



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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ YEAR A

16TH JULY 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 Living Word of God

The Word of God is compared to a seed. God, as the sower, sows the seed liberally to good soil and bad soil, to good and bad people, to saints and sinners alike. There is no limit to God's power to save. He has the encompassing and all embracing grace to save each one of us. Only one thing is being asked, be OPEN!

When we open ourselves to the Word of God, we allow it to permeate the depths of our being, our hearts and minds. It becomes a guiding force which leads us on the path of righteousness and virtue. God's Word has the power to ignite change within us, helping us to shed our old ways and embrace the transformative journey of faith. It renews us, breathes new life into our spirits and offers a compass to navigate the complexities of life. In the presence of the Word of God, we find solace, wisdom and strength to face the challenges that come our way. It serves as a beacon of hope that inspires us to persevere and to seek a deeper relationship with our creator.

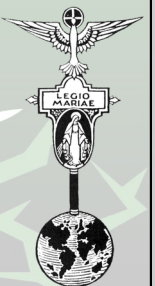
Indeed, the Word of God is alive. It can do a lot more than we can imagine. It can bear much fruits in our lives and to the world; a hundred, or sixty, or thirty times more. What an innumerable grace, it can manifest.

Fr Ever Bernaldez MSP

This Weekend: Legion of Mary Recruitment Drive

The Legion of Mary was founded on the 7th of September 1921 by Servant of God Frank Duff. It is the largest association of Catholics in the world with over 10 million members active and auxiliary (praying) Its mission is to help the church establish the kingdom of God on earth. This is the continuation of the work of Mary which began at the Annunciation when she agreed to bring the son of God to the world.

The legion is built upon devotion to Mary. She is the perfect example of faith in God. Mary knows that nothing is impossible to God, The legion of Mary aims to imitate her, bringing Jesus to everyone they meet.



Parish Directory

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

Parish Office: At St. Patrick's Church. **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm
Telephone: 02 9622 1125 **A/H:** 02 8705 0830.
Website: www.mqofblacktown.org.au **Email:** admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

Parish Team:

Parish Priest: Fr. Regie Lavilla, MSP.
Assistant Priests: Fr. Ever Bernaldez, MSP & Fr. Andrew Rooney
Deacons: Rev. John Cinya & Rev. Tom Green
Finance Officer: Sarah Canete-Damole **Email:** accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au
Secretaries: Ann Hart (Wed-Fri) & Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Mon & Tues)
Email: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au
Sacramental Coordinator: Gerald "Ged" Oblea. **Mobile:** 0422 724 008
Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au
Catechist Coordinator: Sandra Baker
Youth Minister & Liturgy Coordinator: Blake Bano

Parish Pastoral Council: **Chair:** Cecil Fernandes; **Asst Chair:** Joshua Carr **Secretary:** Savita Surendra
Members: Beato Pudadera, Ekhlis 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.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



- * 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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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

We request the prayers of our parishioners for all the youth and participants that are about to embark on the pilgrimage towards Lisbon Portugal for World Youth Day 2023.

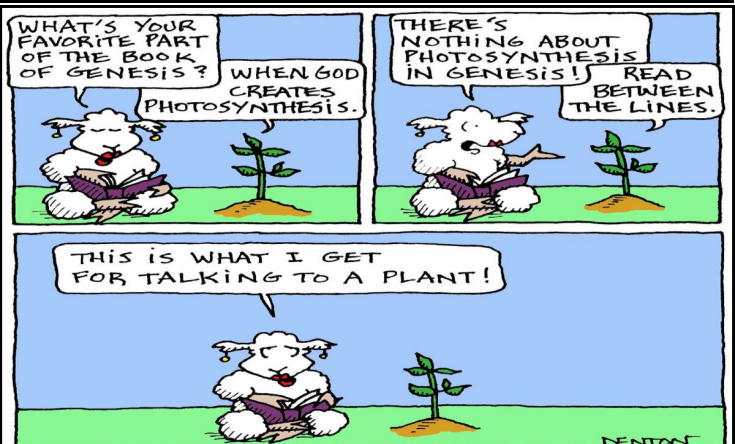


As you are aware we have been blessed to send 10 pilgrims from our parish, with Deacon Tom and Fr. Rooney attending as well.

We ask our heavenly Father to keep them safe during their journey and a renewed spirit to serve our parish.

There will be a flag for parishioners to write their prayer intentions and words of encouragement to the pilgrims at St. Michael's church this weekend. This flag will travel with our pilgrims during World Youth Day.

SUNDAY FLOCK



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"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit."

Sheepish Question:

What new insights from God's Word have influenced my actions?

THE LITURGY

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING: Is 55:10-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 64:10-14. R. LK 8:8

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING: ROM 8:18-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 83:4-8

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday 17th July: Ex 1:8-14, 22 ; Mt 10:34 - 11:1 .

Tuesday 18th July: Ex 2:1-15 ; Mt 11:20-24.

Wednesday 19th July: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27.

Thursday 20th July: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30.

Friday 21st July: Ex 11:10 - 12:14 ; Mt 12:1-8 .

Saturday 22nd July: Song of Songs 3:1-14 ; Jn 20:1- 2,11-18.

Sunday 23rd July: Wis 12:13, 16-19 ;Rom 8:26-27 ; Mt 13:24-43 .

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

"Heal the sick . . ." cont'd

1512 From ancient times in the liturgical traditions of both East and West, we have testimonies to the practice of anointings of the sick with blessed oil. Over the centuries the Anointing of the Sick was conferred more and more exclusively on those at the point of death. Because of this it received the name "Extreme Unction." Notwithstanding this evolution the liturgy has never failed to beg the Lord that the sick person may recover his health if it would be conducive to his salvation.¹²⁶

1513 The Apostolic Constitution *Sacram unktionem infirmorum*,¹²⁷ following upon the Second Vatican Council,¹²⁸ established that henceforth, in the Roman Rite, the following be observed:

The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given to those who are seriously ill by anointing them on the forehead and hands with duly blessed oil - pressed from olives or from other plants - saying, only once: "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up."¹²⁹

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Vale Fr. Carl Ashton

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Andrew Lobo

IN MEMORIUM

Charlie Sakr

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Deceased members of Tanti Family

SICK

Chelzee de la Cruz, 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 5th August 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:
 Abigail Osmo

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:

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

Confirmation process commences with Parent encounter on **18th July.**

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

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 "SmartLoving" can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

RCIA PROCESS

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process developed by the Church to welcome adults desiring to enter more fully into the Catholic Church by completing their Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Any adult who is already Catholic and is interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith is also welcome to join us. To register your interest please contact the parish office. Ph: 02 9622 1125 or admin@mqofblacktown.org.au



PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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



PARISH GROUPS

BIBLE STUDY GROUP



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

HOLY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP PRAYER GROUP

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

JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS



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

LEGION OF MARY ST MICHAEL'S



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

LEGION OF MARY ST PATRICK'S



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

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS



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

MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP



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

ROSARY GROUP



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

CATECHIST MINISTRY



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

TEHILLAH COMMUNITY



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

TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP



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

YOUTH MINISTRY



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

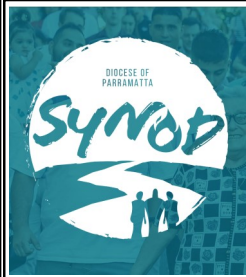
PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

JOIN THE CLEANING TEAM AT ST.PATRICK'S!

We are inviting volunteers to be part of our church cleaning team at St. Patrick's Church. If you are available to participate in this important ministry at our parish please contact the parish office to register your interest. Ph: 02 9622 1125 or admin@mqofblacktown.org.au



DIOCESAN SYNOD



Final submissions for our Diocesan Synod close on the 31st July. Forms which will give you an opportunity to make any final responses to the Synod have been left in foyer. We encourage you to fill these out and put them in the boxes provided at both churches by Sunday 30th July.

The guiding question is: How can the local Church better support you in your faith life?

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: 9:30pm 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 OR ON 9622 1125.

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

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!

PARISH FEAST DAY~ SAVE THE DATES

NOVENA/MASS

Marian Talk - 10th August.

Novena Masses - 11th to 19th August.

Feast Day Celebrations Sunday - 20th August.

We invite parishioners to save the date for our Annual Parish Feast Day, which will take place on Sunday 20th August. To prepare for our celebrations there will be Marian talk on Thursday 10th August at St. Michael's Church followed by 9 Day Novena Masses in the lead up to the Feast Day.



FOOD FESTIVAL:

What national food will you cook to share with your fellow parishioners at our 2023 Parish Feast Day?

We are calling on parishioners to donate food for our Feast Day!

We need parishioners and friends to donate/cook one or two trays of their favourite national dish, and to bring these along on the day of the Feast, to share with others.

The Feast Day, in honour of Mary, Queen of the Family, will be a celebration of our diverse and multicultural community and, will also be a fundraising event to raise much needed funds for our parish.

Please contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125 or email admin@mqofblacktown.org.au to advise what you will cook and bring on the day.

MEAL TICKETS :

The 2023 Feast Lunch and Raffle Tickets will be on sale next weekend at the Piety Shop and church foyers.

- \$10 each for ages 12 and up (including drinks)
- \$5 each for ages 5-11 (including drinks)
- Free for age 0-4

RAFFLE TICKETS: \$5 for 3 or \$2 each

First Prize : \$500

Second Prize: \$300

Third Prize : \$200

And lots of consolation prizes!!!!

We are also seeking unwanted gifts or prizes to be donated to the parish for raffle prizes. These can be dropped off at the office during our office hours. We will also be selling prepaid meal tickets from next weekend for the feast day fellowship.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and support, and look forward to seeing you on the day...

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.

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!!



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.

PARKING AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



It has been brought to our notice that cars are parking in the Bus Bay at St Michael's Church.

We ask that you please do not park your vehicle in the "U" shaped Bus Bay as this makes it difficult and unsafe for buses picking up or dropping off children.

We want to ensure the safety of the community of Nagle College, St Michael's Primary School and our parishioners of St Michael's Church.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

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E: patricianbros@parra.catholic.edu.au

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Thank you for your positive response...

The Clergy Team and Finance Committee would like to thank you all for your positive response to the Collections Appeal that was made at all Masses in early May. Two months have now passed, and, from all accounts, there's been a pleasing increase to both the First and Second Collections each week. It would be great if this momentum could be sustained and, all we ask of you is, that, you give what you can each week, based on your circumstances at the time. We continue to face new financial issues and the need to adequately maintain both our churches, whilst at the same time, meet our bills and obligations. And, should you be in a position to sign up to Planned Giving, then please do so, using the forms available at both churches or via our website.

Thank you again for your ongoing generosity and support of our parish.....

THANK YOU!

CHURCH MAINTENANCE UPDATE



"RAISE THE ROOF PROJECT ~ ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH"

Where are we now? We are waiting for final quotes from the roof experts recommended. We continue to ask for your patience, generosity and prayers and, thank you for your ongoing support. It is much appreciated. As of 30th June 2023, we have received the sum of **\$77,649.00** 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!

AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

We are excited to announce that the painting of the sanctuary ceiling has now been completed. The replacement of the Gutters and Downpipes has commenced. The next maintenance issues that we will be focusing on is improving the lighting of the Sanctuary, and painting the new doors. This will be completed shortly and the estimated cost is \$31,000. Followed by Roof maintenance and Carpark repairs and resurfacing. Our parish is seeking the generosity of our parishioners to help fund all these projects.

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.

HOW TO DONATE: Scan the QR code to donate or log on to the following link (<https://www.mqofblacktown.org/make-a-donation-or-payment>) Please type in the description field what you are making the donation towards. E.g. Roof

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

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

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

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