



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

PENTECOST SUNDAY ~ YEAR A

28TH 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.

Sunday Connection

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

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Parish Directory

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St. Patrick's Church - 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown.

Parish Office: At St. Patrick's Church. **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm
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Website: www.mqofblacktown.org.au **Email:** admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

Parish Team:

Parish Priest: Fr. Regie Lavilla, MSP.
Assistant Priests: Fr. Ever Bernaldez, MSP & Fr. Andrew Rooney
Deacons: Rev. John Cinya & Rev. Tom Green
Finance Officer: Sarah Canete-Damole **Email:** accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au
Secretaries: Ann Hart (Wed-Fri) & Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Mon & Tues)
Email: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au
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Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au
Catechist Coordinator: Sandra Baker
Youth Minister & Liturgy Coordinator: Blake Bano

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

Parish Schools:

St Michael's Primary:
P : 8869 6200 <https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au>

St Patrick's Primary:
P : 8869 6000 <https://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au>

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

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

Catholic Early Learning Centre (St Michael's) :
P : 8814 8406 <https://www.celcblacktownstn.catholic.edu.au>

Nursing Homes:

Opal Nursing Home (37 Kildare Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 9852 9600
Mulluana Retirement Village (61 Bungaribee Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 8822 2100
Catholic Healthcare St Hedwig Village Blacktown (140 Reservoir Rd, Blacktown 2148) P: 8822 9920



Welcome to the Family..



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

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

~ *The Parish Team*

MARY QUEEN OF THE FAMILY ~ PARISH MISSION



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



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

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

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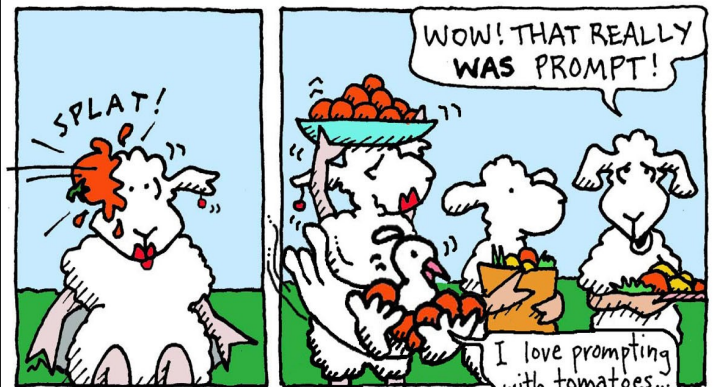
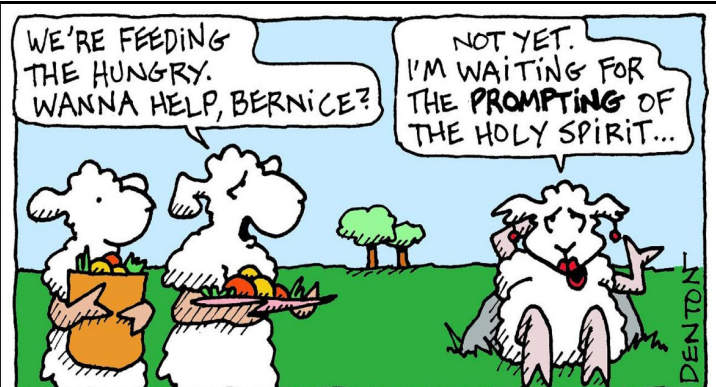
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SUNDAY FLOCK



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"To each individual the manifestation of the spirit is given for some benefit."

Sheepish Question:

When, lately, have I felt the Spirit prompting me in a way that serves others.

THE LITURGY~ PENTECOST SUNDAY ~ YR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. V.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING: 1 COR 12:3-7, 12-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jn 20:19-23

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

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

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Acts 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday 29th May: Gen 3:9-15. 20; Mk 10:17-27.

Tuesday 30th May: Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31.

Wednesday 31st May: Zep 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56.

Thursday 1st June: Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52.

Friday 2nd June: Sir 44:1. 9-13 ; Mk 11:11-26 .

Saturday 3rd June: Sir 51:12-20 ; Mk 11:27-33.

Sunday 4th June: Ex 34:4-6. 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13 ; Jn 3:16-18.

FEAST DAYS

Monday 29th May ~ **MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**



Wednesday 31st May ~ **THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



Thursday 1st June ~ **SAINT JUSTIN, MARTYR.**

Friday 2nd June ~ **SAINTS MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS**

Saturday 3rd June ~ **SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS.**



Sunday 28th May ~ **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY.**

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

Obtaining indulgence from God through the Church

1478 An indulgence is obtained through the Church who, by virtue of the power of binding and loosing granted her by Christ Jesus, intervenes in favor of individual Christians and opens for them the treasury of the merits of Christ and the saints to obtain from the Father of mercies the remission of the temporal punishments due for their sins. Thus the Church does not want simply to come to the aid of these Christians, but also to spur them to works of devotion, penance, and charity.⁸⁹

1479 Since the faithful departed now being purified are also members of the same communion of saints, one way we can help them is to obtain indulgences for them, so that the temporal punishments due for their sins may be remitted.

XI. The Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance

1480 Like all the sacraments, Penance is a liturgical action. The elements of the celebration are ordinarily these: a greeting and blessing from the priest, reading the word of God to illuminate the conscience and elicit contrition, and an exhortation to repentance; the confession, which acknowledges sins and makes them known to the priest; the imposition and acceptance of a penance; the priest's absolution; a prayer of thanksgiving and praise and dismissal with the blessing of the priest.

1481 The Byzantine Liturgy recognizes several formulas of absolution, in the form of invocation, which admirably express the mystery of forgiveness: "May the same God, who through the Prophet Nathan forgave David when he confessed his sins, who forgave Peter when he wept bitterly, the prostitute when she washed his feet with her tears, the Pharisee, and the prodigal son, through me, a sinner, forgive you both in this life and in the next and enable you to appear before his awe-inspiring tribunal without condemnation, he who is blessed for ever and ever. Amen."

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Mark Uvero, Aludia Paladin, Jim Ryan,
Isabelo Labagnoy, Theotimus Andrew Gomes

IN MEMORIUM

Joseph Bugeja

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Deceased members of the Tanti Family,
Andrew Laming & Family

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.

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 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:
Amelia Minter, Alonzo Rulloda & Linden Vytiaco

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

NAGLE COLLEGE - ENROLLING NOW

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YOUNG ADULTS FAITH FORMATION

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 4th June 2023 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm.

The speaker is Fr Jeff Miller, who will talk about and lead discussion on discernment and vocation. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza and fellowship! If you have any questions please call Mark on 0477 004 687.

YOUNG ADULTS FAITH FORMATION

Join Fr Jeff Miller to discuss **DISCERNMENT AND VOCATION** followed by fun, fellowship and pizza

For adults 18-35 SUN 4TH JUNE
The Hustle Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury 7:00-8:30
Suggested donation: \$5

SYNOD ~ PARISH UPDATE

Dear Parishioners,

"Behold, I am doing a new thing" – Isaiah 43:19

Bishop Vincent has convoked a Diocesan Synod (assembly), to listen and discern where the Holy Spirit is calling the Diocese of Parramatta today, and how we as a universal church can embrace the call of Synodality.

Fr. Regie has appointed Richard Desa and I to facilitate and journey with you, the parishioners of Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown, on how we as a parish community can flourish now and into the future.

This is a big task, but a rather important one as we want to listen to your experiences and wisdom about the life and future of the local Church in Blacktown.

We would like to invite you all to attend a local consultation, where we can listen to you – discerning the question: *"Where is God calling Mary, Queen of the Family Parish today? And how can we hold fast to the Deposit of Faith, while growing as missionary disciples of Christ."*

The next consultation session will be on: **Tuesday, 30th May at 7pm in the Cardinal Clancy Meeting Room (St. Patrick's Church).**

Alternatively, if you wish to submit a private response to the question, sheets of paper can be found in the foyers of the Church, as well as a collection box.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Richard and I via synod@mqofblacktown.org.au

Please continue to pray for Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, and the Diocese of Parramatta as we journey on this synodal process.

In Christ, Blake Bano



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!

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

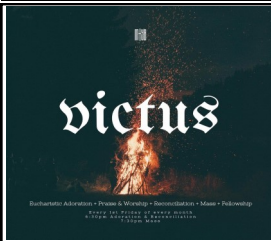
Join us every Friday of the week from 10.00am till 12:00pm at Cardinal Clancy room at St. Patrick's Church. Our Arts and Crafts activities will include: Embroidery and Embellishment, Crocheting, Knitting, Arts and Crafts (Painting) & Sewing.

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

VICTUS ~ ADORATION AND MASS



"Victus is coming up again on Friday 2nd June!!

Youth and young adults are invited to join us for fellowship after Adoration and Mass for a Bibles & bonfire night!

We'll share some pizza, hot chocolate, and be joined by Deacon Tom Green to give a reflection on Exodus 3.

As we'll be outside, we encourage you to bring:

- Warm clothing (bring your OODIES!!)
- Camping chair (space is available for you to leave your belongings during Adoration & Mass)
- Your Bible! (if you don't have one yet, we'll have some spares!)

Spread the word and invite your friends!

We look forward to roasting marshmallows with you!"

SAVE THE DATE ~ PARISH MOVIE NIGHT



ONLINE TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

<https://www.mqofblacktown.org/his-only-son-movie-night>
TICKETS WILL ALSO BE SOLD AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

Parramatta Diocese Office for Worship
Liturgical Ministry Formation ~ September – November 2023

The Office for Worship is conducting Liturgical Formation Courses at no cost from February 2022. We encourage those wishing to join a Liturgical Ministry to complete these sets of courses.

- Introduction to Liturgical Ministry—Monday 4th September 2023 (Compulsory)
- Ministry of the Word - Monday 11th & 18th September 2023.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion - Monday 9th & 16th October 2023
- Communion to the Sick & Dying - Monday 23rd October 2023.
- Ministers at the Altar—Monday 30th October & 6th November 2023.

Please contact the Parish Office for further details. Endorsement and Signature of Parish Priest required before submitting application form to the office for worship.

SIMON CARRINGTON ~ TALK ON DATING!

SIMON CARRINGTON PRESENTS

How to Date
With Passion and Purpose

7:30pm, Thursday, 29th June

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

"Are you tired of the way you have been approaching relationships, or of the way potential relationships are approaching you? Are you sick of lying to yourself about what you want, or lowering your standards just so you can say you went on a date?"

Join MQOF Youth on Thursday, 29th June as Simon Carrington presents: 'How to Date with Passion & Purpose'!

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

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Youth Pilgrimage

HOSTED BY MQOF YOUTH
SATURDAY, 8TH JULY 2023 | 9AM - 4PM
OPEN TO ALL YOUTH - REGISTER NOW!

The Youth Ministry Team would like for you to save the date for our upcoming youth pilgrimage to St. Mary's Cathedral Sydney and the tomb of St. Mary of the Cross in North Sydney on Saturday, 8th July.. Join youth and young adults from Blacktown as we travel to Sydney CBD for a pilgrimage, reflecting on Australia's first and only saint: St. Mary of the Cross.

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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Account Name: Blacktown Catholic Church
Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 0677
Reference: 6004 ~ Donor's name

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

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

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

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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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