



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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

27TH AUGUST 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.

Where Peter is, there is the Church (St Ambrose)

As we continue our journey through the gospel of Matthew, we come across this Sunday the famous account of Simon son of Jonah- St Peter- being declared as the rock (grk. "petros") upon which our Lord will build his Church. Most especially in the Catholic biblical tradition of interpretation, this is a pivotal episode within the gospels by which we understand the very nature of the Church herself and the Petrine office or Papacy. Though the doctrine of the Papacy is an ancient one, it is also one of the more controversial doctrines in the deposit of faith. The papacy, which is the sign of unity for the Universal (Catholic) Church, ironically can also be the sign of disunity, in as much as it is a marker for orthodoxy (right belief) and communion with the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church- the "line drawn in the sand" we might say.

Although the understanding of the Petrine office has developed and unfolded throughout history, bolstered by a theological reflection on this very passage, there is no doubt that the See of St Peter (i.e. Rome) and his successor has always held a peculiar primacy over the Church, especially in arbitrating matters of theological dispute, being charged with ensuring the safeguarding of the apostolic faith and governance of the Church universal and particular churches (diocese).

In today's Gospel, St Peter, along with the Apostles who exercise their authority in union with the Vicar of Christ, receive both the keys to the kingdom and the powers to "bind and loose". This is what we would now call papal and magisterial infallibility. There is often a significant misunderstanding as to what we mean by papal infallibility, with Catholics and non-Catholics alike concluding that the person of the pope is infallible, i.e. whatever a particular pope says on any particular topic is "gospel truth". This would understandably be quite scandalous, as along with the many saintly popes the church has been gifted with, we have also endured many scandalous papacies throughout the centuries. The magisterium and papal office, however, speak infallibly only in matters of faith and morals and must do so in a "definitive matter". In other words, it must be spelled out that what is being proclaimed is done so definitively and infallibly. The Roman Pontiff, thus, cannot whimsically contradict the Apostolic faith, nor make arbitrary pronouncements such as "Captain America is *infallibly* the best Avenger", no matter how true.

History has demonstrated that no matter how good or bad our popes are personally or morally, Christ's promise that the "gates of hell shall not prevail" has held fast, the Church has miraculously never formally erred from orthodox belief. As members of the body of Christ, we should praise God for this and always keep at the forefront of our prayers the intentions of the Holy Father and fidelity to his office.

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

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.

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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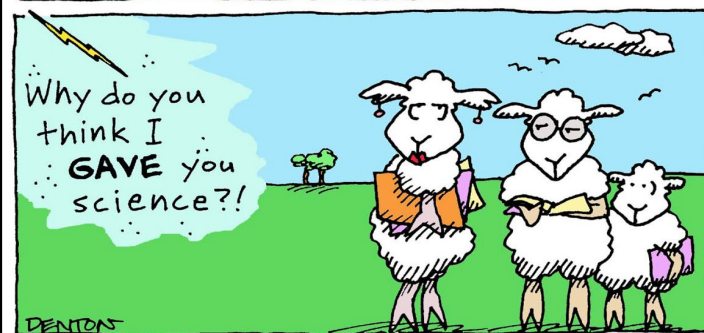


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NOTIFICATION OF MASS CHANGE

There will be no Mass, Adoration or Confessions on 22nd September at St. Patrick's Church for parishioners to join in the Thanksgiving Mass & Fellowship for Deacon Tom Green. Please see page 5 in the bulletin for further details.

SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Who do you say that I am?"

Sheepish Question:

How has your knowledge of God grown in the last year? And who is the Son of Man?

THE LITURGY

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf Psalm 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me, save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING: Isa 22:19-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. V.8

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING: Rom 11:33-36

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 16:218

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf Psalm 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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FEAST DAYS

Monday 28th August - **Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church.**



Tuesday 29th August - **Passion of St. John the Baptist**



DAILY READINGS

Monday 28th August: 1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-10 ; Mt 23:13-22 .

Tuesday 29th August: Jer 1:17-19 ; Mk 6:17-29 .

Wednesday 30th August: 1 Thess 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32.

Thursday 31st August: 1 Thess 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51.

Friday 1 Sept: 1 Thess 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13 .

Saturday 2nd Sept: 1 Thess 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday 3rd Sept: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27.

ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

The meaning of "Liturgy"

The word "liturgy" comes to the Church through ancient Greek culture. It carries with it a triple nuance, a three-fold meaning. Often translated as "the work of the people," it is not simply the people's work. Catholic liturgy includes the celebration of Holy Mass, of the Divine Office, and the celebration of the Sacraments.

Lit-urgy: laos=people + ergon=work
English cognates: laity, energy.

Nuance One

Liturgy is the work of the people. The people must be engaged in it.

Nuance Two

Liturgy is the work of Christ done on behalf of the people. It is "work" that the people cannot do on their own. Christ prays to his Father. We join in his perfect prayer

Nuance Three

Liturgy is the work of God in which the people participate. The best way to worship God is to act as God acts.

We worship the God of mercy and forgiveness. We worship the God who sings the eternal love song.

THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH

"...the Father accomplishes the 'mystery of his will' by giving his beloved Son and his Holy Spirit for the salvation of the world and for the glory of his name." (Cf. Ephesians 1:9) *Catechism of the Catholic Church(CCC), n. 1066*

"It is this mystery of Christ that the Church proclaims and celebrates in her liturgy..." CCC, n. 1068

"The word 'liturgy' originally meant a 'public work' or a 'service in the name of/on behalf of the people.' In Christian tradition it means the participation of the People of God in 'the work of God.'" *CCC, n. 1069*

In the liturgy it is the whole Christ (Christus Totus) who acts, Head and Body. As our High Priest he celebrates with his body, which is the Church in heaven and on earth." *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 233*

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PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Leslie Fernandes, Thelma Reyes.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Matilda Irugalbandara, Wilfredo Palmon,
Andrew James Sitaramayya.

IN MEMORIUM

Geraldine Pettigrey, Owen O'Hara, Maria & Joseph Bugeja,
Gerald & Carmen Sultana, Lorna & Rex Scott.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Lily.

SICK

Faustina Sandot, Teresita Alston, Michael Flanjak,
Angela Mikhael, Cristina King, Chelzee de la Cruz,
Felipe Ranoso, Nora Tolentino-Bonifacio,
Meghan De Vos, Vinnie Zahra, Edna Canete, Joe Muscat,
Joanne Stanwell, Kim Webster, Peter Wood.

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

THE SACRAMENTS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2023



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>

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

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



MARRIAGE 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.

The Diocese of Parramatta aims to offer the Retrouvaille program for couples who are having difficulties in their marriage. We are looking for married couples who are committed to helping others heal their marriage relationships. You will be trained to facilitate this program. An information evening will be held on 25 August at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Contact Karin on (02) 8838 3460 or register at marriage@parracatholic.org

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: Parish Office
admin@mqofblacktown.org.au
For More Information please contact our Youth Minister.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

NOTE OF THANKS ~ PARISH FEAST DAY

We thank our Sponsors, Donors, and parishioners for their overwhelming support on our successful Parish Feast Day 2023. We raised a **net amount \$ 12,146.15**, which will go towards the repairs of St Patrick's Church roof.

Congratulations to the Raffle Winners:

1st prize - \$500 **Julie P.** - Purple E55
 2nd prize - \$300 **Charbel A.** - Blue F71
 3rd prize - \$200 **Trevor A.** - Black F47

For those who have not collected their prizes these can be picked up from the parish office during operating times. Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm.

We would like to especially thank the following Parish Feast Day Sponsors and Donors:

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THE FLOWER MINISTRY

FATHER'S DAY 2023

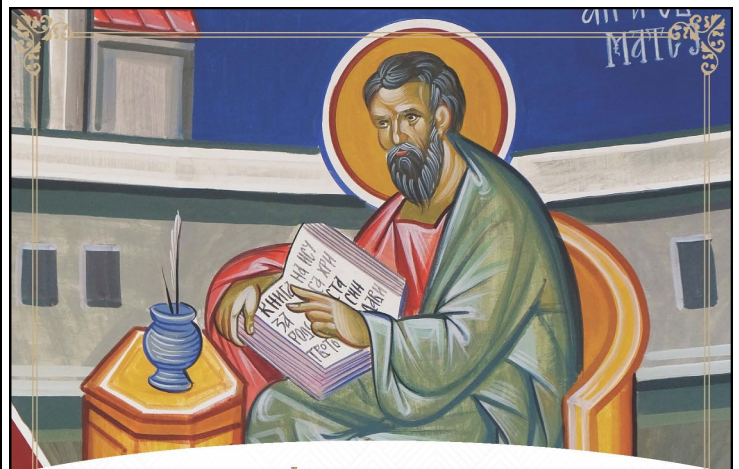


To celebrate fathers, fathers-to-be and father figures in our Parish Community, the MQOF Flower Ministry is holding a Sweets Bag and Bake Sale on **Sunday, 3 September**, after the **8.00am and 9.30am Masses at St Michael's and after the 10.00am Mass at St Patrick's.**

Tea and coffee will be provided. A ticket will be issued with each purchase for the chance to win the prize of a Red Wine and Savoury Delights Hamper valued at \$100.00.

Thanks for your support and good luck!

INVITATION TO REV TOM GREEN'S ORDINATION



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RSVP BY 14 SEPTEMBER 2023
HANNAH.PORTELLI@PARRACATHOLIC.ORG

THANKSGIVING MASS
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, 58 ORWELL ST BLACKTOWN
FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 7:30PM
FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS



**Are you interested in
attending Rev. Tom Green's
Ordination but need a ride?**

Please register your interest by filling up the form provided at the foyers of our two churches with your details. Registration will end on Monday, 11th September, after this we will contact you of the cost involved. Any questions, please contact the parish office on 02 9622 1125.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

OUR LADY OF PENAFRANCIA

The Australian Devotees of Our Lady of Penafancia is inviting all parishioners to please join Feast Day Mass: Sunday 9th September St Nicholas of Myra



326 High Street Penrith - 9.30am. (Rosary, Novena and Mass). Fluvial Procession (12.00 noon) Nepean River Factory Road (Tench Reserve), Penrith. Food and Entertainment 12.30pm For more information contact: Jun Relunia: 0419 233 643 or Evelyn Datoc: 0410 511 745

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Mandatory Modules 1-3: St Canice's Church, Katoomba on Saturday 28 October, 10am-3pm.

Renewal Mandatory Safeguarding Training (4 points):

Tuesday 29th August 2023: Renewal Module 5 - Legal Compliance – Risk of Significant Harm & Mandatory Reporting

Venue: Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Greystanes

Time: 10.00am-11.30am

Renewal Modules will soon be available on our online training platform.

Please register for these face-to-face renewal modules at:

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

For further information please contact Maria Kervin at:

maria.kervin@parracatholic.org



SAFEGUARDING

PARISH GOLF DAY

ANNUAL PARISH GOLF DAY

MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY
PARISH BLACKTOWN

20 23

GOLF DAY

29.09.2023

Stonecutters Ridge
Golf Club
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Colebee NSW 2761

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FOR MORE DETAILS:
<https://www.mqofblacktown.org/golfdays2023>

CHURCH MAINTENANCE UPDATE



St Patrick's Church – Raise the Roof Project

Where are we now? – We have submitted quotes to CCI and awaiting the outcome of our claim.

As of 24/08/23, we have received the sum of \$95,305.15, in donations. We are thankful to our donors and to those who are still considering...only your continued support can

make the roof of the House of God rebuild!

St Michael's Church – Maintenance Projects

We are grateful to our donors: Hume Doors, Multiquip Pty Ltd, G Velcich & Family & Maria Apap, our church now has new doors and beautifully painted. We also thank the rest of our parishioners for your donations that made the replacement of our gutters, down pipes, carpark deep holes patched and new fencing of Remembrance Garden possible.

We still have our Sanctuary lightings to be improved! – if you are in the position to help financially, please talk to one of our priests or call the office on 02 9622 1125. 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

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.

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:

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Reference: 6004 - Donor's Name

SECOND COLLECTION: For the Parish

Account Name: Blacktown Catholic Church

Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 0677

Reference: 6004 ~ Donor's name

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**Monday and Wednesday ONLY.



Holy Family Services

A Ministry of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth



Retiring



Early Learning Centre



Aged Care

Holy Family Services provide care, education and retirement living choice to many families. Our Residential Aged Care facility, Early Learning Centre and Retirement Village provide care with hospitality, love and acceptance, supporting and enriching the lives of those who use our services.

If you want a supportive close-knit community for your family contact us.

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NINE-WEEK NOVENA FOR THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

All are invited to pray a Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod. The Novena will begin the week of Sunday 13 August and conclude the week of Sunday 8 October in the lead-up to the Synod Assembly: Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October. You are invited to pray once a week as a parish community, with your family, ministry groups or during personal prayer. More information: <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>

WEEK 3 THE BLESSED TRINITY

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

REFLECTION

The Synod has three key words: communion, participation and mission. Communion and mission are theological terms describing the mystery of the Church, which we do well to keep in mind. The Second Vatican Council clearly taught that communion expresses the very nature of the Church, while pointing out that the Church has received “the mission of proclaiming and establishing among all peoples the kingdom of Christ and of God, and is, on earth, the seed and beginning of that kingdom” (Lumen Gentium, 5). With those two words, the Church contemplates and imitates the life of the Blessed Trinity, a mystery of communion and intra and the source of mission ad extra.

ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF ROME PAUL VI Audience Hall Saturday 9 October 2021

(pause for a moment of silent reflection)

PRAYER

O God, who always walks with us on the journey of life, we call upon you to lead us forth united.
Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod.
Keep us anchored in your love.
Open our hearts as we listen and discern.
Reveal to us the way we are called to go out into the deep.
Give us the courage to pursue the mission with bold humility.
May we experience renewal in our local Church today, and for generations to come.
We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, who in the power of the Holy Spirit continues to guide your Church, to the fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever. Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.



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