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Mary, Queen of the Family Parish

St. Michael's Church - 58 Orwell Street, South Blacktown. & St. Patricks' Church - 51 - 59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY ~ YEAR A

4TH 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.

The Most Holy Trinity

The doctrine of the Trinity is the central belief of our faith. Every other aspect of our faith, what the Church teaches on faith and morals, flows from this truth about who God is in himself – that he is Three and One. This is why it is so important that we understand as best we can this unfathomable mystery, that when we talk about God, we have in mind the true faith of the Church, the revelation of Jesus, that God is this communion of love of three Persons sharing the one divine nature. As Aquinas says, "a little error in the beginning, leads to a great one in the end."

God is the very act of self-giving love, pouring himself forth in this threefold exchange of love. No one Person taking, but all giving and receiving in this dance of love. This much we can say about this mystery which is entirely beyond our comprehension. But this much is important to get right, so that we have a sure foundation from which to think about everything else and live how we ought to live.

One doctrine that is particularly relevant with respect to this doctrine of the Trinity is that we are made in God's image and likeness. We are made in the image and likeness of this God who is communion. Which means that we are, by nature, communal, relational. We are not, at base, these autonomous individuals that the systems of our modern societies are based on. We are all sons and daughters, which are terms of relation. We all have a mother and a father, without which we simply wouldn't be. And so if our lives, in every aspect, are not modelled on the selfemptying love of the Trinity, then we won't be living a life worth living, and we won't be clear images of him in the world.

A friend of mine in the seminary always used to call us atheists when we would fail in charity and he was making a significant point. Unless we demonstrate in the way we live that we believe in this God of communion, then our faith will be shaky indeed. And so the invitation for us today is to contemplate this mystery of Divine Love and to examine ourselves, asking, do I really believe?

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.

Parish Priest: Fr. Regle Lavinia, MoP.
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@mgofblacktown.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, Ekhlas Ambili, Erica Luiz, Harlane Petersen, Helena Vea, Tony Fernando, Sidney Lazum, Fr. Regie Lavilla, Fr. Andrew Rooney, Fr. Ever Bernaldez, Rev. John Cinya, & Blake

Parish Schools:

St Michael's Primary:

P · 8869 6200 https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au

St Patrick's Primary: : 8869 6000

https://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au

Nagle College:

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.celcblacktownsth.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

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- * 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



WORSHIP ~ Practice the right forms of Worship. WORD ~ Increase the Biblical literacy in the Parish.



WALL ~ Building our community.

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THANK YOU!

On behalf of our Parish community we would like to acknowledge and thank all those who assisted in our Pentecost Mass with Fr. Chris Alar at St. Patrick's Church last Sunday. We had over one thousand people attend and without the support, prayers, donation of talent and time this event would not have been possible. Once



again our deepest gratitude to everyone involved. Thanks also to everyone who supported the youth fundraiser at the event. God Bless!

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SUNDAY FLOCK



"God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Sheepish Question:

What can I do each day to embrace God's love and understand salvation in Jesus?

THE LITURGY THE MOST HOLY TRINITY ~ YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

FIRST READING: Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: DN 3:52-56. R. V.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

SECOND READING: 2 COR 13:11-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jn 3:16-18 Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Gal 4:6

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday 5th June: Tob 1:3; 2:1-8; Mk 12:1-12. Tuesday 6th June: Tob 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17.

Wednesday 7th June: Tob 3:1-11, 16-17; Mk 12:18-27.

Thursday 8th June: Tob 6:10-11;7:1. 9-14;8:4-9;Mk 12:28-34

Friday 9th June: Tob 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37.

Saturday 10th June: Tob 12:1, 5-15, 20 : Mk 12:38-44.

Sunday 11th June: Dt 8:2-3. 14-16;1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58.

FEAST DAYS

Monday 5th June ~ SAINT BONIFACE, BISHOP AND

MARTYR

Tuesday 6th June ~ SAINT NORBERT, BISHOP & SAINT MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT, PRIEST



Friday 9th June ~ SAINT EPHREM, DEACON AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH



Saturday 10th June ~SATURDAY MASS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Sunday 11th June ~ THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



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

XI. The Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance

1482 The sacrament of Penance can also take place in the framework of a communal celebration in which we prepare ourselves together for confession and give thanks together for the forgiveness received. Here, the personal confession of sins and individual absolution are inserted into a liturgy of the word of God with readings and a homily, an examination of conscience conducted in common, a communal request for forgiveness, the Our Father and a thanksgiving in common. This communal celebration expresses more clearly the ecclesial character of penance. However, regardless of its manner of celebration the sacrament of Penance is always, by its very nature, a liturgical action, and therefore an ecclesial and public action.90

1483 In case of grave necessity recourse may be had to a communal celebration of reconciliation with general confession and general absolution. Grave necessity of this sort can arise when there is imminent danger of death without sufficient time for the priest or priests to hear each penitent's confession. Grave necessity can also exist when, given the number of penitents, there are not enough confessors to hear individual confessions properly in a reasonable time, so that the penitents through no fault of their own would be deprived of sacramental grace or Holy Communion for a long time. In this case, for the absolution to be valid the faithful must have the intention of individually confessing their sins in the time required.91 The diocesan bishop is the judge of whether or not the conditions required for general absolution exist. 92 A large gathering of the faithful on the occasion of major feasts or pilgrimages does not constitute a case of grave necessity.93

1484 "Individual, integral confession and absolution remain the only ordinary way for the faithful to reconcile themselves with God and the Church, unless physical or moral impossibility excuses from this kind of confession."94 There are profound reasons for this. Christ is at work in each of the sacraments. He personally addresses every sinner: "My son, your sins are forgiven."95 He is the physician tending each one of the sick who need him to cure them. 96 He raises them up and reintegrates them into fraternal communion. Personal confession is thus the form most expressive of reconciliation with God and with the Church.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Frank Cefai, Jose Bermudez, Louise Vella.

IN MEMORIUM

Dayne Vaz, Otto Zehentner, Delia Camat Higoy, Lorna & Rex Scott.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Limun & Frugal Families.

<u>SICK</u>

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

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

THE SACRAMENTS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



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://mgofblacktown.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://mgofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS REGISTRATION CLOSURE DATES:

Confirmation Process: 3rd July 2023.

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

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our sacramental coordinator on the details below:

Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Sacramental Coordinator)

Mary Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown.

Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

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

FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES

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

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

Saturday 17th June 5.30pm Mass (St. Patrick's). Sunday 18th June 9.30am Mass (St. Michael's Church)

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

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS 2023

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 2nd September, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bede Heather Centre (formerly known as the Institute For Mission) in the Downstairs Hall, 1- 5 Marion Street, Blacktown 2148 (off Flushcombe Road).

For more information please contact Ged our sacramental coordinator. Date of confirmation will be Tuesday 5th September, 2023 at 7.30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral - Parramatta.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called DSmartLoving Dcan also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org

or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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



PARISH GROUPS

BIBLE STUDY GROUP



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

HOLY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP PRAYER GROUP Contact: Charles Hyson, 0412 631 602, www.holyfamilyfellowship.com

Meeting Time and Venue: Every 2nd Saturday 6:30pm-9:30pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church.

JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS



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

LEGION OF MARY ST MICHAEL'S



Contact: Noemi Romero, 0475 798 770 (for statue bookings)

Meeting Time and Venue: Every Thursday, 4:00pm – 6:00pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's

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



Contact: Jude Besterwitch, 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

CATECHIST MINISTRY

Contact: Sandra Baker admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

TEHILLAH COMMUNITY



Contact: Ash & Rozario Fernando, 0416 861 976 or 0412 195 916

For More Information please contact our the parish office.

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



Contact: Blake Bano Blake@mgofblacktown.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 February 2022. We encourage those wishing to join a Liturgical Ministry to complete these sets of courses.

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

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

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

On Sunday 11th June to celebrate Corpus Christi our parish will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

At St. Michael's Church from 7am to 7:45am

At St Patrick's Church from 9am to 9:45am

FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

Please continue to donate non perishable items. Your donations will go to help those who are doing it tough in our community and beyond. Food donations can be placed in the baskets in the church foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

The social justice group are requesting Parishioners to please continue to bring in cans and bottles for recycling. ONLY CANS AND BOTTLES THAT HAVE 10 cents printed on them. Please place these in containers in the foyer of the church. Thank you for your support. The money collected is for social justice issues.

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



ARTS & CRAFT MOVEMENT

Join us every Friday of the week from 10..00am till 12:00pm at Cardinal Clancy room at St. Patrick's Church. Our Arts and Crafts activities will include: Embroidery and Embellishment, Crocheting, Knitting, Arts and Crafts (Painting) & Sewing.

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

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

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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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, scan the QR code or contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org

THEOLOGY HOUR - VOCATIONS PANEL

Catholic Youth Parramatta and Campion College combine to bring you Theology Hour – Vocations edition! Theology Hour seeks to create a space for young people aged 18-24, to receive formation and authentic connections in a casual, fun environment. The night will include a food truck, coffee van, expo stalls, bonfire, live panel, live music and more! Please join us on Wednesday 7 June from 6:30pm-9:30pm at Campion College, 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie. Register here: https://parracatholic.org/theologyhour/

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 <u>parracatholic.org/synod2023</u>

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

ctivities. Every Sunday during the 9:30am Mass at St. Michael's Church



JOIN OURYOUTH BANDS

Musicians and Singers needed

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



VICTUS SERIES

Adoration, Reconciliation, Mass & Fellowship

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



YOUNG MEN & WOMENS MINISTRY
Youth Events for Men & Women

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

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

SAVE THE DATE ~ PARISH MOVIE NIGHT



SIMON CARRINGTON ~ TALK ON DATING!



YOUTH PILGRIMAGE



CHILDREN'S LITURGY RETURNS

Dear Parishioners,

We are excited to inform you that the Children's Liturgy has kicked off again. This will be hosted for about 25 minutes during the 9.30am Sunday Mass at St. Michael's and the 10.00am Sunday mass at St. Patrick's.



The purpose is to catechise our children and

help them learn about Jesus and the story of Salvation. All children from ages 2-12 and who have not yet received First Holy Communion are very welcome. We are also seeking volunteers to assist in this ministry, if you are interested please contact the parish office to register your details!

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

UPDATE ON "RAISE THE ROOF" PROJECT

We are grateful to all our parishioners and friends who shared their treasures to our church. As of 4th May 2023, we have received the sum of \$76,388.00 in donations. We are also thankful to those who are still considering... only your continued support can make the roof of the House of our God rebuild!

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

HOW TO DONATE:

1. Scan the QR code to donate or logon to the following link (https://www.mqofblacktown.org/make-a-donation-or-payment)

Please type 'Raise the Roof' or just 'Roof' in the description field when making the donation.

- 2 . Fill in the red 'Raise the Roof' donation form we have placed at the doors of each church authorising us to debit your Credit card or bank account and then, drop this into the collection bags or to the parish office; or
- 3. Simply place your cash donation in an envelope marked 'Raise the Roof' together with your name and contact details and drop this into collection bags or to the parish office.
- 4. Set up a new Planned Giving or increase your current one via Credit Card or Direct Debit from bank account (this form is available in the foyer)

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

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Setting up a one-time or recurring donation/Planned Giving is quick and easy. Just go to: www.mgofblacktown.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. Thank you so much for your continued support of our parish. We are grateful!

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

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

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SAVE THE DATE ~ PARISH EVENTS

Our parish needs volunteers to assist in implementing the below parish events. If you our available to share your time and talent please contact the parish office to register your interest!

We look forward to hearing from you!

Ph: 9622 1125 or email: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

PARISH FEAST DAY IN HONOUR OF MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY -Sunday, 20th of August, 2023

PARISH GOLF DAY – Friday, 29th of September, 2023



PARISH CHRISTMAS GALA – Saturday, 09th of December, 2023

SAFE PARISHES WEEK 2023.

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards <u>all</u> volunteers in parish ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training. The Office of the Children's Guardian expects all volunteers in parish ministry have now met this Standard. In the Diocese of Parramatta we have a zero tolerance of abuse. We therefore commit to keeping children safe as well as all adults at risk. You are now required to register for the Mandatory 6 points of Safeguarding Training to complete Cycle 1: Register for the Mandatory Training during Safe Parishes Week on: Friday 9th June at 9.30am - 2.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Marion Street Blacktown Please register for this mandatory training at:

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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

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 Plague

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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