



# 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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

17TH SEPTEMBER 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.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 PILGRIM SHARING



Something that came out of thought and reflection when on the pilgrimage was this idea of a paradigm shift: when the usual way of thinking is overtaken by a new one.

One such example which proved to be quite the catalyst for me was when seeing the number of absolutely amazing basilicas of France, Spain, Portugal and Italy that we did. For many this sort of "oh my goodness, here is God" moment was often sought at such sites though did not necessarily hit just as one may have expected. When seeing these churches it is easy to see these amazing feats of human engineering and artistry then stop there. Paradigm shift.

Do not look upon these and see just a colossal church, but rather see what a church that God has inspired colossally. People were so inspired by God and they expressed this in creating such churches in His name. It is truly that love of God on which these monumental structures are founded. My thoughts proceeded that if as we sat in a basilica and the stone faded to cardboard, would God still be present? Of course. If the walls around us crumbled, and our surroundings were but fields, would God still be present? Equally so.

We find it again equally so that God is present as we gather seated in our green plastic chairs of St. Patrick's or the long pews of St. Michael's. It was Jesus Himself who said, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there among them".

But, see what God had inspired His people to build in His name? We may not be able to do the same with stone and mortar, but we just as much carry Jesus within us, and it is there that we should build our churches. Let our hearts be strong foundations, our souls be the gilded columns and arches, our characters be the great doors through which people may enter. Build your church; fortify your heart, your soul, your character, so that in you others may too see the wonder that God has inspired.

My thanks to every single member of the MQOF Parish family. With your help and prayers my fellow WYD pilgrims and I were enabled to embark on this valuable and incredibly enriching pilgrimage from which may the fruits we bear enrich our parish and our lives with God.

*~ Charles Winston Agito Cases*

### Parish Directory

**St. Michael's Church** - 58 Orwell Street, South Blacktown &  
**St. Patrick's Church** - 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown.

**Parish Office:** At St. Patrick's Church. **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm  
**Telephone:** 02 9622 1125 **A/H:** 02 8705 0830.  
**Website:** [www.mqofblacktown.org.au](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au) **Email:** [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)

#### Parish Team:

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Regie Lavilla, MSP.

**Assistant Priests:** Fr. Ever Bernaldez, MSP & Fr. Andrew Rooney

**Deacons:** Rev. John Cinya & Rev. Tom Green

**Finance Officer:** Sarah Canete-Damole **Email:** [accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au)

**Secretaries:** Ann Hart (Wed-Fri) & Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Mon & Tues )

**Email:** [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)

**Sacramental Coordinator:** Gerald "Ged" Oblea. **Mobile:** 0422 724 008

**Email:** [sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au)

**Catechist Coordinator:** Sandra Baker

**Parish Pastoral Council:** **Chair:** Cecil Fernandes; **Asst Chair:** Joshua Carr **Secretary:** Savita Surendra  
**Members:** Beato Pudadera, Ekhlash 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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### 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 Fr. Tom Green. Please see page 5 in the bulletin for further details.

### FEAST OF ST.MICHAEL - VIGIL MASS



The parish will be celebrating a Vigil Mass for St Michael's Feast on Thursday 28th September at St Michael's Church at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

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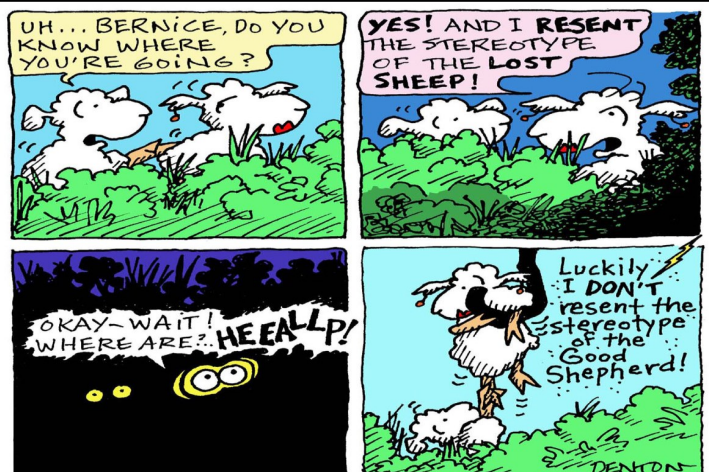
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### SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Rejoice with me for I have found my lost sheep."

#### Sheepish Question:

Hmm...how can I be a good shepherd?

## THE LITURGY

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Cf Sirach 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**FIRST READING:** SIRACH 27:30 – 28:7

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** PS 102:1-4. 9-12. R. V.8

**(R.)** The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

**SECOND READING:** ROMANS 14:7-9

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Psalm 41:2-3

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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## DAILY READINGS

**Monday 18th Sept:** 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10.  
**Tuesday 19th Sept:** 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17  
**Wednesday 20th Sept:** 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35  
**Thursday 21st Sept:** Ephesians 4:1-7. 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13  
**Friday 22nd Sept:** 1 Timothy 6:2-12; Luke 8:1-3.  
**Saturday 23rd Sept:** 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15  
**Sunday 24th Sept:** Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24. 27;  
 Matthew 20:1-16

## ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

### Episode 4: The Church Building

The Catholic Church is a sacramental Church which means deeper realities are expressed in perceptible signs. The church building is not a neutral place; it is not simply a skin for liturgical action. It is a place where prayer happens; it is a temple where sacrifice is offered.

The building is a sacramental sign: there is found the Body of Christ. The door signifies the crossing of the threshold and entry into the Garden of Eden. It is return to Paradise.

#### Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

... While the liturgy daily builds up those who are within into a holy temple of the Lord, into a dwelling place for God in the Spirit, to the mature measure of the fullness of Christ, at the same time it marvelously strengthens their power to preach Christ, and thus shows forth the Church to those who are outside as a sign lifted up among the nations under which the scattered children of God may be gathered together, until there is one sheepfold and one shepherd. (n°. 2)

#### Dogmatic Constitution on the Church

Often the Church has also been called the building of God. The Lord Himself compared Himself to the stone which the builders rejected, but which was made into the cornerstone. On this foundation the Church is built by the apostles, and from it the Church receives durability and consolidation. This edifice has many names to describe it: the house of God in which dwells His family; the household of God in the Spirit; the dwelling place of God among men; and, especially, the holy temple. This Temple, symbolized in places of worship built out of stone, is praised by the Holy Fathers and, not without reason, is compared in the liturgy to the Holy City, the New Jerusalem. As living stones we here on earth are built into it. John contemplates this holy city coming down from heaven at the renewal of the world as a bride made ready and adorned for her husband. (n°. 6)

#### The Teaching Of The Church

*"In Sacred Scripture we find many images which bring out various complementary aspects of the mystery of the Church. The Old Testament favors those images that are bound to the people of God. The New Testament offers images that are linked to Christ as the Head of this people which is his Body. Other images are drawn from pastoral life (sheepfold, flock, sheep), from agriculture (field, olive grove, vineyard), from construction (dwelling place, stone, temple), and from family life (spouse, mother, family)."* Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), n°. 14

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Juliet Magno

### DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Charlie Sakr; Creta Eileen Lavender; Dunstan Herft;  
 Keesan Hui & Maximo Salazar

### IN MEMORIUM

Irene Regoli; Elizabet Pinter; Nina Pirrello.

### SICK

Remingo Biala; Manolito Aguilar; Christel Gonzalez Faustina Sandot,  
 Teresita Alston, Michael Flanjak,  
 Angela Mikhaiel, 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 7th October 2023 - St. Patrick's Church.

With joyful hearts, we welcome our newly Baptised to our parish community:

*Eloise Quan; Isabella Latif; & Eliza Sagisagi*

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: **This Sunday 17th September 2023.**

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our sacramental coordinator on the details below:  
Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Sacramental Coordinator)  
Mary Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown.

Email: [sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au)

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



## MARRIAGE COURSES IN 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called "SmartLoving" can also be booked via the website. For more information, email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

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](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org)

## MARRIED COUPLES NEEDED!

### Masterclass for Sponsor Married Couples: 19 October

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage?

Join us for a Masterclass on Thursday 19 October at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Sponsoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance in-person or via Zoom or to ask further questions, please email [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or phone Marisa on (02) 8838 3460.

## PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the sacraments of Eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to members who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to arrange receiving of the sacraments, please contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125 or after office hours number 02 8705 0830.



## PARISH GROUPS

### BIBLE STUDY GROUP



**Contact:** Richard Desa, [richarddesa@bigpond.com](mailto:richarddesa@bigpond.com)  
**Meeting Time and Venue:** Every Thursday, 7:30pm at Sid Mosley Centre St. Michael's Church.

### HOLY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP PRAYER GROUP

**Contact:** Charles Hyson, 0412 631 602, [www.holyfamilyfellowship.com](http://www.holyfamilyfellowship.com)  
**Meeting Time and Venue:** Every 2nd Saturday 6:30pm-9:30pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church.

### JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS



**Contact:** Antoinette Mangion, 0414 735 943  
**Meeting Time and Venue:** Every 3rd Monday of the month, 10:00 am at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church

### LEGION OF MARY ST MICHAEL'S



**Contact:** Noemi Romero, 0475 798 770 (for statue bookings)  
**Meeting Time and Venue:** Every Thursday, 4:00pm – 6:00pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church.

### LEGION OF MARY ST PATRICK'S



**Contact:** Maurice Bru 0419 626 583 (for statue bookings)  
**Meeting Time and Venue:** Every Wednesday, 7:30pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church.

### MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS



**Contact:** Max Rosario, 0490 137 533  
**Meeting Time and Venue:** Monday 9:30am-10:30am at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church. All are welcome!

### MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP



**Contact:** Jude Besterwitsch, 0435 588 309  
**Meeting Time and Venue:** 2nd Sunday of every month, 12pm—2pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church

### ROSARY GROUP



**Contact:** Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566  
**Meeting Time and Venue:** Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday after the 8am Mass, at St Michael's church.

### CATECHIST MINISTRY



**Contact:** Sandra Baker  
[admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)  
**For More Information please contact our the parish office.**

### TEHILLAH COMMUNITY



**Contact:** Ash & Rozario Fernando , 0416 861 976 or 0412 195 916  
**Meeting Time and Venue:** Every 2nd & 4th Saturday (school term) between 2pm - 4pm at the Cardinal Clancy Room, St Patrick's Church.

### TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP



**Contact:** Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566  
**Meeting Time and Venue:** 3.00pm every second Saturday of the month at Sid Mosley Centre St Michael's Church

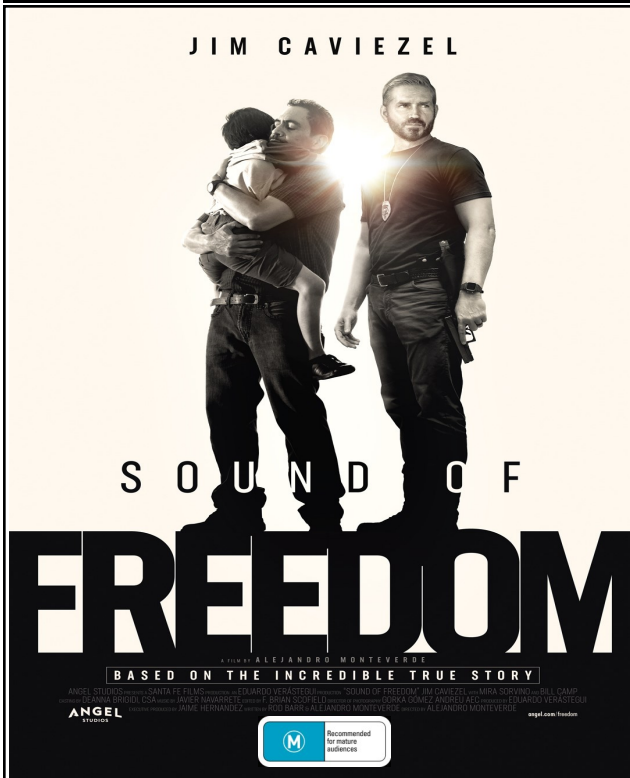
### YOUTH MINISTRY



**Contact:** Parish Office  
[admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)  
**For More Information please contact our Youth Minister.**

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### PARISH MOVIE NIGHT ~ SOUND OF FREEDOM ~ TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2023.



Come and Join the Private Screening of the Movie Sound of Freedom. This will take place on Tuesday 19th September (6.30pm), Hoyts Blacktown Cinema 1. Tickets are \$25.00 each and are available from our Piety Stores, Parish Office or online. (<https://www.mqofblacktown.org/soundoffreedom>)

All funds raised from this movie night will go to the parish raise the roof project.

*About the movie...*

After rescuing a boy from ruthless child traffickers, a federal agent learns the boy's sister is still captive and decides to embark on a dangerous mission to save her. With time running out, he quits his job and journeys deep into the Colombian jungle, putting his life on the line to free her from a fate worse than death. Directed and co-written by Alejandro Monteverde, *Sound of Freedom* is a low-budget action thriller about a U.S. federal agent who goes rogue on a mission to rescue children in Latin America from sex trafficking. Since its release on July 4, it's raked in over \$180 million at the domestic box office, outperforming big-budget features like *Mission: Impossible — Dead Reckoning Part One* and *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny*, and making it the highest-grossing indie film since 2019's *Parasite*.

Billed as a story about the real-life Tim Ballard, a former special agent for the Department of Homeland Security and founder of the anti-trafficking group Operation Underground Railroad (O.U.R.), *Sound of Freedom* has become mired in controversy over criticisms that it features misleading depictions of child exploitation and plays into right-wing conspiracy theories associated with the QAnon movement.



### 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

All prizes have been collected, again congrats to all winners.

Thank you to the following Parish Feast Day Sponsors and Donors:

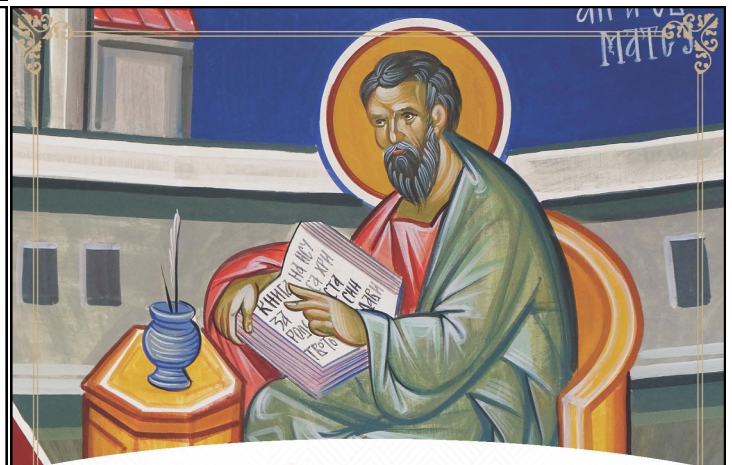
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 Fe Maramara & Family  
 Andy & Christina Rodricks and Family  
 Invocare Australia  
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 Mix and Match Bakehouse  
 Links2Community  
 Kathleen Collins  
 Sudanese Community

### IMPORTANT NOTE!

#### Those parishioners taking the Bus to Rev. Tom Green's Ordination.

We ask parishioners taking the bus to the ordination on Thursday to please meet at St. Patrick's Church Blacktown at 5.15pm at the Bus bay. The Bus will leave at 5.30pm!

### INVITATION TO REV TOM GREEN'S ORDINATION



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PARRAMATTA

MOST REVEREND VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN OFM CONV,  
 BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA  
 CORDIALLY INVITES YOU

TO THE MASS OF ORDINATION TO THE PRESBYTERATE OF

*Reverend Tom Green*

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PATRICK, PARRAMATTA

7:30 P.M. THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER A.D. 2023

FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW

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

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### 2024 ENROLMENTS ~ ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY

## St Patrick's Primary School



### Blacktown

**2024 Enrolments Now Open!**  
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Enrolments OPEN  
for  
ALL GRADES



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### 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 3/09/23, we have received the sum of \$95,385.15, 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.



### PARISH GOLF DAY

# ANNUAL PARISH



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## 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>

### DON'T PLAY GOLF BUT WANT TO HELP!

We need items to use for raffles, lucky door prizes and for Silent Auctions on the day.

Please donate any unused, unwanted items you may have around your home, over the coming weeks.

Donated items can be left at the Parish Office or in the boxes provided at our church foyers.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support!



### 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.



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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 6 DISCERNING

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

#### REFLECTION

The Synod is a process of spiritual discernment, of ecclesial discernment, that unfolds in adoration, in prayer and in dialogue with the word of God. "God's word is "living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Heb 4:12).

That word summons us to discernment and it brings light to that process. It guides the Synod, preventing it from becoming a Church convention, a study group or a political gathering, a parliament, but rather a grace-filled event, a process of healing guided by the Spirit. In these days, Jesus calls us, as he did the rich man in the Gospel, to empty ourselves, to free ourselves from all that is worldly, including our inward-looking and outworn pastoral models; and to ask ourselves what it is that God wants to say to us in this time. And the direction in which he wants to lead us.

ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE ROMAN CURIA Benediction Hall Thursday, 23 December 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.



**9 WEEK NOVENA**  
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