



# 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*

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ YEAR A

25TH 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.

## Do Not Be Afraid, Be My Witnesses

This Sunday's readings challenge us not to be afraid but be witnesses of Jesus Christ. We are to preach and proclaim his Gospels boldly without fear. We know that sometimes we fear as a protective purpose to achieve great things. In our Christians perspective, fear is from evil, and it can be an enemy to our faith or may be due to a weak faith. We fear authority and persecution because we want to avoid pain and sufferings. But in the face of a duty to preach and proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom, we have to move on despite all difficulties of pain and suffering. We are always safe in God's hands.

In the Gospel, Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid" three times. Powerful words. Maybe Jesus warns his disciples: "Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves," (Mt 10:16). When Jesus sent out his disciples to be witnesses to his mission and preach his Gospels, he urges them to trust in God. God knows the detail of their lives. They should know He will give them strength, support, and protection in carrying out the mission. Jesus encourages his disciples not to fear those who can kill the body, evil ones have no power to kill the soul. And this is the promise of God right from the beginning of Salvation history throughout human life in which God rewards His children with eternal kingdom.

In the first reading, the same message is conveyed to us. Jeremiah was constantly threatened to fear his enemies. Why should he not fear? Because he was not a predator. He was God's prophet who proclaimed the truth to his people who needed to hear the message of God. As we know, truth always hurts, because those who do not accept the message kill the body. How many are there who suffered the same fate as Jeremiah. They are many every day. They are killed by their own people. But God spoke to His people through His Son Jesus Christ who suffered like the prophets. Despite life's trial and uncertainties, Christ offers his firm light, shining on our way, revealing eternal truths, and removing fears, doubts, and false ideas.

And so, on this Sunday, Jesus challenges us to examine ourselves especially our faith that drives us to know the truth. "Do not be afraid," because it is Christ's love that drives away all fear. Our opponents will not be able to prevent us from following Jesus in our mission because God plans cannot be changed at all. "Everything that is now covered will be uncovered." The Lord "will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness," (1 Cor 4:5). Our God will not allow evil to win and block our way, only the light of Christ will continue to shine in our lives. God is watching over us. He gives us comfort, strength, and hope, especially in times of difficulty and danger. May we continue to praise His name. Amen.

*Deacon John Cinya*

### 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.

### 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, Ekhlash 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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### GENTLE REMINDER

To the Parents of our young children may we suggest that you sit towards the front where it is easier for little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, ministers of the altar, choir, etc. If you have to leave the Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said "Let the children come to me".

To the members of our parish. The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to the parents.



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### SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."

**Sheepish Question:**  
For what do I need courage (OR wisdom) right now?

## THE LITURGY

### TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ YEAR A

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 27:8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.

Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

#### FIRST READING: Jer 20:10-13

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. V.14

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

#### SECOND READING: ROM 5:12-15

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL: Mt 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 144:15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

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## 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 5 THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

#### I. Its Foundations in the Economy of Salvation

**1500** Illness and suffering have always been among the gravest problems confronted in human life. In illness, man experiences his powerlessness, his limitations, and his finitude. Every illness can make us glimpse death.

**1501** Illness can lead to anguish, self-absorption, sometimes even despair and revolt against God. It can also make a person more mature, helping him discern in his life what is not essential so that he can turn toward that which is. Very often illness provokes a search for God and a return to him.

#### The sick person before God

**1502** The man of the Old Testament lives his sickness in the presence of God. It is before God that he laments his illness, and it is of God, Master of life and death, that he implores healing.<sup>98</sup> Illness becomes a way to conversion; God's forgiveness initiates the healing.<sup>99</sup> It is the experience of Israel that illness is mysteriously linked to sin and evil, and that faithfulness to God according to his law restores life: "For I am the Lord, your healer."<sup>100</sup> The prophet intuits that suffering can also have a redemptive meaning for the sins of others.<sup>101</sup> Finally Isaiah announces that God will usher in a time for Zion when he will pardon every offense and heal every illness.<sup>102</sup>

#### Christ the physician

**1503** Christ's compassion toward the sick and his many healings of every kind of infirmity are a resplendent sign that "God has visited his people"<sup>103</sup> and that the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Jesus has the power not only to heal, but also to forgive sins;<sup>104</sup> he has come to heal the whole man, soul and body; he is the physician the sick have need of.<sup>105</sup> His compassion toward all who suffer goes so far that he identifies himself with them: "I was sick and you visited me."<sup>106</sup> His preferential love for the sick has not ceased through the centuries to draw the very special attention of Christians toward all those who suffer in body and soul. It is the source of tireless efforts to comfort them.

## DAILY READINGS

Monday 26th June: Gen 12:1-9 ; Mt 7:1-5.

Tuesday 27th June: Gen 13:2. 5-18 ; Mt 7:6. 12-14.

Wednesday 28th June: Gen 15:1-12. 17-18 ; Mt 7:15-20.

Thursday 29th June: 12:1-11 ; Mt 16:13-19.

Friday 30th June: Gen 17:1. 9-10. 15-22 ; Mt 8:1-4.

Saturday 1st July: Gen 18:1-15 ; Mt 8:5-17.

Sunday 2nd July: 2Kgs 4:8-11.14-16;Rom 6:3-4.8-11;Mt 10:37-42.

## FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 27th June ~ **SAINT CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Wednesday 28th June ~ **SAINT IRENAEUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR**

Thursday 29th June ~ **SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

Friday 30th June ~ **THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH**

Saturday 1st July ~ **SATURDAY MASS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Doug Considine.

### DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Tony Muscat, Mary.

### IN MEMORIUM

John Hegy, Ofelia Batan, Mary Mifusd.

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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### 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



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:

Alexandra Baker, Maddison Leorego, Rory Lynden.

### 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

### 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 SmartLoving 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.

### A GENTLE REMINDER

On behalf of our parish community we would like to thank our ministry volunteers for their continued support, the sharing of their gifts and talents, which allows us to achieve the vision and mission of our parish. If you are unable to fulfil your role at any given time or your situation changes to allow you to volunteer, we invite you to advise the parish team via email: [ministryteam@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:ministryteam@mqofblacktown.org.au) This will allow us to ensure we are aware and will be able to assist in providing opportunities for other ministers to help out. Thanks!

### 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 Sid Mosley Centre 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.**

## AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED



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One of the major works of *Aid to the Church in Need* is providing transport to priests, sisters, and catechists to reach the faithful, who are often at great distances and must go through difficult terrain. In 2022, ACN provided 1,253 pastoral vehicles. This included 564 cars, 406 bicycles, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses, and 4 trucks for the pastoral work of the Church – particularly in Latin America and Africa. Can you help us supply transport to priests and religious again in 2023? Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/transport](http://www.aidtochurch.org/transport) or scan the QR code to make an offering and learn more.



## 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 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

## WORKING BEE AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

The next parish working bee will take place next Saturday 1st July from 9:30am to 11:30am. We ask parishioners who are interested in participating to please contact the parish office to register their assistance.



## 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)



## SONJA CORBETT ~ SAVE THE DATE



On Sunday 9th July, 11.00am at St. Patrick's Primary school's multipurpose area, Sonja Corbett will be visiting our parish to give a talk on "Healing your inner child". A veteran Scripture teacher, Sonja founded a non-profit as an evangelical when her own deep need for more of God began to connect with her non-Catholic brothers and sisters, and she started receiving invitations to speak around the country. Serving both itinerantly and locally, and on radio and TV, she was privileged for many years to witness God speaking and moving in people's lives through her teaching. All are welcome to attend!

## 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 & WOMEN'S 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.

## PARISH GOLF DAY



# GOLF DAY

## 29.09.2023



Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club  
86 Stonecutters Dr,  
Colebee NSW 2761



FOR MORE DETAILS:

<https://www.mqofblacktown.org/golfday2023>

## 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



## YOUTH PILGRIMAGE



# Youth Pilgrimage

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SATURDAY, 15TH JULY 2023 | 9AM - 4PM  
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## 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 22nd June 2023, we have received the sum of **\$76,139.00** in donations. We are also thankful to those who are still considering... only your continued support can make the roof of the House of our God rebuild!

Where are we now? The parish maintenance volunteers in their recent meeting decided to contact the Property Manager of the Diocese of Parramatta to provide a roof expert to reassess the roof issue and provide recommendations. We will keep you posted of the outcome. Again we ask for your patience, generosity and prayers and, thank you for your ongoing support. It is much appreciated.

#### HOW TO DONATE:

1. Scan the QR code to donate or logon to the following link (<https://www.mqofblacktown.org/make-a-donation-or-payment>)  
Please type 'Raise the Roof' or just 'Roof' in the description field when making the donation.
2. Fill in the red 'Raise the Roof' donation form we have placed at the doors of each church authorising us to debit your Credit card or bank account and then, drop this into the collection bags or to the parish office; or
3. Simply place your cash donation in an envelope marked 'Raise the Roof' together with your name and contact details and drop this into collection bags or to the parish office.
4. Set up a new Planned Giving or increase your current one via Credit Card or Direct Debit from bank account (this form is available in the foyer)



If you have any questions or, if you can assist or support us in any way, due to your expertise or background, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125.

### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Setting up a one-time or recurring donation/Planned Giving is quick and easy. Just go to: [www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations).  
You can also send your offerings/donations thru bank transfer:

#### FIRST COLLECTION: For the Diocesan Clergy

Account Name: Diocesan Clergy  
Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 4265  
Reference: 6004 - Donor's Name

#### SECOND COLLECTION: For the Parish

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](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au). Thank you so much for your continued support of our parish. We are grateful!

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

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

### SUBSCRIBE TO OUR BULLETIN

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### BISHOP VINCENT ON ABC TV 1 ~ 25TH JUNE 2023

Bishop Vincent and our Church will be featured on the ABC Compass program "Sacred Space" to air on ABC TV 1 on Sunday 25 June at 6.30pm.

### ST.VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Next weekend our parish will be supporting the annual St. Vincent de Paul's annual winter appeal. Funds raised through the Vinnies Winter Appeal will be used to provide assistance with food, clothing, household bills, specialist homelessness services and support people in need to find and maintain secure housing.



### 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

### SAFEGUARDING MANDATORY MODULES

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are organising sessions for parish clergy, staff and volunteers to complete their Mandatory Safeguarding Modules 1-3 throughout July at St Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills.

- Tuesday 4 July (12noon-4.45pm) for Modules 1-3  
Monday 10 July (6.30pm-8.30pm) for Modules 1 and 3  
Tuesday 11 July (6.30pm-8.00pm) for Module 2  
Saturday 22 July (12noon-4.45pm) for Modules 1-3

Please email [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or [winstonhills@parracatholic.org](mailto:winstonhills@parracatholic.org) to register for one of these face-to-face opportunities to complete your Mandatory Safeguarding Training.

### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

#### UPDATE ON ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH MAINTENANCE WORKS

We would like to thank the generous parishioners who have funded the following:

**All the doors to the Church & The restoration of the Dedication Plaque**

The works still outstanding are:

- Roof maintenance
- Gutters Replacement
- Painting of ceiling of the Sanctuary
- Carpark repairs and resurfacing

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

Please don't hesitate to talk to one of our priests or call the parish office on 9622 1125 or email [accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au). All donations are welcome.

Thank you. God bless us.

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