



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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD ~ YEAR A

21ST 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.

Doing something with Jesus

Jesus has ascended into heaven. What shall we do? Shall we wait and see what will happen or shall we do something?

In commemorating the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven, our liturgy presents to us three realities of our faith that help us discern what we shall do.

Firstly, looking at the Divinity of Jesus, the Ascension assures us of our salvation. It is in the articles of our faith that Jesus ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Jesus shares fully the nature of God with the Father. Jesus is our God and Saviour. Therefore, we can do something by praying to Jesus and asking Him to supply our needs. We pray to Him, "do not bring us to the test but deliver us from all evil".

Secondly, the Ascension prompts us to imitate Jesus. Jesus is giving us hope as He said, "I will go ahead of you, in my Father's house there are plenty of rooms, I will prepare a place for you and I will come back to take you with me so that where I am, there you will also be. Yet, imitation of Jesus entails suffering and sacrifice. St Peter said, it is better to suffer for doing what is right and good than doing what is evil and wrong. Therefore, our imitation of Jesus is to do what is good and avoid anything that is evil.

Lastly, the Ascension allows us to share in the mission of Jesus. This is the message of today's gospel, "Go to the whole world and baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teach them my commandments". It is, therefore, our mission to bring Jesus to others and teach them how to love.

Three things therefore, that we shall and can do to meaningfully celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven: Pray to Jesus, Imitate Jesus and Share Jesus and His love.

Have a Blessed and Meaningful Feast!

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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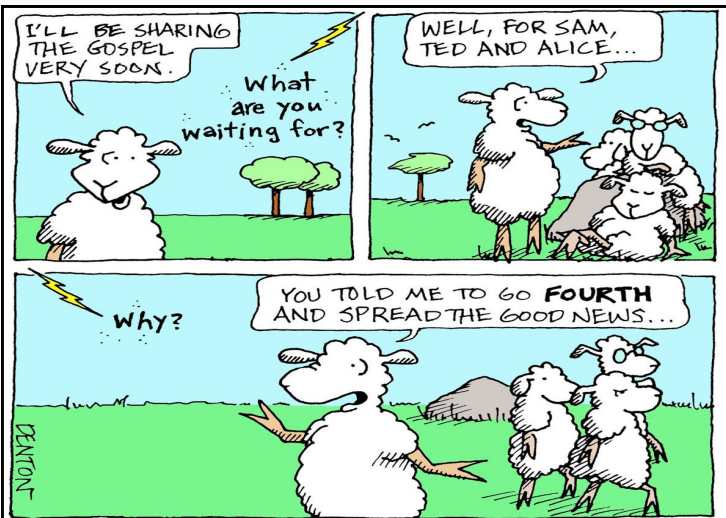
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SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Sheepish Question:

What am I waiting for?

DONATION REQUEST



The parish is seeking a donation of a BBQ similar to the one in the picture. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office.

THE LITURGY

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD ~ YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 46:2-3. 6-9. R. V.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING: EPH 1:17-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday 22nd May: Acts 19:1-8 ; Jn 16:29-33.
 Tuesday 23rd May: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11.
 Wednesday 24th May: Sir 4:11-18 ; Jn 19:25-27.
 Thursday 25th May: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26 .
 Friday 26th May: Acts 25:13-21 ; Jn 21:15-19.
 Saturday 27th May: Acts 28:16-20. 30-31 ; Jn 21:20-25 .
 Sunday 28th May: Acts 2:1-11;1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23 .

FEAST DAYS

Monday 22nd May ~ **SAINT RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS**



Wednesday 24th May ~ **MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS**

Thursday 25th May ~ **SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH; SAINT GREGORY VII, POPE; SAINT MARY MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI, VIRGIN.**



Friday 26th May ~ **SAINT PHILIP NERI, PRIEST**

Saturday 27th May ~ **SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP.**

Sunday 28th May ~ **PENTECOST SUNDAY.**



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

In the Communion of Saints

1474 The Christian who seeks to purify himself of his sin and to become holy with the help of God's grace is not alone. "The life of each of God's children is joined in Christ and through Christ in a wonderful way to the life of all the other Christian brethren in the supernatural unity of the Mystical Body of Christ, as in a single mystical person."⁸⁵

1475 In the communion of saints, "a perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory and those who are still pilgrims on earth. between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things."⁸⁶ In this wonderful exchange, the holiness of one profits others, well beyond the harm that the sin of one could cause others. Thus recourse to the communion of saints lets the contrite sinner be more promptly and efficaciously purified of the punishments for sin.

1476 We also call these spiritual goods of the communion of saints the Church's treasury, which is "not the sum total of the material goods which have accumulated during the course of the centuries. On the contrary the 'treasury of the Church' is the infinite value, which can never be exhausted, which Christ's merits have before God. They were offered so that the whole of mankind could be set free from sin and attain communion with the Father. In Christ, the Redeemer himself, the satisfactions and merits of his Redemption exist and find their efficacy."⁸⁷

1477 "This treasury includes as well the prayers and good works of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They are truly immense, unfathomable, and even pristine in their value before God. In the treasury, too, are the prayers and good works of all the saints, all those who have followed in the footsteps of Christ the Lord and by his grace have made their lives holy and carried out the mission the Father entrusted to them. In this way they attained their own salvation and at the same time cooperated in saving their brothers in the unity of the Mystical Body."⁸⁸

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

William Grima

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Terrance Bowers, Sybil Vaz, Frank Pugliese Claudette Mendonca

IN MEMORIUM

Maria Aquilina, Carmen Camilleri, Maria Bugeja,
 Carmen Sultana, Vincenzo Tipaldo, Jackie Duncan,
 Francis Susainathan

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Lily

SICK

Rita Attard, Denzil Considine, Genevieve Williams, Emily Rosales,
 Meghan De Vos, Dorothy Angyalfi, Josie Phelps, Marie France Raymond,
 Rauly 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.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral Mass for William Grima, will take place on Wednesday 24th May 2023 at St. Michael's Church. 10.00am Viewing followed by funeral Mass at 10.30am. All who knew William are welcome to attend.

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:
 Ivy Zabala Wong

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

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

FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES

Please note that our First Eucharist Masses will take place during the following Sunday Masses:

Sunday 4th June 10.00am Mass (St. Patrick's Church) &
 6.00pm (St. Michael's Church)

Saturday 17th June 5.30pm Mass (St. Patrick's).

Sunday 18th June 9.30am Mass (St. Michael's Church)

All welcome to attend. During this time our church and carpark will be busy at this time. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

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 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.

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 Wednesday, 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

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



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!

THANK YOU FROM THE FLOWER MINISTRY



Through your generosity and support, our Mother's Day Bake Sale on 14 May was a huge success. From the proceeds of the raffle, bake sale and donations, we raised just over \$4,000 which will go towards keeping both our churches decorated with fresh flowers well into the future.

The raffle draw took place at St Patrick's Church on Tuesday, 16 May, where the winning tickets were drawn by our Sacramental Co-ordinator, Ged Oblea. Congratulations to the winners –

- 1st Prize (Pamper Pack) - Rosemarie Sumanti
- 2nd Prize (Handbag and Scarf) – Valerie McKinnon
- 3rd Prize (Silver Bracelet) – Patricia Baticic
- 4th Prize (Pandora Voucher) – Natasha Ketj Sua
- 5th Prize (Toiletry Pack) – Pol Cases
- 6th Prize (Koorong Gift Pack) – Jane Klym

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and goods at the bake sale, those who generously contributed the prizes and goods for sale, and all who helped in any way. We couldn't have done it without you!!

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.

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

NEXT SUNDAY ~ FR CHRIS ALAR



Understanding the Divine Mercy

Next 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.

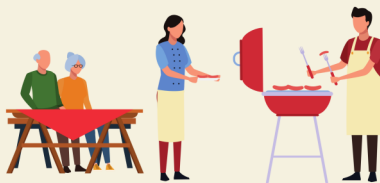
PENTECOST BBQ FUNDRAISER

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PENTECOST

Bbq Fundraiser



28th May
2023

Join us after Fr. Chris Alar's Divine Mercy talk for a bbq fundraiser to celebrate Pentecost and raise funds for the World Youth Day pilgrims.

COMBO
\$5
SNAG + DRINK

12pm

@mqof_youth

Outside St. Patrick's Catholic Church

SAFE PARISHES WEEK 2023.

Safeguarding Mandatory Training is Due Now!

Are you new to Parish Ministry this year and have not completed your Safeguarding Training? Are you an existing volunteer and have not yet completed your 6 points of mandatory Safeguarding Training?

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards **all** volunteers in parish ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training. The Office of the Children's Guardian expects all volunteers in parish ministry have now met this Standard.

In the Diocese of Parramatta we have a zero tolerance of abuse. We therefore commit to keeping children safe as well as all adults at risk.

You are now required to register for the Mandatory 6 points of Safeguarding Training to complete Cycle 1: Register for the Mandatory Training during Safe Parishes Week on:

Friday 9th June at 9.30am - 2.30pm

at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Marion Street Blacktown

Please register for this mandatory training at:
safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

If you would like to complete your 6 points online, 'sign up' NOW at:
<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at:
maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

SAVE THE DATE ~ PARISH MOVIE NIGHT



MQOF YOUTH X HOYTS PRESENTS

HIS ONLY SON

HIS FAITH WAS TESTED. OUR HOPE WAS BORN.

PRIVATE SCREENING

TUESDAY 13TH JUNE

HOYTS BLACKTOWN CINEMA 1

6:30PM FOR 6:45 START

\$30 CASH OR CARD

ONLINE TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

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

TICKETS WILL ALSO BE SOLD AFTER
MASSES THIS WEEKEND!

PARISH YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS GROUPS

GET INVOLVED

MQOF YOUTH GROUPS



ALTAR SERVING

Join the Guild of St. Stephen

Altar serving is a great way to put your faith into action during the Mass. Share your time and talents with the parish community and make some great friends! Training sessions run regularly throughout the year.



MQOF CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Breathe life into the weekly Gospel, through prayer, songs and other activities. Every Sunday during the 9:30am Mass at St. Michael's Church and 10am Mass at St. Patrick's Church during the School Term.



JOIN OUR YOUTH BANDS

Musicians and Singers needed

Your talent in music helps transform the Mass into a welcoming and inviting space. Empower Youth Band: 5:30pm Mass at St. Patrick's Church & Youthfulness Choir: 6pm (1st/3rd Sunday) at St. Michael's Church.

VICTUS SERIES

Adoration, Reconciliation, Mass & Fellowship

Every 1st Friday of the Month at St. Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allowah St. The Victus Series immerses youth and young adults in Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship, Reconciliation, Mass and a Social Outing. This event is welcome to youth and young adults (13-30 years old).



YOUNG MEN & WOMENS MINISTRY

Youth Events for Men & Women

Once a month, join MQOF Young Adult Men/ Women's Ministry for activities (Bible Study, Bush Walking, Rock Climbing, Fishing, Bowling).

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES CONTACT THE
YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM AT YOUTH@MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU OR ON 9622 1125.

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. You can also send your offerings/donations thru bank transfer:

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Reference: 6004 - Donor's Name

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Account Name: Blacktown Catholic Church
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Reference: 6004 ~ Donor's name

If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Sarah at accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au. Thank you so much for your continued support of our parish. We are grateful!

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

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

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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

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 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

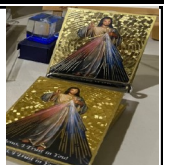
We need generous people to help us fund the work that is still outstanding.

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. All donations are welcome.

Thank you. God bless us.

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