



# 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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

15TH 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.

## World Youth Day Experience

My life changed for the worst before this trip.

At least that's what I thought.

I was in a bad place with my friends and it felt like everyone was leaving me.

I fully felt like it was all my fault.

But I kept reminding myself "Europe is coming up. I'll leave the real world behind and throw myself into my spiritual life"

The plan was to forget everything and everyone and just focus on me. However, God had other plans for me.

The entire trip, I was focusing on the negative.

My thoughts were eating me up and seeping into my dreams to the point where I thought I was going crazy.

So at this point we had reached nearly halfway through our WYD trip and it was our last day in Spain. I had so many thoughts rushing through my brain, some positive but also some negative. We had gone into a church for our daily mass and I decided to pray.

Now I don't know if any of you can relate to this, but I have almost a 6th sense and I can tell when someone is staring at me because I get a little shiver down my spine. Anyway.

I was kneeling in this church, eyes closed, pouring my heart and soul out into this prayer, when I feel someone staring at me. I brushed it off thinking it was probably someone spacing out and accidentally staring and I got back to praying, eyes still closed. I feel it for the second time. Again, I shook it off and left it alone. But it happened to me one more time. I felt a shiver down my spine and something in my brain told me to open my eyes.

So you could imagine my surprise when I found out that the person staring at me was Jesus.

Now you're probably thinking "Chevonne, it was probably heatstroke or something. Were you hallucinating?" No. It was a statue of Jesus on the left side of the altar. I remember him so vividly. He was carrying his cross, wearing a blueish-purple robe, and was staring right at me. In that moment, I could hear him say "Don't worry, I am here, your prayers are with me. And at that moment I froze. I froze and stared straight back at him until Mass was over and I knew everything was going to be just fine. ~ *Chevonne Lobo...*



### 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

**Deacon:** Rev. John Cinya.

**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, Ekhlis 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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## DIOCESAN SYNOD: PLENARY INDULGENCE

A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, during the time of the Diocesan Synod (13 to 15 October) – devoutly visit the church in which the Synod is being held, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, and there recite one Our Father and the Creed (Nicene or Apostles').

In order to receive the indulgence, the three usual conditions of going to confession, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father must also be met.

For more information about plenary indulgences, please visit <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/indulgw.php>

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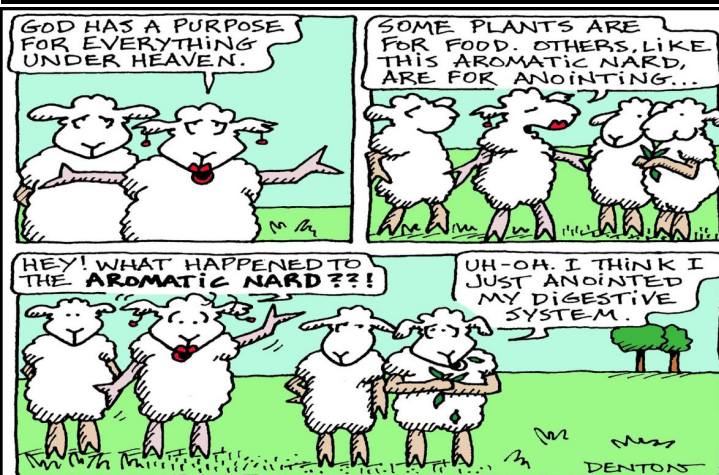
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## SUNDAY FLOCK



"My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

### Sheepish Question:

What grace has God given me this week? What shall I do with it?

## THE LITURGY

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

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: PSALM 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, Should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 25:6-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 22. R. V6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14. 19-20

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: MATTHEW 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf PSALM 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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## DAILY READINGS

**Monday 16th Oct:** Rom 1:1- 7 ; Luke 11:29-32  
**Tuesday 17th Oct:** Rom 1:16-25 ; Luke 10:38-42  
**Wednesday 18th Oct:** 2 Tim 4:10-17; Luke 10:1-9  
**Thursday 19th Oct:** Rom 3:21-30 ; Luke 11:47-54 .  
**Friday 20th Oct:** Rom 4:1-8 ; Luke 12:1-7  
**Saturday 21st Oct:** Rom 4:13, 16-18 ; Luke 12:8-12 .  
**Sunday 22nd Oct:** Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

## ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

### Episode 7: Sacramental Signs

The Catholic Church teaches that a sacrament is an outward sign, instituted by Christ, to give grace. Or as the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it:

The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. (n°. 1131)

In any case, a sacrament is comprised of two parts: the perceptible sign. It is something we can see, or smell, or touch, or taste, or hear. In the tradition, this is called the "sacramentum." Then there is the invisible reality, called the "res" by the tradition. It is ultimately the grace of God.

We should consider these two things in every sacramental experience. Ideally the meaning of the sacramental sign should be evident. For this to happen, though, we must be completely invested in the Christian culture from which the meaning flows.

#### Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

...the visible signs used by the liturgy to signify invisible divine things have been chosen by Christ or the Church. Thus not only when things are read "which were written for our instruction" (Rom. 15:4), but also when the Church prays or sings or acts, the faith of those taking part is nourished and their minds are raised to God, so that they may offer Him their rational service and more abundantly receive His grace. (n°. 33)

#### IN THE TRADITION

There can be no religious society, whether the religion be true or false, without some sacrament or visible symbol to serve as a bond of union. The importance of these sacraments cannot be overstated, and only scoffers will treat them lightly. Augustine of Hippo, Contra Faustum, n°. 19.11

#### THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH

"From where do the sacramental signs come? Some come from created things (light, water, fire, bread, wine, oil); others come from social life (washing, anointing, breaking of bread). Still others come from the history of salvation in the Old Covenant (the Passover rites, the sacrifices, the laying on of hands, the consecrations). These signs, some of which are normative and unchangeable, were taken up by Christ and are made the bearers of his saving and sanctifying action."

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<https://watch.formed.org/the-elements-of-the-catholic-mass> - FREE Subscription to formed see pg 2.

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Mario Rubbo, Jess Calvo, Malcolm Lobo, Julius DeSouza,  
Sergio Lintag

### IN MEMORIUM

Julieta Magno, Rosellina Ryan, Charlie Sakr, Janice Mossfield,  
Jenny Menon, Vincenza Feri.

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Suman and Alok, Limun & Frugal Families

### SICK

Natalia De Jesus Dionisio, 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 4th November 2023 - St. Patrick's Church.

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

*Damien Andrady; Ruvarashe & Izwairashe  
Mushete; Maias Estil & Ugochinyere Dickson*

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

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



## MARRIAGE COURSES IN 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

## SPONSOR 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 or to ask further questions, please email [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or phone Marisa on (02) 8838 3460.

## COMMUNION TO SICK & DYING WORKSHOP

On Saturday 21 October, the MET Worship team will be offering an ongoing formation session for Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying. It will be held from 9:30am until 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. We have limited spaces available so please RSVP to Mary by 16 October at [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

## 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

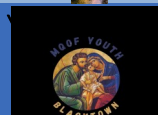


Contact: Ash & Rozario Fernando, 0416 861 976 or 0412 195 916  
Meeting Time and Venue: Every 2nd & 4th Saturday (school term) between 2pm - 4pm at the Cardinal Clancy Room, St Patrick's Church.

### 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



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

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### FLOWER MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



MQOF Flower Ministry is seeking volunteers to assist with the flower arrangements at St Patrick's Church every fortnight on Saturday morning. No formal training is required – just your time and enthusiasm! If you are interested, please call the Parish office on 9622-1125 and leave your details.

### CHRISTMAS GALA ~ SAVE THE DATE



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**9TH DECEMBER 2023**



### Calling on all ministry leads and volunteers!

We are inviting you for a planning meeting for our annual Parish Christmas Gala. This event will take place on the 9th December 2023 from 6.00pm at Nagle Grounds / Hall.

The first meeting will be in the Parish Office, next Thursday 19th October at 7.00pm. We encourage yourself and/or a member of your parish group/ministry to attend. If you could please RSVP your attendance by emailing ([admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)) or Ph: 02 9622 1125.

### DIOCESE ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 29 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or phone (02) 8838 3460 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome.



### MQOF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), Parish Finance Council (PFC) and Parish Team have mutually agreed to call off the Annual General Meeting (AGM) this year and will be reviewed for future years.

For a number of years now, an AGM has been held on a Sunday in late October/ early November. Experience has shown that the number of parishioners attending these AGMs has been very minimal each year. In most cases, the attendees have been from the PPC and PFC themselves. A great deal of effort is put into preparing the presentations by both Chairpersons and last year, after uploading the presentations to our website, there were minimal views or questions raised. For the grounds of transparency, both groups will still be preparing a one-page report for this year. These will be made available by the first week of November 2023.

Lastly, parish matters, and news are regularly highlighted in our bulletins each week, and this will continue to be the case.

We trust that this change will meet your acceptance. As always, the parish team and members of both the PPC and PFC are at your service and available to you should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your understanding and prayers.

### FROM THE FILIPINO CHAPLANCY



### Memorial Lunch

IN HONOUR OF

### FR RENATO PARAS

St Andrew's Catholic School Hall  
40 Breakfast Rd. Marayong

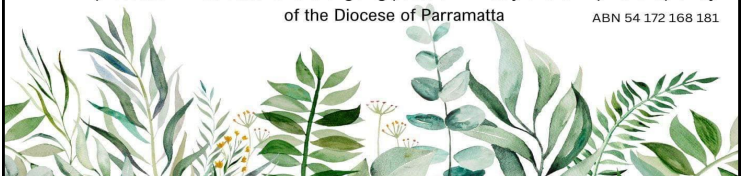
Sunday, 29 October 2023  
12:30pm-3:30pm

Tickets: \$50

For ticket inquiries please contact the Filipino Chaplaincy Diocese of Parramatta:  
0408 491 715 or [FILCHAP.DOP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FILCHAP.DOP@GMAIL.COM)

*Thank you for your support !*

All proceeds will be used for the ongoing pastoral ministry of the Filipino Chaplaincy of the Diocese of Parramatta  
ABN 54 172 168 181





## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### CATHOLIC MISSION SUNDAY

Walk with Sr Carolina as she guides the community of Venilale to good health.

Thank you for choosing to support the work of Catholic Mission and for sharing the important and vital work of missionaries with your parishioners.

This year, we invite you to partner with the essential work of the community and Church in Timor-Leste as they look to address the gaps in care and empower the community to take control of their health through the presence of the missionary Sisters and their well-trusted health clinic.

We look forward to you partnering with us to support this life-giving work in Timor-Leste, along with many other Church run mission programs around the world.

Donate Now:

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/carolina>

Or during our Catholic Mission Sunday Appeal on next weekend of the 21st & 22nd October 2023 at our Parish.



### CHURCH MAINTENANCE UPDATE



#### St Patrick's Church – Raise the Roof Project

We have received a couple of quotes and waiting for 2 more quotes from roofers recommended by the Diocese, and then we will meet with the Head of the Property section of the Diocese to finalise the roof and ceiling refurbishment of our St Patrick's church. We have also received the cash settlement from Catholic Church Insurance, which amount augment our roof and ceiling repair funding, (inclusive of donation), to \$187,591.15

We are thankful to CCI, our donors and to those who are still considering... only your continued support can make the roof of the House of God refurbished!

#### St Michael's Church – Maintenance Projects

We are waiting from a volunteer architect the design and costing of our Sanctuary lightings. Once available we will post it here – 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>)



### 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.



### 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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beautiful school  
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### 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](https://www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations).

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

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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 9 MISSION

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

### REFLECTION

Mission....We need to avoid [becoming closed persons] by making the Church constantly go out from herself, keeping her mission focused on Jesus Christ, and her commitment to the poor" (Evangelii Gaudium, 97). Only a heart open to mission can ensure that everything we do, ad intra and ad extra, is marked by the regenerating power of the Lord's call. Mission always involves passion for the poor, for those who are "in need", not only of things material, but also spiritual, emotional and moral. Those who hunger for bread and those who hunger for meaning are equally poor. The Church is summoned to reach out to every form of poverty. The Church is called to preach the Gospel to everyone, since all of us are poor; all of us are, in one way or another, needy. But the Church also reaches out to the poor because we need them: we need their voice, their presence, their questions and criticisms. A person with a missionary heart feels the absence of his brother or sister, and, like a beggar, accosts him or her. Mission makes us vulnerable. This is beautiful, that mission makes us vulnerable. It helps remind us that we are disciples and it makes us rediscover ever anew the joy of the Gospel .

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.



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