



# 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*

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ YEAR A

23RD 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.

## Weeds among the Wheat

Again, on this 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time of Year A, we hear in chapter 13 of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus continues to teach the crowds with long and complex parables. Jesus breaks the parable into three parts. In the first part, Jesus uses a good seed that was sown in the field, unfortunately an enemy came at night and sowed weeds all through the wheat. The work of the enemy was a cruel act on the farmer who sacrificed and sweated to feed his family, and the society. The weeds stand for evil people who are unrepentant, whose aim is to destroy the righteous, the wheat.

As Jesus himself explains clearly in the parable, there are always two views of the Church, those who see the Church with evil eyes, no faith, no appreciation on good work the Church is doing. And for us the baptised Christians, what do we do with such people who are weeds among us. Christians have visible eyes, have faith to tackle evil through bearing the cross of Jesus Christ. As St Paul said in the second reading, the spirit comes to strengthen and encourage us to live and evangelise among the weeds. The Christians are the building bridges in our broken world full of hatred, discrimination, division, prejudice, and harm to fellow human beings.

Thanks to Jesus Christ for fulfilling the promise of the Father for bringing us to understand the kingdom of heaven. He did not weed out Judas Iscariot who betrayed him, or Simon Peter who denied him not once, but three times. He knew the honest man has stolen something in his life, and this also happens to us in our family, with friends, and the society. It does not mean that all people are betrayers or deniers.

To be Christian is to resist evil and to overcome it by doing good. Every Christian suffers from the result of our fallen world that causes wounds. We are all sinners. We are all wounded, and the wounds go deep, caused by the sins of other people, sometimes in a clear way or in a hidden way. Yet, the wheat can grow among the weeds. We grow among the evil doers, and Christianity will continue to survive.

This is the time for Christians to stand up to preach and proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ. It is a chance for conversion, a time to pray for the conversion of weeds to wheat. Let us take the example of Jesus Christ, who was tolerant to those who criticise him throughout his life. The evil always annoys us, differs from our teaching, makes too much noise, and disturbs us. The evil tests us and makes it difficult for our spiritual growth, with bad practices and examples. The evil does not adhere to our Christian values. We must hold firm not to be discouraged when we are tempted. Through our Christian struggles we can grow. Amen.

*Deacon John Cinya.*

### 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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### 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?*

### SUNDAY FLOCK



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"You taught your people by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind."

**Sheepish Question:**  
Which is more difficult for me: being good and just, or being kind? What must I fix?

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## THE LITURGY

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ YEAR A

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

#### FIRST READING: Wisdom 12:13.16-19

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. V.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

#### SECOND READING: ROM 8:26-27

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL: Mt 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Psalm 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

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## DAILY READINGS

**Monday 24th July:** Ex 14:5-18 ; Mt 12:38-42 .

**Tuesday 25th July:** 2 Cor 4:7-15 ; Mt 20:20-28 .

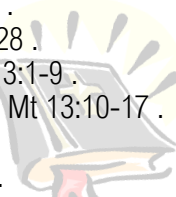
**Wednesday 26th July:** Ex 16:1-5. 9-15 ; Mt 13:1-9 .

**Thursday 27th July:** Ex 19:1-2. 9-11. 16-20 ; Mt 13:10-17 .

**Friday 28th July:** Ex 20:1-17 ; Mt 13:18-23 .

**Saturday 29th July:** Ex 24:3-8 ; Jn 11:19-27 .

**Sunday 30th July:** 1 Kings 3:5.7-12 ; Rom 8:28-30 ; Mt 13:44-52 .



## 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

### II. Who Receives and Who Administers This Sacrament?

In case of grave illness . . .

**1514** The Anointing of the Sick "is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived."<sup>129</sup>

**1515** If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced.

" . . . let him call for the presbyters of the Church"

**1516** Only priests (bishops and presbyters) are ministers of the Anointing of the Sick.<sup>130</sup> It is the duty of pastors to instruct the faithful on the benefits of this sacrament. The faithful should encourage the sick to call for a priest to receive this sacrament. The sick should prepare themselves to receive it with good dispositions, assisted by their pastor and the whole ecclesial community, which is invited to surround the sick in a special way through their prayers and fraternal attention.

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Valentina Kyrlyenko, John Hegy

### DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Guisseppe Galea

### IN MEMORIUM

Members of Cutajar Family, Stephen & Sofija Lükachich,  
Otto Zehentner, Spiteri & Gafa Families

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Deceased members of Tanti Family

### SICK

Cristina King, Chelzee de la Cruz, Felipe Ranso, Nora Tolentino-Bonifacio,  
Rita Attard, Denzil Considine, Genevieve Williams, Emily Rosales,  
Meghan De Vos, Josie Phelps, Marie France Raymond,  
Vinnie Zahra, Edna Canete.



## 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:  
 Remi Hasna

### 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.**

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.

### 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](mailto: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](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

### 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](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)



### 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 & 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.

### 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!

### 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 a 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. More details to follow.

### 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](mailto: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 this 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**

Frist Prize : \$500

Second Prize: \$300

Third Prize : \$200

And lots of consolation prizes!!!!

We are also seeking unwanted unused 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.



# 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.

The Social Justice Group would like to thank you for your generosity in their recent BBQ fund-raiser for JRS (Jesuit Refugee Services) and House of Welcome. They raised \$817.66 for these two services.

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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# 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.....



## 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 \$77,719.00 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 and the replacement of the Gutters and Downpipes has now been completed. 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](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au). All donations are welcome.

**HOW TO DONATE:** Scan the QR code to donate or logon 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

If you wish to make a donation through another method of giving 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  
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Reference: 6004 - Donor's Name

### SECOND COLLECTION: For the Parish

Account Name: Blacktown Catholic Church  
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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.

## PARISH GOLF DAY

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