



# 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 MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST~ YEAR A

11TH JUNE 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.

This weekend we celebrate the feast of *Corpus Christi*. This is a very unique feast in our liturgical calendar, as it is one of the only feasts we celebrate in the Church's calendar, like Holy Trinity last week, which reflect a doctrine or belief as opposed to a saint, event or devotion. Though this feast was first instituted by the Bishop of Liège, Belgium in 1246 after the insistence of a Carmelite Nun who had a vision, it wasn't instituted as a Universal feast until 1261 by Pope Urban who was previously Archdeacon in Liège. It was not until the twelfth century that it really took hold however, just in time for the beginning of the reformation which would eventually deny the "true presence" in the Eucharist altogether.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us:

*The Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life.' [LG 11.] 'The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch.'*

At the very heart of our faith is the Eucharist- *Christ Himself*. This feast should challenge us to grow in our Eucharistic Spirituality, to a true encounter with our Lord. Developed throughout our Tradition is the devotion to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, visiting Christ and adoring this 'Bread of angels' has proved to be a staple in the spiritual life for those who wish to know and imitate Christ more. Yet so many Catholics completely ignore this great treasure of the Church, isolating their relationship with Christ to Sunday and wonder why they find the demands of Christian life difficult. We are privileged at this parish to have a chapel at which we can always have access to the Lord in our adoration chapel, as well as two opportunities for liturgical Adoration and Benediction, on Wednesdays and Fridays. "Withdraw yourself from people and spend at least a quarter of an hour, or a half-hour, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Taste and see how sweet is the Lord, and you will learn from your own experience how many graces this will bring you." (St Alphonsus Liguori).

*Fr. Rooney*

### 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 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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### PARISH CLOSED - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

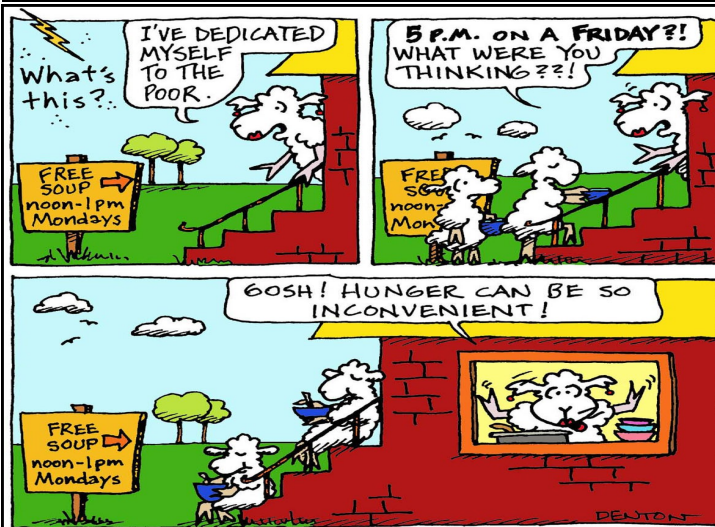
Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday 12th June 2023 (King's Birthday public holiday). The office will reopen on Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 9.00am.

Our normal Mass times on Monday will take place.  
St. Michael's Church - 8.00am  
St. Patrick's Church - 9.00am

Have a safe and blessed long weekend!



### SUNDAY FLOCK



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"The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?"

### Sheepish Question:

When and with whom can I share the bread of life this week?

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## THE LITURGY

### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST ~ YEAR A

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

**FIRST READING:** Dt 8:2-3. 14-16

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** PS 147:12-15. 19-20. R. V.12

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

**SECOND READING:** 1 COR 10:16-17

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Jn 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said.

Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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## DAILY READINGS

**Monday 12th June:** 2 Cor 1:1-7 ; Mt 5:1-12 .

**Tuesday 13th June:** 2 Cor 1:18-22 ; Mt 5:13-16 .

**Wednesday 14th June:** 2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19.

**Thursday 15th June:** 2 Cor 3:15 – 4:1, 3-6 ; Mt 5:20-26 .

**Friday 16th June:** Dt 7:6-11 ; Mt 11:25-30 .

**Saturday 17th June:** 2 Cor 5:14-21 ; Lk 2:41-51 .

**Sunday 18th June:** Ex 19:2-6 ; Rom 5:6-11 ; Mt 9:36 – 10:8 .

## FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 13th June ~ ***SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH***



Friday 16th June ~ ***THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS***



Saturday 10th June ~ ***IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY***

## 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

IN BRIEF

**1485** "On the evening of that day, the first day of the week," Jesus showed himself to his apostles. "He breathed on them, and said to them: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained'" (Jn 20:19, (22-23).

**1486** The forgiveness of sins committed after Baptism is conferred by a particular sacrament called the sacrament of conversion, confession, penance, or reconciliation.

**1487** The sinner wounds God's honor and love, his own human dignity as a man called to be a son of God, and the spiritual well-being of the Church, of which each Christian ought to be a living stone.

**1488** To the eyes of faith no evil is graver than sin and nothing has worse consequences for sinners themselves, for the Church, and for the whole world.

**1489** To return to communion with God after having lost it through sin is a process born of the grace of God who is rich in mercy and solicitous for the salvation of men. One must ask for this precious gift for oneself and for others.

**1490** The movement of return to God, called conversion and repentance, entails sorrow for and abhorrence of sins committed, and the firm purpose of sinning no more in the future. Conversion touches the past and the future and is nourished by hope in God's mercy.

**1491** The sacrament of Penance is a whole consisting in three actions of the penitent and the priest's absolution. the penitent's acts are repentance, confession or disclosure of sins to the priest, and the intention to make reparation and do works of reparation.

**1492** Repentance (also called contrition) must be inspired by motives that arise from faith. If repentance arises from love of charity for God, it is called "perfect" contrition; if it is founded on other motives, it is called "imperfect."

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Joseph Azzopardi, Joe Aquilina, Maurice Stanton, Eve Stanton, Lawrence Stanton, Rafael Reyes.

### IN MEMORIUM

Greta Eileen Lavender,

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Lily, Jess Calvo

### SICK

Felipe Ranoso, Nora Tolentino-Bonifacio, Rita Attard, 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

### 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 1st July 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:  
 Kassy Colorado & Azaleeyah Krascic

### 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

#### FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES

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

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](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.

### 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 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](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

### 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 September 2023. 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.

### SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are inviting parishioners to join them for a Holy Family Association & Friends gathering.


**Date:** Saturday, 24 June 2023

**Venue:** Queen of Poland Convent, Meeting Room 116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong. **9.30 am:** Morning Tea

**10.30 am:** Topic:— Mother Foundress - Bl. Frances Siedliska – Her Legacy. Her Dream for us. Speaker: Sr. Lois Ann Richardi, CSFN  
**12.00 pm:** Eucharist, followed by Lunch **RSVP by 19/6/2023** and for more information – Sr. Rita Apura, CSFN **Mob. 0424 678 766**

**Email:** [ahfcsfn@gmail.com](mailto:ahfcsfn@gmail.com)

### 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.

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



The Social Justice Group is having BBQs in both churches after each Mass. Proceeds of the BBQs is in aid of the House of Welcome and JRS (Jesuit Refugees Services).

**BBQs at St Patrick's Church are on 17/18 June and**

**BBQs at St Michael's Church are on 25 June.**

We thank you all for your support and generosity.



### 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. Refreshments are provided.

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

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# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## LITURGY CONFERENCE

The Diocesan Liturgy Conference is on again in 2023! Save the date for Saturday 15 July at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. Fr Peter Williams AM VG will be the Keynote speaker as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. The conference will include a variety of workshops such as nourishing faith in children and discovering sacred art. To register, please visit [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495), scan the QR code or contact [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org)



## DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023

Over the next six weeks, Bishop Vincent is travelling throughout the Diocese and listening directly to people's stories and suggestions about our Church. Join him at our two sessions and have your say. Events start at 6.30pm with light refreshments:

- Saturday 17 June at St Andrew the Apostle Primary School, Marayong.
- Saturday 24 June at Holy Spirit Primary School, St Clair.

To register for your local consultation and to learn more about the Diocesan synod, visit [parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://parracatholic.org/synod2023)

### Walking Together: Interfaith Consultation

As part of our Diocesan Synod consultations, the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and the Interfaith Commission of the Diocese of Parramatta are co-hosting a series of consultations to discuss how we are called to walk together with believers from other religions. The first consultation will be held on Tuesday 13 June at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre from 6.30pm to 9pm. All are welcome to attend and to listen to leaders from the Hindu and Islamic traditions who will share their perspectives on interfaith. The other consultations will take place Tuesday 27 June at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 6.30pm to 9pm and Wednesday 12 July from 6.30pm to 9pm at St Patrick's Parish, Guildford.

## 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!

## 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



## 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 Allawah 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](mailto:YOUTH@MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU) OR ON 9622 1125.

## YOUTH PILGRIMAGE



**Youth Pilgrimage**

HOSTED BY MQOF YOUTH  
 SATURDAY, 8TH JULY 2023 | 9AM - 4PM  
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## 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.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY  
 AT SUNDAY MASS**

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!

## 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](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**



### SAFE PARISHES WEEK 2023.

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 9<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am - 2.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Marion Street Blacktown  
Please register for this mandatory training at:

[safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

### 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).

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Account Name: Diocesan Clergy  
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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](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.

### 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.

### SUBSCRIBE TO OUR BULLETIN

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