



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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

1ST OCTOBER 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.

SUNDAY CONNECTION

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

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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 Bungaribee 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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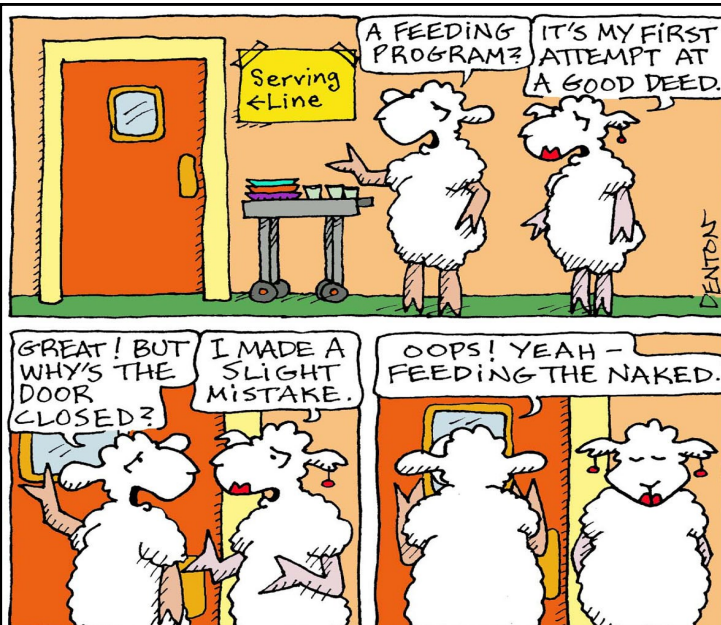
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NOTIFICATION OF OFFICE HOURS

Due to the Labour Day long weekend, the Parish Office & Diocese of Parramatta Chancery Office will be closed on Monday 2 October. It will reopen on Tuesday 3 October.



SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves."

Sheepish Question:

When have I been humbled by serving someone in need? How?

THE LITURGY

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: DANIEL 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 18:25-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 24:4-9. R. V.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: PSALM 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday 2nd Oct: Zechariah 8:1-8 ; Matthew 18:1-5. 10 .

Tuesday 3rd Oct: Zechariah 8:20-23 ; Luke 9:51-56 .

Wednesday 4th Oct: Nehemiah 2:1-8 ; Luke 9:57-62 .

Thursday 5th Oct: Nehemiah 8:1-12 ; Luke 10:1-12 .

Friday 6th Oct: Baruch 1:15-22 ; Luke 10:13-16 .

Saturday 7th Oct: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 ; Luke 10:17-24 .

Sunday 8th Oct: Isaiah 5:1-7 ; Philippians 4:6-9 ;
Matthew 21:33-43 .

ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

Episode 6: Signs and Symbols

The Catholic Mass is full of signs and symbols. Where do these signs come from? Where do they get their meaning? The Church teaches that the meaning comes from four categories: creation, human culture, the Old Testament and they are fully revealed in the mission of Christ narrated for us in the New Testament. The sacramental system depends on signs that are perceptible. Every created thing has the impression of God, the Divine Artisan.

In the first category, creation itself, we can see what the sacramental signs mean. Water means cleansing; oil means healing, protection. The second category is human culture: what are the naturally human things we do? Language, too, falls into this category. We speak in different ways depending on the social context. The third category includes the events of the Old Testament which provide models for meaning: crossing the Red Sea symbolizes freedom from slavery; the great flood symbolizes the destruction of evil; the preaching of the prophets represents the voice of God, his desire to restore us to life.

The mystery of creation, culture and the old covenant are brought together in the fourth category, in Christ, who is the fullest revelation of God—he is God! Nothing in the Mass is there by chance; everything in the liturgy has meaning.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

... it is from scripture that lessons are read and explained in the homily, and psalms are sung; the prayers, collects, and liturgical songs are scriptural in their inspiration and their force, and it is from the scriptures that actions and signs derive their meaning. (n°. 24)

IN THE TRADITION

Consider, beloved, how the Lord keeps reminding us of the resurrection that is to come, of which he has made the Lord Jesus Christ the first fruits by raising him from the dead. Let us look, beloved, at the resurrection that occurs at its appointed time.

THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH

A sacramental celebration is woven from signs and symbols. In keeping with the divine pedagogy of salvation, their meaning is rooted in the work of creation and in human culture, specified by the events of the Old Covenant and fully revealed in the person and work of Christ." Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), n°. 1145

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PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Remingo Biala; Victor Baker; Michael "Mick" Licot; Cora Ibasco;
Rolando Gonzales

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Otto Zehentner; Biagina Boccanfuso; Emiliano Caperal;
Gloria Raquel Gutierrez Duran

IN MEMORIUM

Frank Cefai & his Parents, Andrew James Sitaramayya; Rex & Loana Scott.

SICK

Manolito Aguilar; Christel Gonzalez Faustina Sandot, Teresita Alston,
Michael Flanjak,
Angela Mikhael, Cristina King, Chelzee de la Cruz

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

THE SACRAMENTS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2023

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 7th October 2023 - St. Patrick's Church.

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

*Layke Molina; Christian Vella;
Gabriel Alejandro & Lorenzo Mendoza*

For more information please logon to our website: <https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/#baptism>

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS FOR RECONCILIATION COMMENCES:

Parent Encounter One: Tuesday 17th October 2023 at 7.00pm or
Thursday 19th October 2023 at 9.00am.

Follow the below link for more information about our sacramental process: <https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/>

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, 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

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 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
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

PARISH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

SIMON CARRINGTON PRESENTS

RESTORE LOVE: FAMILY EVENT

The virtue of chastity is for everybody, but living it out looks different for teenagers and parents. It frees us to love and frees us to know that we are being loved. This event will equip the whole family to embrace the virtue of chastity.

OUTCOMES

- ✓ Encourage teens and young adults to **live out the virtue of chastity** and experience true sexual freedom in their singleness and relationships. It will invite them to see the beauty of marriage and family life and the importance of committing to preserve the gift of their body and sexuality for marriage.
- ✓ Empower parents to **communicate the virtue of chastity more effectively** with their children. It will invite them to see how the best way to parent purity is to understand why teens become sexually active in the first place and how they can most effectively accompany them to an abundant life of real love.

Saturday 14th Oct

2:30pm - Finding The Love That Satisfies

4:00pm - Parenting Purity to Teens

*The event is open to teens and parents

**Adoration and confession available

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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.



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.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

AN INVITATION FOR CURRENT YEAR 12 STUDENTS

2024 ENROLMENTS ~ ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY



Class of 2023

HSC STUDENTS & FAMILIES JOIN US
For the
ANNUAL HSC MASS

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 8TH 2023
5.30PM MASS &
FELLOWSHIP AFTER MASS**

**AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
BLACKTOWN**

51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown

**STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO WEAR
THEIR 2023 CLASS JERSEY**

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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.au/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.



VICTUS

**THIS COMING FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER FROM 6.30PM
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH - ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!**



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Speaker
Br Bernard Mary
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7:30pm Mass 8:30pm Talk

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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

If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Sarah at accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au. Thank you so much for your continued support our parish. We are grateful!

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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 8 COMMUNION

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

REFLECTION

Communion.... This does not have to do with majorities or minorities; essentially, it is based on our relationship with Christ. We will never have an evangelical style in our respective settings unless we put Christ back in the centre, not this or that party opinion: Christ at the centre. Many of us work together, but what builds communion is also the ability to pray together, to listen together to God's word and to construct relationships that go beyond work and strengthen beneficial relations between us by helping one another. Otherwise, we risk being nothing more than strangers working in the same place, competitors looking to advance or, worse yet, forging relationships based on personal interests, forgetting the common cause that holds us together. This creates divisions, factions and enemies, whereas cooperation demands the magnanimity to accept our own partiality and to be open to working in a group, even with those who do not think as we do. In cooperation, people work together, not for some extraneous purpose, but because they have at heart the good of others and, consequently, of the entire People of God whom we are called to serve. Let us not forget the real faces of people. Let us not forget our roots and the concrete faces of those who were our first teachers in the faith.

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
towards the Diocesan Synod

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