



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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A & FATHER'S DAY

3RD 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.

It is a sobering thought to think of where we're heading, of our final end, of our death. For some of us, one of the lessons that we would have received in catechism class was on the Four Last Things – death, judgment, Heaven or Hell. It's not often spoken about these days, but it nevertheless remains an essential part of our faith and a very fruitful reality to meditate upon for our own interior growth.

Really, there are only three last things for us as individuals. Death is of course inevitable, even though us moderns like to imagine and work for a world where it might not be so, or where we could at least delay, for as long as possible, that end. Judgment too is inevitable. Neither death nor judgment are things for which we can choose. They *happen* to us, and we don't get a say either way.

But between the last two of these Four Last Things, there is a choice: heaven *or* hell. The judgment that we shall receive from the Saviour will be a revelation to us of what we already knew, of the destination we chose, manifested in the way we lived our lives. We won't be surprised, because it will be a decision we have already made: heaven or hell.

The Catechism in paragraph 1970 tells us that "the Law of the Gospel requires us to make the *decisive choice* between 'the two ways'..." Each of these destinations has a way which leads to them and it is good for us to be reminded that they are incompatible roads. We cannot walk them both: if we are for Christ, we must follow him, persevering despite the suffering that that *inevitably* entails, as Christ instructs us in today's gospel.

When we choose to follow Jesus, when we say Yes to his invitation, we say No to a whole lot else. We must live with that decision. We must cut out from our lives anything contrary to the gospel, anything which would be an obstacle to Jesus' redeeming work, anything that would prevent us from reaching that destination we all want.

When we choose Christ, we thus also choose everything He chose, including, and maybe even especially, suffering. Our readings today give us pause to consider our attitude to suffering. Will we be an obstacle to Jesus, or will we graciously accept the sufferings that inevitably come with following Him with all our hearts along the way to heaven?

Deacon Tom Green.

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, Ekhlaz Ambili, Erica Luiz, Harlane Petersen, Helena Vea, Tony Fernando, Sidney Lazum, Fr. Regie Lavilla, Fr. Andrew Rooney, Fr. Ever Bernaldez, Rev. John Cinya.

Parish Schools:

St Michael's Primary:

P : 8869 6200 <https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au>

St Patrick's Primary:

P : 8869 6000 <https://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au>

Nagle College:

P : 8887 4507 <https://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au>

Patrician Brothers College:

P : 8811 0300 <https://www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au>

Catholic Early Learning Centre (St Michael's) :

P : 8814 8406 <https://www.celcblacktownstn.catholic.edu.au>

Nursing Homes:

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

Mulluana Retirement Village (61 Bungarribee Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 8822 2100

Catholic Healthcare St Hedwig Village Blacktown (140 Reservoir Rd, Blacktown 2148) P: 8822 9920



Welcome to the Family..



We are a welcoming parish... you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of Mary, Queen of the Family. If you are not an active member of this Community, consider partaking in what we have to offer. We serve the Community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, youth and comfort to the sick and mourning. In addition to our spiritual and outreach organisations, perchance you have an interest in joining one of our many liturgical ministries such as: Minister of Holy Communion, Reader/Commentator, Welcomer, Collectors, Minister of DVP/Power Point, Catechists etc.

Volunteers are formally registered by filling out a *Join a Ministry* form that is then entered into the parish data system (*information supplied remains confidential*). These forms are available from the parish office or in the church foyer, or for further information call the Parish Office on 9622 1125. ~ *The Parish Team*

MARY QUEEN OF THE FAMILY ~ PARISH MISSION



- * Grow as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ
- * Deepen our understanding of the Sacred Tradition & Scriptures of the Catholic Church
- * Strive to live as a faithful & committed Catholic community
- * Evangelise and respond to the needs of the family in the Blacktown community and beyond



OBJECTIVES TO MEET OUR MISSION AT MARY QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH.

WORSHIP ~ Practice the right forms of Worship. **WORD** ~ Increase the Biblical literacy in the Parish. **WALL** ~ Building our community.

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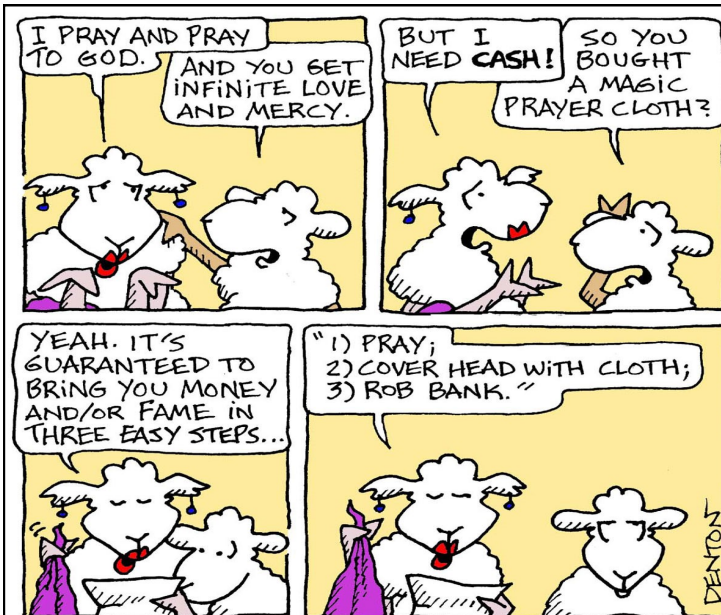


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NOTIFICATION OF MASS CHANGE

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

SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God."

Sheepish Question:

How do some "easy steps" to attaining worldly desires lead me astray from following Jesus?

THE LITURGY

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf Psalm 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. V.8

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: Rom 12:1-2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Psalm 20.30

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

Episode 2: Intelligent Worship

The Second Vatican Council, in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, called for "active participation" on the part of the Faithful.

It also called for a participation that would be full and conscious.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people" (1 Pet. 2:9; cf. 2:4-5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism. (n°. 14)

Pastors of souls must therefore realize that, when the liturgy is celebrated, something more is required than the mere observation of the laws governing valid and licit celebration; it is their duty also to ensure that the faithful take part fully aware of what they are doing, actively engaged in the rite, and enriched by its effects. (n°. 11)

Virgil Michel

Without intelligence, there is no such thing as worship. True worship, or worship of God, is an exercise of the virtue of religion. This virtue consists in an acknowledgement of God as our Creator and Father and of our total dependence on him in every respect.

Worship is thus always a rendering of due homage to God by intelligent beings. There can be no worship without intelligence, without the quality of mind or of consciousness. *The Liturgy of the Church*, 3

Human beings must recognize that we are entirely dependent on God for everything. Even *our existence is God's gift. If our participation in the liturgy is to be genuine and full, it must also be full and intelligent.* *THE*

TEACHING OF THE CHURCH

"*Liturgy is the 'action' of the whole Christ (Christus totus). Those who even now celebrate it without signs are already in the heavenly liturgy, where celebration is wholly communion and feast.*" *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), n°. 1136*

"*It is the whole community, the Body of Christ united with its Head, that celebrates. 'Liturgical services are not private functions but are celebrations of the Church which is the sacrament of unity, namely, the holy people united and organized under the authority of the bishops. Therefore, liturgical services pertain to the whole Body of the Church. They manifest it, and have effects upon it. But they touch individual members of the Church in different ways, depending on their orders, their role in the liturgical services, and their actual participation in them.'* For this reason, 'rites which are meant to be celebrated in common, with the faithful present and actively participating, should as far as possible be celebrated in that way rather than by an individual and quasi-privately.'" *CCC, n°. 1140*

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FEAST DAYS

Friday 8th September -
The Nativity of
the Blessed Virgin Mary



DAILY READINGS

Monday 4th Sept: 1 Thess 4:13-18; Lu k:16-30.
Tuesday 5th Sept: 1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday 6th Sept: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44.
Thursday 7th Sept: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11.
Friday 8th Sept: Micah 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 .
Saturday 9th Sept: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5.
Sunday 10th Sept: Eze 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Emiliano Caperal; Frank Albino Matanic

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Wilfred Palmon, Rodolfo Samson

IN MEMORIUM

Otto Zehentner

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Joan Kurmann

SICK

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

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

THE SACRAMENTS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2023



Parents wishing to have their children baptised are to contact the parish office prior to attending a Baptism workshop. The next workshop will on Saturday 5th August 2023 - St. Patrick's Church.

With joyful hearts, we welcome our newly Baptised to our parish community:
Juana Albay & Alya Berk

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

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

The sacramental process dates and registration for 2023 are now available on our parish website. Follow the below link:

<https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/>

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS REGISTRATION CLOSURE DATES:

Reconciliation process for Year 3 - 6: **17th September 2023.**

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

Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

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



MARRIAGE COURSES IN 2023

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

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

RCIA PROCESS

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process developed by the Church to welcome adults desiring to enter more fully into the Catholic Church by completing their Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Any adult who is already Catholic and is interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith is also welcome to join us. To register your interest or know someone who maybe interested please contact the parish office.
Ph: 02 9622 1125 or admin@mqofblacktown.org.au



PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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



PARISH GROUPS

BIBLE STUDY GROUP



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

HOLY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP PRAYER GROUP

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

JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS



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

LEGION OF MARY ST MICHAEL'S



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

LEGION OF MARY ST PATRICK'S



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

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS



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

MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP



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

ROSARY GROUP



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

CATECHIST MINISTRY



Contact: Sandra Baker
admin@mqofblacktown.org.au
For More Information please contact our the parish office.

TEHILLAH COMMUNITY



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

TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP



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

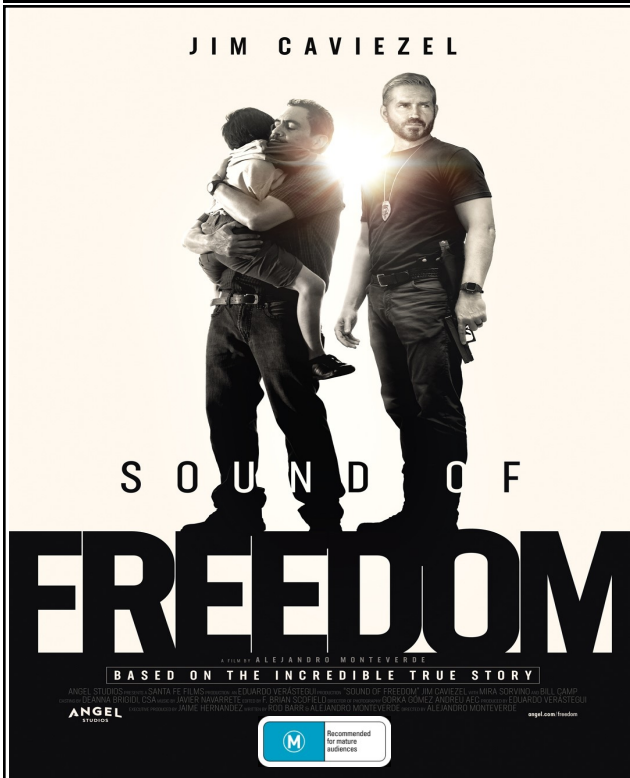
YOUTH MINISTRY



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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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:

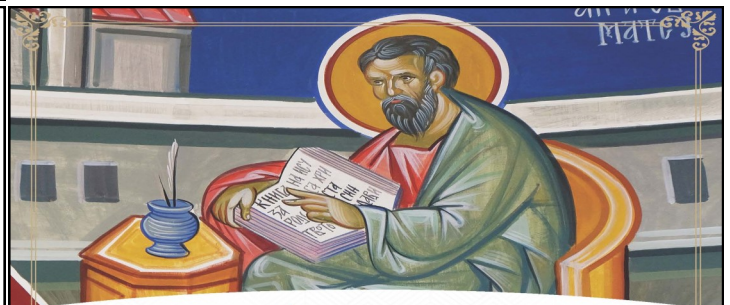
1st prize - \$500 **Julie P.** - Purple E55
 2nd prize - \$300 **Charbel A.** - Blue F71
 3rd prize - \$200 **Trevor A.** - Black F47

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

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

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 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



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

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL



SUPPORT OUR RETIRED PRIESTS

who never stop giving their lives in service to our Catholic community.



Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal

DONATE NOW

Father's Day is a time to celebrate the guiding figures in our lives, those who've shown us love, support, and unwavering dedication. Give a special Father's Day gift to honour the priests who've served as father figures to you, your family, and our Catholic community. Your donation today cares for retiring priests and those in ill-health.



Visit parracatholic.org/appeal-social

CHURCH MAINTENANCE UPDATE



St Patrick's Church – Raise the Roof Project

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

As of 24/08/23, we have received the sum of \$95,305.15, in donations. We are thankful to our

donors and to those who are still considering...only your continued support can make the roof of the House of God rebuild!

St Michael's Church – Maintenance Projects

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

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

HOW TO DONATE: Scan the QR code to donate or logon to the following link (<https://www.mqofblacktown.org/make-a-donation-or-payment>)

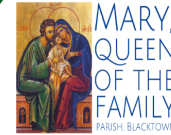
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PARISH GOLF DAY

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>

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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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Setting up a one-time or recurring donation/Planned Giving is quick and easy. Just go to: www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations.

You can also send your offerings/donations thru bank transfer:

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Reference: 6004 - Donor's Name

SECOND COLLECTION: For the Parish

Account Name: Blacktown Catholic Church
Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 0677
Reference: 6004 ~ Donor's name

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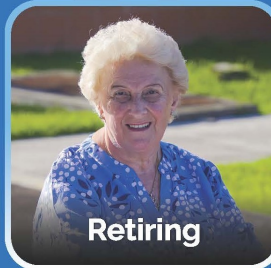
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WEEK 4 JOURNEYING TOGETHER

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

REFLECTION

We must continue along this path. The world in which we live, and which we are called to love and serve, even with its contradictions, demands that the Church strengthen cooperation in all areas of her mission. It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.

What the Lord is asking of us is already in some sense present in the very word "synod". Journeying together - laity, pastors, the Bishop of Rome - is an easy concept to put into words, but not so easy to put into practice.

ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF ROME PAUL VI Audience Hall Saturday 17 October 2015

(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.
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