



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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ YEAR A

30TH 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)
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 Kingdom of Heaven

As we continue celebrating this 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time of Year A, Jesus uses seven parables in chapter 13 of Matthew's Gospel to teach us about "the kingdom of heaven." The kingdom of heaven is God's reign in our hearts, lives, homes, society, and the world. It is like a treasure hidden in our hearts.

The parable of this Sunday reminds us that the kingdom of heaven is like treasure worth more than anything that the world can offer us. It is a priceless pearl that demands our full devotion and commitment. Jesus is revealing to us that the kingdom of heaven has come in our midst, but many cannot see it as the fulfilment of the Father's promises, a gift of divine compassion given so that we might live life to the full. Jesus is telling us that to know him it is not necessary to have joy and the purpose of life. He is telling us we need to know our priorities, plans and habits of living to take the possession of this gift that God has given us. This is a challenging message for us.

What do we do with our relationship with Jesus? Our relationship with Jesus is something we need to rediscover all the time over and over again. In any relationship there is always the possibility to do better of discovering this great treasure of our faith in Jesus Christ. We need to go out, like the person in the parable, to go out and find Jesus. To get to know him better on a deeper level. We need to meet him as a priority in our lives.

We hear in the First Reading, a beautiful dialogue between God and young King Solomon. God said to Solomon, ask something from me and I will give it to you. King Solomon makes a choice for the great treasure of accepting God to rule his life and then doing His will. He asks for an understanding heart so that he will be able to deal well with people, act compassionately and discern right from wrong. Solomon knows that wisdom comes from God that makes us to fulfill God's duties. We need to ask God for wisdom, to listen to Him and to choose Him. As St Paul said in the second reading, we have to be conformed in the image of Jesus Christ. But it needs sacrifice, to give our life to him. All things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.

We are called to conversion of searching the treasures of the kingdom of heaven. Let us allow God to reign in our hearts, families, and communities. As we know life is not easy, it is complicated, and even with our mistakes, failures, sorrows, and tragedies, we still need God. Our troubles can bring us closer to God and journey to the truth. May we make the right decision, to reflect in our spiritual life, the life of Jesus Christ. 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 **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, 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 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 this 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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"Give your servant an understanding heart... to distinguish right from wrong."

Sheepish Question:

When was the last time I asked God to help me form my conscience? Where have I fallen short?

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THE LITURGY

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. V.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING: ROM 8:28-30

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 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 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Psalm 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday 31st July: Ex 32:15-24. 30-34; Mt 13:31-35.

Tuesday 1st August: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9. 28; Mt 13:36-43.

Wednesday 2nd August: Ex 34:29-35 ; Mt 13:44-46.

Thursday 3rd August: Ex 40:16-21. 34-38; Mt 13:47-53.

Friday 4th August: Lev23:1,4-11,15-16. 27,34-37;Mt 13:54-58

Saturday 5th August: Lev 25:1. 8-17 ; Mt 14:1-12.

Sunday 6th August: Dan 7:9-10. 13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19 ;Mt 17:1-9.

Congratulations to Louis and Sybille Bernard who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday 30th July 2023.

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

III. How is This Sacrament Celebrated?

1517 Like all the sacraments the Anointing of the Sick is a liturgical and communal celebration,¹³¹ whether it takes place in the family home, a hospital or church, for a single sick person or a whole group of sick persons. It is very fitting to celebrate it within the Eucharist, the memorial of the Lord's Passover. If circumstances suggest it, the celebration of the sacrament can be preceded by the sacrament of Penance and followed by the sacrament of the Eucharist. As the sacrament of Christ's Passover the Eucharist should always be the last sacrament of the earthly journey, the "viaticum" for "passing over" to eternal life.

1518 Word and sacrament form an indivisible whole. the Liturgy of the Word, preceded by an act of repentance, opens the celebration. the words of Christ, the witness of the apostles, awaken the faith of the sick person and of the community to ask the Lord for the strength of his Spirit.

1519 The celebration of the sacrament includes the following principal elements: the "priests of the Church"¹³² - in silence - lay hands on the sick; they pray over them in the faith of the Church¹³³ - this is the epiclesis proper to this sacrament; they then anoint them with oil blessed, if possible, by the bishop. These liturgical actions indicate what grace this sacrament confers upon the sick.

FEAST DAYS

Monday 31st July ~ *Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

Tuesday 1st August ~ *Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor*

Thursday 3rd August ~ *Saint Dominic, Priest*

Friday 4th August ~ *Saint John Vianney, Priest*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Denham De Silva

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Beatrice Aitkins, Tony Attard, Cesar Aguas, Casimira Aguas,
Mabel Ming, Esperanza & Francisca Nolasco,
Salud De Guzman, Angelina Samson.

IN MEMORIUM

Maria Frugal,
Candida, Francis & Matilda Irugalbandara,
The deceased members of the Kupceric Family,
Frank Cefai, Guiseppa & Michael Cefai.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mary Gabey, Reano Billedo

SICK

Cristina King, Chelzee de la Cruz, Felipe Ranoso, Nora Tolentino-Bonifacio,
Rita Attard, 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:
 Rain Sayno & Cassius Sevilla.

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

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

Please note: Our Confirmation Masses will take place on the following dates:
 Thursday 10th August 7pm & Sunday 13th August 10am, both at St. Patrick's Church. We invite parishioners to take a Red Prayer card from the foyer of the church to pray for a child preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation.

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



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.

PARISH FEAST DAY~ SAVE THE DATES

NOVENA/MASS

Marian Talk 10th August
Novena Masses 11th to 19th August.
Feast Day 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 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



**MARY,
QUEEN
OF THE
FAMILY**
PARISH. BLACKTOWN

You're invited to celebrate the
*Feast of the Queenship of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary*

Marian Talk

Thursday, 10th August - 7.00pm

Marian Talk St. Michael's Church
Sponsoring Group: Parish Pastoral Council

Mass

Sunday, 20th August - 10.00am

St. Patrick's Church
Solemn Mass celebrated by:
Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv.
Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta

Novena Masses

Friday 11th August to Saturday 19th August 2023

Day One: Friday, 11th August - 7:30pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30pm
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Blacktown
Sponsoring Group: Filipino Chaplaincy & Choir Group

Day Two: Saturday, 12th August - 5:30pm Vigil
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Blacktown
Sponsoring Group: Special Religious Educators &
Parish Finance Council.

Day Three: Sunday, 13th August - All Masses
Novena Prayers to be recited at all Masses.
St. Patrick's & St. Michael's Catholic
Church, Blacktown

Day Four: Monday, 14th August - 7:30pm
St. Michael's Catholic Church, South
Blacktown
Sponsoring Group: Legion of Mary.

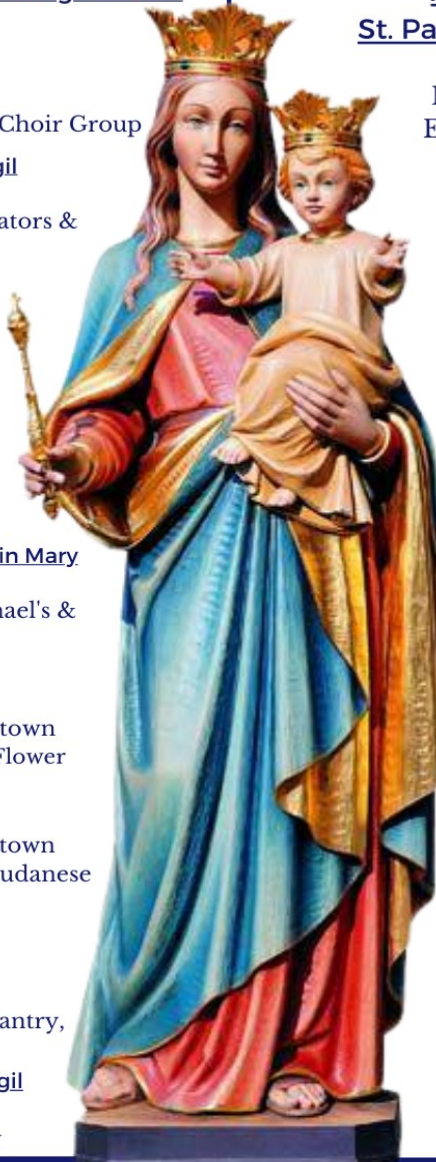
Day Five: Tuesday, 15th August - 7:30pm
Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Blacktown
Sponsoring Group: Rosary Group-St. Michael's &
Couples for Christ.

Day Six: Wednesday, 16th August - 7:30pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30pm
St. Michael's Catholic Church, South Blacktown
Sponsoring Group: Tehillah Community & Flower
Ministry.

Day Seven: Thursday, 17th August - 7:30pm
St. Michael's Catholic Church, South Blacktown
Sponsoring Group: Bible Study Group & Sudanese
Community.

Day Eight: Friday, 18th August - 7:30pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30pm
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Blacktown
Sponsoring Group: Social Justice, Mary's Pantry,
Cafe & Arts and Craft Ministry.

Day Nine: Saturday, 19th August - 5:30pm Vigil
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Blacktown
Sponsoring Group: MQOF Youth Ministry



Fellowship

After Mass ~ From 11.30am
St. Patrick's Primary School Grounds

International Food Festival,
Entertainment & Raffle Draw.

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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 20th July 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. 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



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. 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

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