



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

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD ~ YEAR A

6TH 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.

Faith, Hope, and Courage

"Spe salvi facti sumus"—in hope we were saved, says Saint Paul to the Romans, and likewise to us. Pope Benedict XVI opens his letter on Christian hope with this truth. We can find so much encouragement from this promise of God by taking to heart the Word of God. Courage comes from the Latin word "cor" which means heart. Courage to live our life in Jesus, to find meaning and joy in him then is born out of faith and the hope we place on Him. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy ends with "Jesus, I trust in you!"

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The Gospel tells us, witnessed by Peter, James and John, that Jesus "was transfigured before their eyes. His face became as dazzling as the sun, his clothes as radiant as light." This is a historical truth. Peter with all sincerity and certainty said in the second reading, "It was not by way of cleverly concocted myths that we taught you about the coming in power of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we were eyewitnesses of his sovereign majesty....keep your attention closely fixed on it, as you would on a lamp shining in a dark place until the first streaks of dawn appear and the morning star rises in your hearts." What a great encouragement!

The apostles of Jesus needed to know and experience this truth because later on they will see Jesus persecuted and crucified. They would be shattered but they will hold on in faith to him when God would ultimately confirm his power in the resurrection of Jesus. And on Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon them their fear was completely transformed into boldness and courage, so bold that they lived and died for Jesus. This is what our faith in the Lord's transfiguration brings us. Even how much challenges or even suffering we face in life, Jesus remains to be our Savior and Lord. We can hold on to him, in faith and hope.

It is also this time of Jesus' transfiguration, and also his baptism in the Jordan river, that the Father confirmed Jesus' identity. "This is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests. Listen to him." There's so much Jesus can teach us on how to live our lives. He is the master and teacher not only of the disciples during his earthly ministry, but to us today, his disciples in his ministry from heaven, from the right hand of the Father. His power and dominion transcend time and space, he is the king and Savior of all. Let us pray for the gift of faith, let us place our hope and trust in Him so that whatever we face in this life's journey, we will always face them with courage and boldness and the voice of Jesus will be heard in our hearts, "Get up! Do not be afraid."

Fr. Regie Lavilla, MSP.

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, Ekhlaz 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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Carmel House August 18-20

What happens when we say yes to the Holy Spirit? Find out as we explore the life-changing power of deepening in God's love, surrendering to Jesus and living under the grace of the Holy Spirit. For Registrations:
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[fbclid=IwAR12CqOv081dZUHL84w8GbCwRQpkKKMaUppkLSjb0ZV6pKaiWYlhd3A6W9U](https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1002947?fbclid=IwAR12CqOv081dZUHL84w8GbCwRQpkKKMaUppkLSjb0ZV6pKaiWYlhd3A6W9U)

SUNDAY FLOCK



"Jesus led them up a high mountain by themselves. He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun."

Sheepish Question:
Recently, where have I seen the mystery of God?
How have I experienced the presence of his Son?

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THE LITURGY

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD ~ YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Mt 17:5

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

FIRST READING: Dan 7:9-10. 13-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. VV.1. 9.

(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

SECOND READING: 2 Pet 1:16-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: 1 Jn 3:2

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday 7th August: Nm 11:4-15 ; Mt 14:13-21 .
Tuesday 8th August: 1Kgs 17:7-16 ; Col 3:12-17 ; Mt 6:25-34.
Wednesday 9th August: Nm 13:1-2. 25 -14:1. 26-29. 34-35 ; Mt 15:21-28 .
Thursday 10th August: 2 Cor 9:6-10 ; Jn 12:24-26 .
Friday 11th August: Deut 4:32-40 ;Mt 16:24-28 .
Saturday 12th August: Deut 6:4-13 ; Mt 17:14-20 .
Sunday 13th August: 1Kgs 19:9.11-13 ; Rom 9:1-5 ;Mt 14:22-33.

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 8th August ~ *Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop, Virgin*
 Thursday 10th August ~ *Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr*

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

IV. The Effects of the Celebration of This Sacrament

1520 A particular gift of the Holy Spirit. the first grace of this sacrament is one of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age. This grace is a gift of the Holy Spirit, who renews trust and faith in God and strengthens against the temptations of the evil one, the temptation to discouragement and anguish in the face of death.¹³⁴ This assistance from the Lord by the power of his Spirit is meant to lead the sick person to healing of the soul, but also of the body if such is God's will.¹³⁵ Furthermore, "if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."¹³⁶

1521 Union with the passion of Christ. By the grace of this sacrament the sick person receives the strength and the gift of uniting himself more closely to Christ's Passion: in a certain way he is consecrated to bear fruit by configuration to the Savior's redemptive Passion. Suffering, a consequence of original sin, acquires a new meaning; it becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus.

1522 An ecclesial grace. the sick who receive this sacrament, "by freely uniting themselves to the passion and death of Christ," "contribute to the good of the People of God."¹³⁷ By celebrating this sacrament the Church, in the communion of saints, intercedes for the benefit of the sick person, and he, for his part, though the grace of this sacrament, contributes to the sanctification of the Church and to the good of all men for whom the Church suffers and offers herself through Christ to God the Father.

1523 A preparation for the final journey. If the sacrament of anointing of the sick is given to all who suffer from serious illness and infirmity, even more rightly is it given to those at the point of departing this life; so it is also called sacramentum exuentium (the sacrament of those departing).¹³⁸ The Anointing of the Sick completes our conformity to the death and Resurrection of Christ, just as Baptism began it. It completes the holy anointings that mark the whole Christian life: that of Baptism which sealed the new life in us, and that of Confirmation which strengthened us for the combat of this life. This last anointing fortifies the end of our earthly life like a solid rampart for the final struggles before entering the Father's house.¹³⁹

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ramon Mariazeta Junior.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

John Tanti, Maria & Joseph Bugeja, Klyne Aitkins Snr.

IN MEMORIUM

Bernabe Balagtas Sr., Greta Eileen Lavender,
Lorna & Rex Scott.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Frank & Loretta Vella, Donald & Betty Lobo.

SICK

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.

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

THE SACRAMENTS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



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 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.

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



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



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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. See our flyer for the details.

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 :

Raffle Tickets can be bought at the Piety Shop and church foyers on the weekend or at the parish office on weekdays.

- \$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.

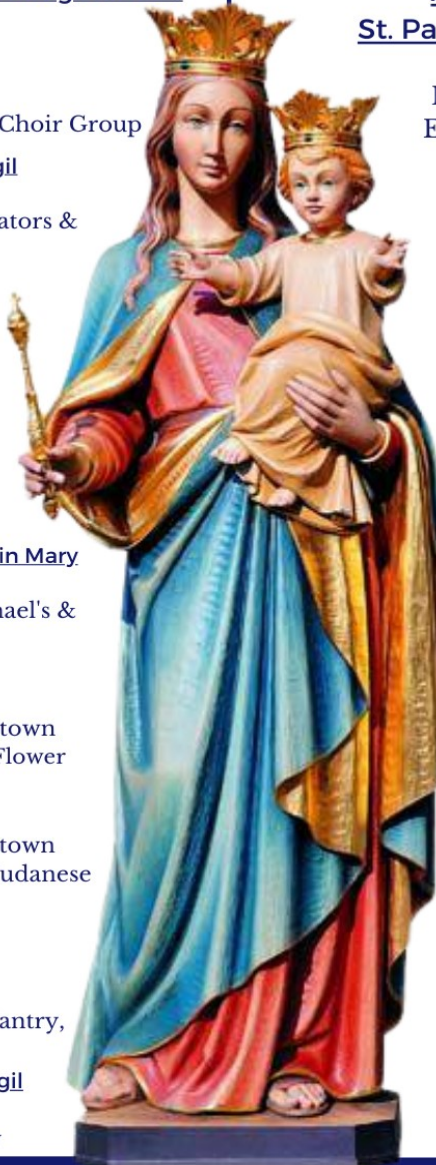
Day Five: Tuesday, 15th August - 7:30pm
Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Blacktown
Sponsoring Group: Rosary Group-St. Michael's &
Couples for Christ.

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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Raffle Tickets

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 **\$77,879.00** 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 and patching of deep holes in the carpark 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



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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.



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