to a better relationship" with US speaker and author Chris Padgett. Hear how you can nurture your relationship through your faith on Friday 19 May at 7:30pm at St Paul the Apostle Church, 40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills. Register at [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:Blake@mqofblacktown.org.au)  
**For More Information please contact our Youth Minister.**

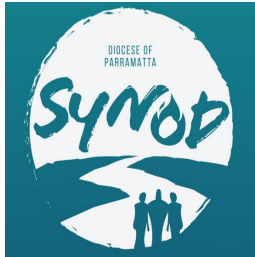


# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## SYNOD ~ DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

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.

### OUR PARISHES SYNOD PROCESS

Fr. Regie has appointed Blake Bano and Richard Desa to represent the parish to lead, meet and organise spiritual conversations on the themes for the Synod. There has been a steering committee formed made up of members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, and ministry leads.

Our parish synod committee have met and they will be organising a Synod information and consultation night for parishioners to attend in the near future. It is our aim that as a parish we will submit a report to the Diocese of the views of our parishioners on where is God calling Mary Queen of the Family Parish today?

If you wish to find out more information or provide any feedback in regards to this, we invite you to send an email to our parish committee.

Email: [synod@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:synod@mqofblacktown.org.au)

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY RETURNS



Dear Parishioners,  
We are excited to inform you that the Children's Liturgy has kicked off again.

This will be hosted for about 25 minutes during the 9.30am Sunday Mass at St. Michael's and the 10.00am Sunday mass at St. Patrick's.

The purpose is to catechise our children and help them learn about Jesus and the story of Salvation.

All children from ages 2-12 and who have not yet received First Holy Communion are very welcome.

We are also seeking volunteers to assist in this ministry, if you are interested please contact the parish office to register your details!

## BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL



Be the face of Christ to our First Nations people



Please support Aboriginal Catholic Care with a gift to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal: [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)



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## 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 social justice group are requesting Parishioners to please continue to bring in cans and bottles for recycling. ONLY CANS AND BOTTLES THAT HAVE 10 cents printed on them. Please place these in containers in the foyer of the church. Thank you for your support. The money collected is for social justice issues.

Please join us for morning tea every Wednesday after the 9am Mass in the Cardinal Clancy Room. All are welcome!!



## ARTS & CRAFT MOVEMENT

Join us every Friday of the week from 10.00am till 12:00pm at Cardinal Clancy room at St. Patrick's Church. Our Arts and Crafts activities will include: Embroidery and Embellishment, Crocheting, Knitting, Arts and Crafts (Painting) & Sewing.

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

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



# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## 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.

## PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS UPDATE

This year our Pentecost fellowship celebrations will be a little different. As we have Fr. Chris Alar celebrating Mass at St. Patrick's 10.00am followed by a talk on Divine Mercy, the Parish Pastoral Council has decided to support our parish youth to hold a Sausage Sizzle, drinks and food fundraiser after Fr. Chris' talk. All funds raised for this initiative will go toward assisting our World Youth Day Pilgrims.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

To maximise the opportunity for our youth to raise funds, we are seeking food and drink donations to sell on the day from parishioners. If you can assist please contact the parish for more information and how to donate.

## SAFE PARISHES WEEK 2023.

### Safeguarding Renewal Mandatory Training Opportunities!

Did you complete your 6 points of mandatory training in 2021? Are you due for renewal training? Would you like to complete the renewal training Face to Face?

Our Renewal Training Package (Cycle 2 – 4 points) consists of:  
**Module 4:** Understanding Safeguarding, the Child Safe Standards & Working with Adults at Risk  
**Module 5:** Legal Compliance: Risk Of Significant Harm & Reportable Conduct

These Renewal Mandatory Modules will be offered face to face at Bishop Bede Heather Centre on: Tuesday 6th June at 10am - 1.30pm, OR Wednesday 7th June at 10am - 1.30pm

Please register for the renewal modules on the day of your choice at: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.edu.au](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.edu.au)

## UPDATED JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SERVICES

*Justice of the Peace*



### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish  
Parish Office - 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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Witness Affidavits  
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## SAVE THE DATE ~ PARISH MOVIE NIGHT



**TUESDAY, 13TH JUNE**  
**6:30PM FOR 6:45 START**  
**HOYTS BLACKTOWN CINEMA 1**  
**\$30 CASH OR CARD**

**ONLINE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE ON SUNDAY 7TH MAY 2023.**

<https://www.mqofblacktown.org/his-only-son-movie-night>

**TICKETS WILL ALSO BE SOLD AFTER MASSES NEXT WEEKEND!**

## TRIVIA NIGHT ~ WYD FUNDRAISER

**Trivia Night**

**Big Prizes**

**Food Included**

**SATURDAY MAY 20**

**ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
MULTI - PURPOSE AREA.  
51 - 59 ALLAWAH STREET  
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 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 4th May 2023, we have received the sum of **\$76,388.00** 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.

### 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](http://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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If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Sarah at [accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au). Thank you so much for your continued support of our parish. We are grateful!

You can also support the parish by using our **Tap & Go Machine**. The machine is set at \$10, to donate more than \$10 simply tap your credit card as many times as you like. It also accepts Apple Pay, Google Pay and Pay Wave. All contributions go to the maintenance and development of the Parish as does the second collection at weekend Masses.

**Planned Giving (Direct Debit or Credit Card)** is also an option if you wish to do cashless donation to the parish, forms are available in the foyer and on our parish website or contact the parish office on 9622 1125.

### SUBSCRIBE TO OUR BULLETIN

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### SAVE THE DATE ~ PARISH EVENTS

Our parish needs volunteers to assist in implementing the below parish events. If you are available to share your time and talent please contact the parish office to register your interest!

We look forward to hearing from you!

Ph: 9622 1125 or email: [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)

**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**



### FREE CPR TRAINING



You are invited to register for an accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW. This is being offered as FREE course to the Parishes of the Diocese as part of a project being offered by The University of Sydney, Westmead

Applied Research Centre. The course runs for 2.5 hours and will be presented at two locations across the Diocese:

St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood on Saturday 13 May from 10am or Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Monday 5 June from 4pm.

Please contact the Parish Office for information on how to register for the venue of your choice.

Email: [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au) or call 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

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](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au). All donations are welcome.

Thank you. God bless us.

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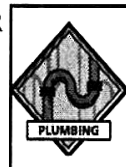
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