



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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A & 109TH WORLD DAY OF REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS.

24TH 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.

SUNDAY CONNECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just.

He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

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109th World Day of Refugees and Migrants

For the past 109 years, the Catholic Church has promoted an annual observance of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This, year Pope Francis has chosen the theme: Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay. For more info: <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/>

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, Ekhlal 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:

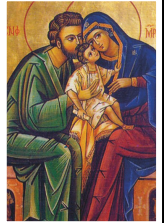
Opal Nursing Home (37 Kildare Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 9852 9600

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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NOTIFICATION OF OFFICE HOURS

Due to our Parish Golf Day, the parish office will open from 9am to 12.00pm on Friday 29th September. Apologies for the inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

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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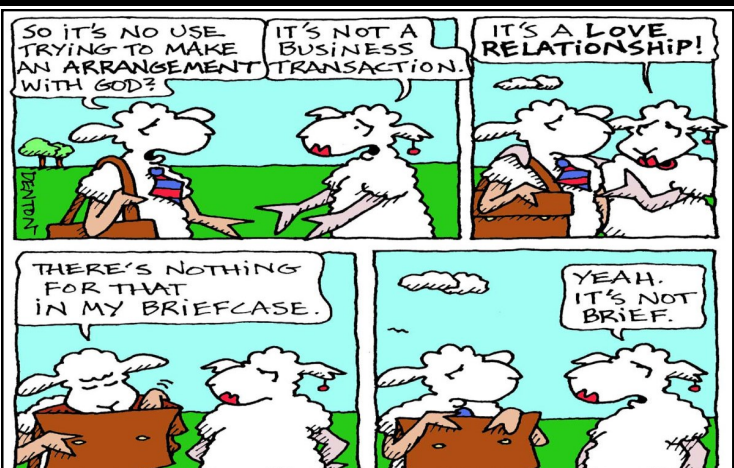
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5. Download the FORMED app on your phone and "Sign In" using your email address in step 4;
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SUNDAY FLOCK



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"So high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts."

Sheepish Question:

It's not in my bag, so where can I look to deepen my relationship with God?

THE LITURGY

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:6-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. V.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24. 27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Psalm 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday 25th Sept: Ezra 1:1-6 ; Luke 8:16-18.
Tuesday 26th Sept: Ezekiel 6:7-8. 12. 14-20 ; Luke 8:19-21.
Wednesday 27th Sept: Ezekiel 9:5-9 ; Luke 9:1-6 .
Thursday 28th Sept: Haggai 1:1-8 ; Luke 9:7-9 .
Friday 29th Sept: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 ; John 1:47-51.
Saturday 30th Sept: Zechariah 2:5-9. 14-15 ; Luke 9:43-45 .
Sunday 1st Oct: Ezekiel 18:25-28 ; Philippians 2:1-11 ;
 Matthew 21:28-32 .

ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

Episode 5: Processions

A procession is an assembly on the move. It symbolizes, in every instance, our pilgrimage through this world to our true homeland; we are citizens of heaven.

There is a difference between "gathering" and "assembly." A gathering can be any group. An assembly, on the other hand, is a group called together, formed into a body, united in their purpose and in their destination.

There are four processions in the Mass: the Entrance, Gospel, Offertory and Communion processions. They symbolize the constant journey deeper and deeper into the mystery of God.

Even when there is no visible procession, there are signs that represent our movement toward God: the church door with its threshold and aisle (especially when its design distinguishes it from the rest of the floor) and the entrance to the sanctuary (marked with a rail, or gate, or steps). These are all sacramental signs of procession.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

The purpose of the sacraments is to sanctify men, to build up the body of Christ, and, finally, to give worship to God; because they are signs they also instruct. [...]

It is therefore of the highest importance that the faithful should easily understand the sacramental signs, and should frequent with great eagerness those sacraments which were instituted to nourish the Christian life. (n°. 59)

IN THE TRADITION

The LORD said to Abram: Go forth from your land, your relatives, and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. Genesis 12:1

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. Psalm 100:4

THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH

"Besides sacramental liturgy and sacramentals, catechesis must take into account the forms of piety and popular devotions among the faithful. The religious sense of the Christian people has always found expression in various forms of piety surrounding the Church's sacramental life, such as the veneration of relics, visits to sanctuaries, pilgrimages, processions, the stations of the cross, religious dances, the rosary, medals, etc." *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), n°. 1674*

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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

Vivencio De Jesus & Gloria Raquel Gutierrez Durand

IN MEMORIUM

Irene Regoli; Elizabet Pinter; Nina Pirrello.

SICK

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

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

Yvonne Malin

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:

*Brendan Goodwin, Aaron D'Mello,
Ayden Bandara & Harrison Sculthorpe*

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

THANK YOU ~ PARISH MOVIE NIGHT



Thank you to all those parishioners who attended our Parish Movie Night – Sound of Freedom. We were able to raise \$1,250.00 which will go towards our “Raise the Roof” campaign.

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

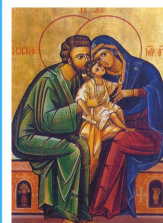
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CONGRATULATIONS ~ FR. TOM GREEN



On behalf of the Parish Community we would like to congratulate the newly ordained Fr. Tom Green. Fr. Tom has been appointed as the new assistant Priest at Parramatta Cathedral and will take up his appointment on Monday 2nd October. We request our parishioners to keep Fr. Tom in your prayers as he begins his new ministry and appointment.

AN INVITATION FOR CURRENT YEAR 12 STUDENTS



MARY,
QUEEN
OF THE
FAMILY
PARISH, BLACKTOWN

**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**

**FOR CATERING PURPOSES PLEASE RSVP BY 1ST OCTOBER 2023.
EMAIL: YOUTH@MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU OR PH: 029622-1125**

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR



The Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Community invites you to a weekend with Jesus.

On the 30th of September and 1st of October 2023 at St. Andrews the Apostle School Hall in Marayong. For more information: Call St. Andrew's Parish office: 02 9622 0817 or Josie: 0452 486 323.

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

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



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.



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:

FIRST COLLECTION: For the Diocesan Clergy

Account Name: Diocesan Clergy

Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 4265

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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Contact : 0288097084**

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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 7
HUMILITY

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

REFLECTION

Humility is the ability to know how to “inhabit” our humanity, this humanity beloved and blessed by the Lord, and to do so without despair but with realism, joy and hope. Humility means recognising that we should not be ashamed of our frailty. Jesus teaches us to look upon our poverty with the same love and tenderness with which we look upon a little child, vulnerable and in need of everything. Lacking humility, we will look for things that can reassure us, and perhaps find them, but we will surely not find what saves us, what can heal us. Seeking those kinds of reassurance is the most perverse fruit of spiritual worldliness, for it reveals a lack of faith, hope and love; it leads to an inability to discern the truth of things..... All of us are called to humility, because all of us are called to remember and to give life. We are called to find a right relationship with our roots and our branches. Without those two things, we become sick, destined to disappear. Jesus, who came into the world by the path of humility, has opened a way for us; he indicates a way and shows us a goal.

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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