



# 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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

22ND 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.

## The Source of Authority and Power

The magnificence of the world and the enormous capacity of human beings to recreate things reveal the existence of such power we hold in our hands. Yet not being aware of or separating the exercise of this power from its ultimate source who is God has also brought the painful consequence of destruction in our midst, for apart from the divine nurturing and nourishing power, it can be abused through the detriment of people. Without accountability to God, power would become a brute force used to subjugate and manipulate people. Hence, by submitting to the authority of God, human power becomes a source of life for others and used for human flourishing. It is in a way purified by God's power.

The prophet Isaiah (45:1, 4-6) in the first reading explains that Cyrus, the Emperor of Persians, the most powerful man in the known world was simply an instrument chosen by God to carry out his plan. This shows also that all other powers on earth are under the supreme dominion of God. "I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you know me not... It is I who arm you... men may know that there is none besides me." The word of God exhorts Cyrus that he is behind his power and that through him others may know God.

In the Gospel (Matthew 22:15-21) we find the Pharisees and the Herodians who try to trap Jesus. They are not concerned so much about the supreme rule of God, rather they are out to get Jesus putting him in a dilemma about their question, "Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?" They think Jesus will choose one, thus get in trouble either of his own people or of the Roman authorities. Jesus whose wisdom is of God use this as an opportunity to teach them about the kingdom of God who rules over the world and the kingdoms of men whose authority ultimately comes from God. To make his point he asks them to show him the coin used to pay taxes. The silver coin is stamped with image of Tiberius Caesar. When Jesus questions them whose image is on the coin, the Pharisees have no way but to tell him "Caesar's". He pronounces then a legitimate teaching, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."

There should be no conflict between political and religious obligations when they are legitimately met. Jesus, however, in saying "give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's" subordinates the claims of Caesar to the claims of God. If the Roman coin bears the image of Caesar, then it belongs to him and should be given back to him. But the human person bears the image of the living God (Gen 1:27), hence, every human being including Caesar, Emperor Cyrus, and every ruler of nations are all subject to God and should submit themselves to him. To be able to bring life to the world, to help in the building up of the just, loving society, we all need to submit to the authority and power of God which is love and mercy itself. Then the power of greed and selfishness is overcome by the power of the grace of God.

*Fr. Regie Lavilla, MSP.*

### 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, 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.celcblacktownst.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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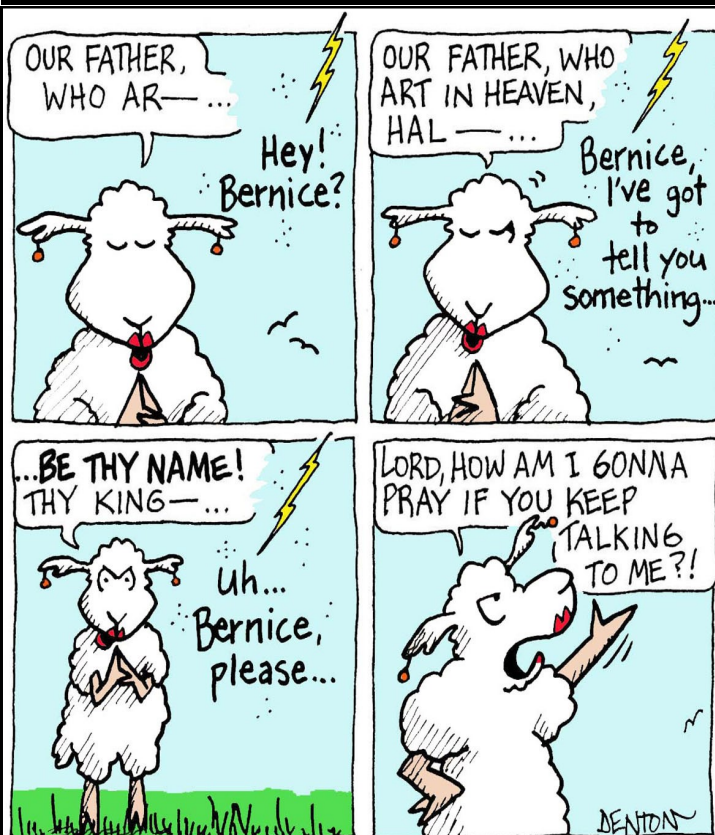
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## SUNDAY FLOCK



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"I have called you by your name...I am the Lord and there is no other."

**Sheepish Question:**

What am I missing in my prayer?



## THE LITURGY

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

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: PSALM 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

#### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 45:1.4-6

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. V.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

#### SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PHILIPPIANS 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf PSALM 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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## FEAST DAYS

Saturday 28th October - Saints Simon & Jude



## DAILY READINGS

**Monday 23rd Oct:** Rom 4:20-25 ; Luke 12:13-21.  
**Tuesday 24th Oct:** Rom 5:12, 15, 17-21 ; Luke 12:35-38.  
**Wednesday 25th Oct:** Rom 6:12-18 ; Luke 12:39-48 .  
**Thursday 26th Oct:** Rom 6:19-23 ; Luke 12:49-53 .  
**Friday 27th Oct:** Rom 7:18-25 ; Luke 12:54-59 .  
**Saturday 28th Oct:** Ephesians 2:19-22 ; Luke 6:12-19 .  
**Sunday 29th Oct:** Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10 ; Matthew 22:34-40

## ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

### Episode 8: Purpose of the Mass

In everything we do in life, it is **essential** to understand the goal or purpose, if we want to participate in a fruitful manner. In the Catholic Mass, the goal of our worship is quite clearly directed at the praise of God and the sanctification of the world. In fact, the Church puts these very words on the lips of her ministers and faithful at every celebration of the Eucharist:

**Priest:** Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

**People:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Some mistakenly believe that the goal of Mass is to develop community. We must be clear, however, that while the tradition teaches that the greatest manifestation of the church is at Mass celebrated by the bishop with his priests, deacons and all the faithful, this community, in fact, is a by-product of the authentic worship of God and care for neighbour.

#### Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

The liturgy in its turn moves the faithful, filled with "the paschal sacraments," to be "one in holiness"; it prays that "they may hold fast in their lives to what they have grasped by their faith"; the renewal in the Eucharist of the covenant between the Lord and man draws the faithful into the compelling love of Christ and sets them on fire. From the liturgy, therefore, and especially from the Eucharist, as from a font, grace is poured forth upon us; and the sanctification of men in Christ and the glorification of God, to which all other activities of the Church are directed as toward their end, is achieved in the most efficacious possible way. (n°. 10)

#### IN THE TRADITION

You cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of the priests." St. John Chrysostom.

#### THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH

"The duty to offer God authentic worship concerns man both as an individual and as a social being." Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), n°. 2136

"God entrusted the sabbath to Israel to keep as a sign of the irrevocable covenant. The sabbath is for the Lord, holy and set apart for the praise of God, his work of creation, and his saving actions on behalf of Israel." CCC, n°. 2171

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Shelley Inwood, Raina Morris, Angela Fernandes, Robert Muir

### DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Catalino Ongkingco, John Portelli

### IN MEMORIUM

Gloria Raquel Gutierrez Durand , Katarina Gjumbir, Biagina Boccanfuso, Louis & Peter Spiteri, Rolando Gonzales.

### SICK

Natalia De Jesus Dionisio, Manolito Aguilar, Christel Gonzalez  
 Faustina Sandot, Teresita Alston, Michael Flanjak,  
 Angela Mikhael, Cristina King.

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:

*Ugochinyere Dickson, Ruvarashe Mushete,  
Izwirashie Mushete & Thomas McMurray*

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

### SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

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



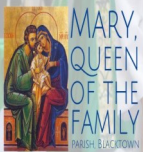
### BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER

# Become an ALTAR SERVER

*Training Day*

Saturday, 11th November 2023  
11:00am - 2:00pm  
St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown

Register interest or RSVP attendance:  
[ministryteam@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:ministryteam@mqofblacktown.org.au)  
or Call Parish Office : 02 9622 1125



### 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.

### PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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



### PARISH GROUPS

#### BIBLE STUDY GROUP



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

#### HOLY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP PRAYER GROUP

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

#### JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS



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

#### LEGION OF MARY ST MICHAEL'S



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

#### LEGION OF MARY ST PATRICK'S



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

#### MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS



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

#### MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP



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

#### ROSARY GROUP



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

#### CATECHIST MINISTRY



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

#### TEHILLAH COMMUNITY



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

#### TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP



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

#### YOUTH MINISTRY



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



## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

## November Masses

November is traditionally the month in which we remember our deceased family members and friends. A book of remembrance has been placed in each Church, where we invite you to write the names of your deceased loved ones. If you would also like to have those who have gone before us remembered in all Masses during November, please write their names on the **'November Mass Offering'** envelopes, located in the Church foyer. Place it on either collection plate, or hand it in to the Parish Office. All names will be typed up and placed near the altar for the duration of November.

*During November only the names of recently deceased will be published in the parish bulletin.*

*May they Rest In Peace*

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS GALA ~ SAVE THE DATE



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**16TH DECEMBER 2023**

We are inviting parishioners and friends to our annual Parish Christmas Gala.

This event will take place on 16th December 2023 from 5.00pm at Nagle Grounds / Hall. There will be Christmas Caroling by our choirs, food & drinks available for purchase and our Christmas Play, presented by the youth group of the parish.

All funds raised for this event will go towards the repair of the roof at St. Patrick's Church.

**Tickets will be on sale from next weekend:**

\$25.00 general admission - 12 years old and above

\$15.00 child ticket - 5 years old to 11 years old.

FREE - Infants and Children 4 years and below.

Family Tickets - \$50.00 ( 2 Adults and 2 Children) \$10.00 each extra child above 5 to 11 years old.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



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at **St Patrick's Cathedral**

**SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER at 11.00am**

Couples and their families invited to a light lunch in the Cathedral Hall after Mass.

Please register attendance at [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or phone **8838 3460**.

Please include full names, years of marriage & number of family attending.

### FROM THE FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY



## 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

*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 this 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 \$187,751.15

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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### 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:

#### 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](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au). Thank you so much for your continued support our parish. We are grateful!



## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### PARISH MOVIE NIGHT - TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER - JOURNEY TO BETHLAHEM



In preparation for the season of Advent our parish is organising the private screening of the movie Journey to Bethlehem on Tuesday 14th November at 6.30pm. Hoyts Blacktown—Cinema 6.

*This live-action Christmas musical adventure for the entire family, weaves classic Christmas melodies with humour, faith, and new pop songs in a retelling of the greatest story ever told, the story of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus.*



SCAN ME

Tickets are \$30.00 each and all money raised will go towards the repair of our roof at St Patrick's Church.

Movie Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mgu6FBXOTxo>

Purchase tickets online: <https://www.mqofblacktown.org/journey2bethlehem>  
Or scan QR code above, or from the Parish Office and Piety Shop.

### TABLE TALK WITH PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM

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Join us for an evening of gathering together as a community in conversation with people seeking asylum. We will hear from people with lived experience, reflect on our own values and see how we can be part of a positive change.

Cloister Hall,  
St Patrick's Cathedral  
1 Marist Pl, Parramatta

7PM - 9PM  
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