



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ YEAR A

7TH 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.

Over the next few weeks leading to Pentecost, the Church invites us to reflect on the promise of the Holy Spirit who is to come and through whom Christians are to live this new life of the Risen Lord. And in the readings for this Sunday, we are beginning to see that, as the Catechism says, "when the Spirit encounters in us the response of faith which he has aroused in us, he brings about genuine cooperation" (1091).

Now, there isn't all that much talk about the Holy Spirit yet as we begin to go through Christ's Last Supper discourse in the gospel of John. But what we have instead this week is a kind of prelude. Jesus tells his disciples that he is the Way the Truth and the Life, and then goes on to tell them that if they believe in him, then they will do the same works that he has done, and *even greater than these*. The Resurrection of Jesus offers us a new kind of existence, a new way of living. Our lives must change if we are to be his true disciples.

But any change comes first from faith. The Lord says, "do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me." if we remember that Jesus is the revelation of the Father, that his whole life here on earth is a lesson to us of the nature of God, then we can see that of anyone, he is the one in whom we should put our trust. What did Jesus reveal about God? Among other things, that he is faithful, that he keeps his promises, that he can be relied upon. Indeed, as St Peter says, he is the cornerstone which the man who rests his trust on will not be disappointed.

And so we can see that faith is God's initiative. He comes to us in so many ways to help us believe. Indeed, he promises this in our gospel today: "I will return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too." It is by the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts that they are opened to believe in him so that we can then genuinely cooperate with his grace in our lives and live in the freedom for which he set us free, to do the same works as him, and even greater than these because of him.

Deacon Tom Green

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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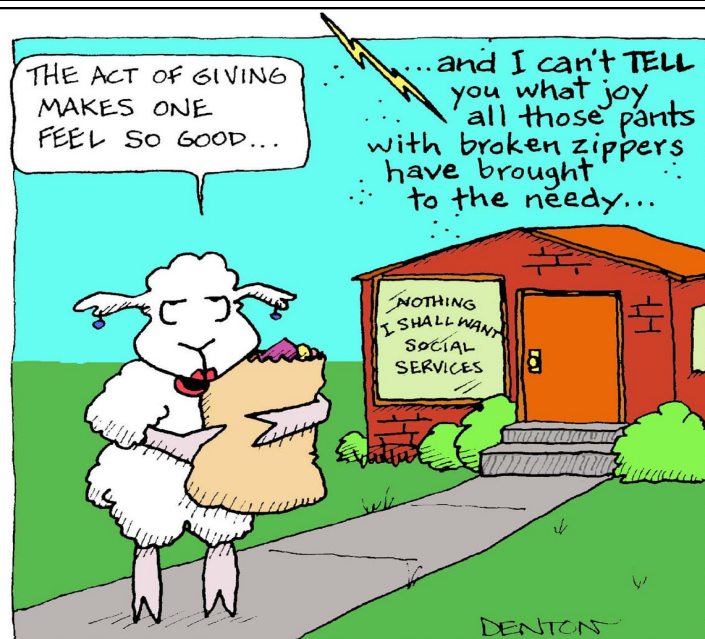


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6. Browse, Watch, Listen, Read, and Study - to form your catholic conscience.

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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"Offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

Sheepish Question:

When I consider the sacrifices I've made lately, which ones likely are most acceptable to God?

THE LITURGY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 6:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. V.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING: 1 PT 2:4-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jn 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?'

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Jn 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday 8th May: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday 9th May: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31.

Wednesday 10th May: Acts 15:1-6 ; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday 11th May: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11.

Friday 12th May: Acts 15:22-31 ; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday 13th May: Acts 16:1-10 ; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday 14th May: Acts 8:5-8; 1 Pt 3:15-18 ; Jn 14:15-21.



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

IX. The Effects of This Sacrament

1468 "The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship."⁷³ Reconciliation with God is thus the purpose and effect of this sacrament. For those who receive the sacrament of Penance with contrite heart and religious disposition, reconciliation "is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation."⁷⁴ Indeed the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true "spiritual resurrection," restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God.⁷⁵

1469 This sacrament reconciles us with the Church. Sin damages or even breaks fraternal communion. the sacrament of Penance repairs or restores it. In this sense it does not simply heal the one restored to ecclesial communion, but has also a revitalizing effect on the life of the Church which suffered from the sin of one of her members.⁷⁶ Re-established or strengthened in the communion of saints, the sinner is made stronger by the exchange of spiritual goods among all the living members of the Body of Christ, whether still on pilgrimage or already in the heavenly homeland.⁷⁷

It must be recalled that . . . this reconciliation with God leads, as it were, to other reconciliations, which repair the other breaches caused by sin. the forgiven penitent is reconciled with himself in his inmost being, where he regains his innermost truth. He is reconciled with his brethren whom he has in some way offended and wounded. He is reconciled with the Church. He is reconciled with all creation.⁷⁸

1470 In this sacrament, the sinner, placing himself before the merciful judgment of God, anticipates in a certain way the judgment to which he will be subjected at the end of his earthly life. For it is now, in this life, that we are offered the choice between life and death, and it is only by the road of conversion that we can enter the Kingdom, from which one is excluded by grave sin.⁷⁹ In converting to Christ through penance and faith, the sinner passes from death to life and "does not come into judgment."⁸⁰

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Joseph Bugeja, Maria Santos de Guzman

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Isidro & Segunda Villaester

IN MEMORIUM

Candida & Francis Irugalbandara, Lorna & Rex Scott,
Greta Eileen Lavender

SICK

Genevieve Williams, Emily Rosales, Meghan De Vos, Dorothy Angyalfi,
Josie Phelps, Marie France Raymond, Raully Aure, Vinnie Zahra,
Gloria Rivas, Teresita Alston, Edna Canete.

Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will be published for 4 weeks at a time.

THE SACRAMENTS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Baptism

Parents wishing to have their children baptised are to contact the parish office prior to attending a Baptism workshop. The next workshop will on Saturday 3rd June 2023. - St. Patrick's Church.

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

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2023

The sacramental process dates and registration for 2023 are now available on our parish website. Follow the below link:

<https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/>

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS REGISTRATION CLOSURE DATES:

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

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

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR THE ABOVE SACRAMENTAL PROCESSES!

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

THIS WEEKEND:

Our First Eucharist candidates will be participating in an enrolment rite at the Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday 10.00am Mass at St. Patrick's.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called Smart Loving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR



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

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

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

Please register your attendance at:
marriage@parracatholic.org

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the sacraments of Eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to members who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to arrange receiving of the sacraments, please contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125 or after office hours number 02 8705 0830.



PARISH GROUPS

BIBLE STUDY GROUP



Contact: Richard Desa, richarddesa@bigpond.com
Meeting Time and Venue: Every Thursday, 7:30pm at Sid Mosley Centre St. Michael's Church.

HOLY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP PRAYER GROUP

Contact: Charles Hyson, 0412 631 602, www.holyfamilyfellowship.com
Meeting Time and Venue: Every 2nd Saturday 6:30pm-9:30pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church.

JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS



Contact: Antoinette Mangion, 0414 735 943
Meeting Time and Venue: Every 3rd Monday of the month, 10:00 am at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church

LEGION OF MARY ST MICHAEL'S



Contact: Noemi Romero, 0475 798 770 (for statue bookings)
Meeting Time and Venue: Every Thursday, 4:00pm – 6:00pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church.

LEGION OF MARY ST PATRICK'S



Contact: Maurice Bru 0419 626 583 (for statue bookings)
Meeting Time and Venue: Every Thursday, 7:30pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS



Contact: Max Rosario, 0490 137 533
Meeting Time and Venue: Monday 9:30am-10:30am at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church. All are welcome!

MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP



Contact: Jude Besterwitsch, 0435 588 309
Meeting Time and Venue: 2nd Sunday of every month, 12pm—2pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church

ROSARY GROUP



Contact: Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566
Meeting Time and Venue: Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday after the 8am Mass, at St Michael's church.

CATECHIST MINISTRY



Contact: Sandra Baker
admin@mqofblacktown.org.au
For More Information please contact our the parish office.

TEHILLAH COMMUNITY



Contact: Ash & Rozario Fernando , 0416 861 976 or 0412 195 916
Meeting Time and Venue: Every 2nd & 4th Saturday (school term) between 2pm - 4pm at the Cardinal Clancy Room, St Patrick's Church.

TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP



Contact: Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566
Meeting Time and Venue: 3.00pm every second Saturday of the month at St Michael's Church

YOUTH MINISTRY



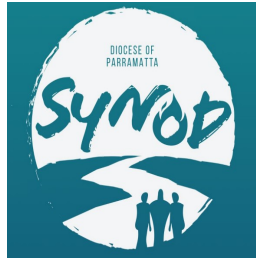
Contact: Blake Bano
Blake@mqofblacktown.org.au
For More Information please contact our Youth Minister.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SYNOD ~ DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

The Bishop has formerly announced, and work is well underway, for a Diocesan Synod.

A Synod is an event where clergy, religious, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. But before the "main event" in October, there is a big process of collating feedback from as many people as possible.



It's a big task, but an important one as we want to hear everyone's perspective on the future and life of our Church here in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. This is the first ever Synod for our Diocese, but it's not out of the blue. For the last few years, there have been many national and international Synods, as well as the Australian Plenary Council. And now it's time for us as a Diocese to come together and be part of this transformative process and event that leads to renewal in the Church's life.

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 will kick off again at the parish shortly.

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!

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.



FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM



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

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

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

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



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.

ARTS & CRAFT MOVEMENT

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

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

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

MQOF FLOWER MINISTRY



THE MQOF FLOWER MINISTRY is holding a MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE with six great prizes to be won.

Tickets are available at the church doors before and after the weekend Masses for \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and will be drawn following the **BAKE SALE** on 14th May 2023. Sweet Treat Packs will be on sale for \$10 each. Treats can also be purchased individually for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Refreshments will be provided. **Thank you for your support.**

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

CATECHIST COMMISSIONING MASS

A Gentle Reminder...



All catechists are invited to our Catechist Commissioning Mass on Saturday 13th May at 5:30pm at St Patrick's Blacktown.

ROSARY IN THE MONTH OF MAY

In the month of May we honour our Mother Mary. Please join in saying the rosary after all weekend Masses. The rosary is continued to be said after every Mass during the week.



WELCOMING MINISTRY



If you would like to join this Ministry please contact Charmaine D'Silva who is the co-ordinator. If you are interested please ring the Parish Office on 9622 1125.

GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

The next Bishop's appeal is raising awareness and funds for our Aboriginal Catholic Care drop-in centre at Emerton, supporting First Nations people, and anyone in need. The appeal shares the story of Aunty Rhonda, an Aboriginal Elder who has benefited from Aboriginal Catholic Care's support and returns this kindness as a volunteer. **Appeal weekend: 20th and 21st May 2023.**

SAFE PARISHES WEEK 2023.

Safe Parishes Week begins on 5th June 2023. This year marks our second year of our Safeguarding Training and many parishioners are due for their renewal training. This year we are offering a week's program of Face to Face Mandatory and Elective Modules at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown.

The Program includes Mandatory Modules (Cycle 1 – 6 points) and Cycle 2 (4 points) and a range of Elective Modules.

You are invited to register for Modules that interest you by emailing: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Of course, you are still most welcome to 'sign up' to our online Safeguarding Training Platform at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

Thanks again for your support and commitment to making our Parish safe for children and adults at risk. Contact the Parish Office for information on the complete Training Program.

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

By appointment only.

Witness Affidavits
Witness Statutory Declarations
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FREE SERVICE

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



SATURDAY
MAY 20

NAGLE COLLEGE
HALL, 58A ORWELL
STREET 2148
BLACKTOWN

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

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



Note: Please bring cash for mini game opportunities



PARISH 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.



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,
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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

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

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

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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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:

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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.

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