



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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ YEAR A

9TH 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

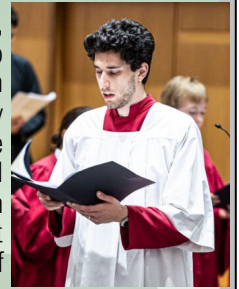
HOLY HOUR

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.

This Thursday evening, the parish is lucky to host Mr Eric Grella, from MET Diocese of Parramatta and our extraordinary Cathedral choir, to present formative material on Sacred Music to our dedicated parish musicians. The Church has placed great pastoral emphasis in recent history in trying to advance better formation and understanding regarding the place of sacred music in the liturgy. Music can sometimes be shoved to a side and viewed as a nice optional extra, "icing on the cake", but the Second Vatican Council is clear in echoing the ancient Tradition of the Church in stating that "it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy." (SC, 112); if anything, it is more akin to the baking soda which causes cake to rise.



Music seems a ubiquitous phenomenon of humanity, our knee-jerk reaction whenever we try to approach the divine. If we look to almost any religion since the beginnings of civilisation, one will find that music always plays a major role in worship and communication of and to the divine, whether in chants or in ballads, witnessed to even in Church's most primitive and primary hymn book, the Psalms. Even our Blessed Mother could all but sing a hymn of praise in our glorious hymn "The Magnificat" after she conceived Christ. "When man comes into contact with God, mere speech is not enough. Areas of his existence are awakened that spontaneously turn into song." (Benedict XVI, *The Spirit of the Liturgy*). However, even in secular settings, such as formal civil ceremony, graduations and sporting events, music plays a major role in enhancing the experience and fostering a unique expression of community spirit and identity.

"Art is the signature of man" said G.K. Chesterton, and "music... is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than any other art" (SC, 122). This essential element of the Liturgy assists us in:

1. Highlighting the communal aspect of the Liturgy, in raising our hearts and voices in union with each other in worship, fostering unity and belonging;
2. Full conscious and active participation through the above and helping us to discern and experience the degree of solemnity attached to a certain occasion, e.g. between a weekday Mass and a Sunday Mass or Lent compared to Easter;
3. The beauty and style of liturgical music assists in elevating us in our liturgical context, away from the profane and toward the divine, toward Him and beyond ourselves.

I must express my utter gratitude to our parishioners who offer their time, talent and service to music ministry, and encourage us to appreciate the significant role they play in our spiritual life and the expression of our faith and Catholic identity in our worship. St Augustine is often quoted as saying, "he who sings pray twice", and truly our musicians work hard to ensure our prayers are magnified.

Fr Rooney

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, Eklhas 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.celcblacktownst.catholic.edu.au>

Nursing Homes:

Opal Nursing Home (37 Kildare Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 9852 9600
Mulluana Retirement Village (61 Bungarribee Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 8822 2100
Catholic Healthcare St Hedwig Village Blacktown (140 Reservoir Rd, Blacktown 2148) P : 8822 9920



Welcome to the Family..



We are a welcoming parish... you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of Mary, Queen of the Family. If you are not an active member of this Community, consider partaking in what we have to offer. We serve the Community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, youth and comfort to the sick and mourning. In addition to our spiritual and outreach organisations, perchance you have an interest in joining one of our many liturgical ministries such as: Minister of Holy Communion, Reader/Commentator, Welcomer, Collectors, Minister of DVP/Power Point, Catechists etc.

Volunteers are formally registered by filling out a *Join a Ministry* form that is then entered into the parish data system (*information supplied remains confidential*). These forms are available from the parish office or in the church foyer, or for further information call the Parish Office on 9622 1125.

~ *The Parish Team*

MARY QUEEN OF THE FAMILY ~ PARISH MISSION



- * Grow as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ
- * Deepen our understanding of the Sacred Tradition & Scriptures of the Catholic Church
- * Strive to live as a faithful & committed Catholic community
- * Evangelise and respond to the needs of the family in the Blacktown community and beyond



OBJECTIVES TO MEET OUR MISSION AT MARY QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH.

WORSHIP ~ Practice the right forms of Worship. **WORD** ~ Increase the Biblical literacy in the Parish. **WALL** ~ Building our community.

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GENTLE REMINDER



To the Parents of our young children may we suggest that you sit towards the front where it is easier for little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, ministers of the altar, choir, etc. At St. Michael's church we have a crying room if parents would like to use it. If you have to leave the Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said "Let the children come to me". To the members of the our parish. The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to the parents.

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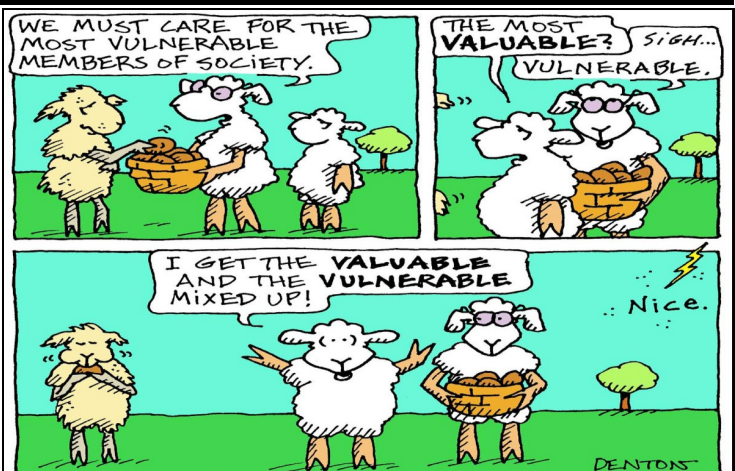
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SUNDAY FLOCK



"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Sheepish Question:
Whose burden can I relieve this week? Why is he or she so valuable?

THE LITURGY

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING: Zec 9:9-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. V.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING: ROM 8:9.11-13

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 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

'COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday 10th July: Gen 28:10-22 ; Mt 9:18-26 .

Tuesday 11th July: Gen 32:23-33 ; Mt 9:32-38.

Wednesday 12th July: Gen 41:55-57;42:5-7. 17-24; Mt 10:1-7.

Thursday 13th July: Gen 44:18-21. 23-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15.

Friday 14th July: Gen 46:1-7. 28-30 ; Mt 10:16-23 .

Saturday 15th July: Gen 49:29-33; 50:15-26 ; Mt 10:24-33.

Sunday 16th July: Is 55:10-11 ;Rom 8:18-23 ; Mt 13:1-23 .

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 11th July ~ **SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT**

Thursday 13th July ~ **SAINT HENRY**

Friday 14th July ~ **SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST**

Saturday 8th July ~ **SAINT BONAVENTURE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**



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 . . ."

1508 The Holy Spirit gives to some a special charism of healing¹¹⁸ so as to make manifest the power of the grace of the risen Lord. But even the most intense prayers do not always obtain the healing of all illnesses. Thus St. Paul must learn from the Lord that "my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness," and that the sufferings to be endured can mean that "in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his Body, that is, the Church."¹¹⁹

1509 "Heal the sick!"¹²⁰ The Church has received this charge from the Lord and strives to carry it out by taking care of the sick as well as by accompanying them with her prayer of intercession. She believes in the life-giving presence of Christ, the physician of souls and bodies. This presence is particularly active through the sacraments, and in an altogether special way through the Eucharist, the bread that gives eternal life and that St. Paul suggests is connected with bodily health.¹²¹

1510 However, the apostolic Church has its own rite for the sick, attested to by St. James: "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders [presbyters] of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."¹²² Tradition has recognized in this rite one of the seven sacraments.¹²³

A sacrament of the sick

1511 The Church believes and confesses that among the seven sacraments there is one especially intended to strengthen those who are being tried by illness, the Anointing of the Sick:

This sacred anointing of the sick was instituted by Christ our Lord as a true and proper sacrament of the New Testament. It is alluded to indeed by Mark, but is recommended to the faithful and promulgated by James the apostle and brother of the Lord.¹²⁴

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Fr. Kevin Dadswell, Juliana A. Glena,
Nathan Saws, Claude Joachim, Joseph El Khoury,
John & Grace Santos-Ocampo, Kathleen McNamee

IN MEMORIUM

Greta Eileen Lavender, Maria Frugal, Joseph Azzopardi,
Najia El Khoury, Joey El Khoury

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,
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

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:
 Kelemete Lasalo & Julian Rodricks

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

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!

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



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED



This month *Aid to the Church in Need* is raising money to build a parish house in Sierra Leone. The parishioners of the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour have been trying to help their priest who is living in a house that is decaying due to heavy rainfall and salt-laden sea air but they themselves are poor and have little to give. ACN has promised to help but we need your help to make this possible.

To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyprojector or scan the QR code.



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 OR ON 9622 1125.

PARISH GOLF DAY

ANNUAL PARISH GOLF DAY

20 23

GOLF DAY

29.09.2023

Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club
86 Stonecutters Dr,
Colebee NSW 2761

MARK YOUR CALENDER

FOR MORE DETAILS:
<https://www.mqofblacktown.org/golfday2023>

ACTIVE 4 VOCATIONS

Get #Active4Vocations in the City2Surf: 13 August 2023

Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. Scan this QR code or visit tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests. Thank you for getting #Active4Vocations



YOUTH PILGRIMAGE



Youth Pilgrimage



HOSTED BY MQOF YOUTH
SATURDAY, 15TH JULY 2023 | 9AM - 4PM
OPEN TO ALL YOUTH - REGISTER NOW!



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

A NIGHT WITH SIMON CARRINGTON

A big thank you to Simon Carrington for his talk 'How to Date with Passion and Purpose!' 85+ youth and young people attending this talk stands testament that these topic matter! Our young people have such a yearning for the truths of our Catholic faith. In a confusing world, MQOF Youth is committed to bringing true and authentic faith formation to all young people in Blacktown and beyond.



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.

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Thank You

We would like to acknowledge and thank all sponsors, donors and parishioners who have continually supported our parish in the various appeals and fundraising activities. We are truly blessed to have your support as it allows us to provide assistance with sustaining our ministries, funding of parish projects and helping deliver our mission.



CHURCH MAINTENANCE UPDATE



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

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 at St. Patrick's Church 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. 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 next maintenance issues that we are focusing on is improving the lighting of the Sanctuary, the replacement of the Gutters and Downpipes 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.

PARISH FEAST DAY~ SAVE THE DATE

SAVE THE DATE

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 followed by 9 Novena Masses in the lead up to the Feast Day followed by 9 Day Novena Masses in the lead up to the Feast Day. Stay tuned for further details!



PARISH FEAST DAY~ MEETING

Our parish Feast Day will take place on Sunday 20th August 2023. A planning meeting will take place on **Monday 10th July at 7.00pm at the parish office**, We kindly ask representatives of all the parish groups to attend. For more information please contact the parish office.

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