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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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

29TH 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

The Greatest Commandment of all

The Gospel of this week follows last Sunday's Gospel. The Pharisees and Herodians asked about taxes, the Sadducees asked about resurrection and in today's Gospel, the Pharisees ask about the greatest of the commandments. For Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses or to answer the question, the Pharisees thought that Jesus would respond based on Ten Commandments and many additional rules numbered about 613. There were 248 positive and 365 negatives. The experts who were the Pharisees and lawyers divided the law into heavy (important) or light (unimportant). Yet, anyone who broke one law heavy or light to be guilty before God.

As we hear in the Gospel, one of the experts in Mosaic law put Jesus to the test and asked. "Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?" What caused this question? Experts of law in Jesus' day spent their time studying the Law of Moses and make judgement on its meaning. By choosing one out of 613 laws and including the Ten Commandments would put Jesus into confrontation. Jesus chooses two commandments that were not part of the Ten Commandments but summarised it. What has Jesus done? He answers the question with simple and clear summary into two commandments of Divine Law: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the greatest and first commandment." And he could not stop there, Jesus adds something that was not asked by the experts of the law, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Jesus does not invent the commandments but takes it from the books of Deuteronomy and Leviticus. The newness is that Jesus places the two commandments together, love for God and love for neighbour, revealing that they are inseparable, two sides of the same coin. We cannot love our neighbour without loving God.

Today in the Gospel, the truth is given to us, to give God first place in our lives. If we love God, our hearts are filled with goodness, then there is a way of self-love which is healthy and good. The love is unconditional love which is not selfishness or egoism. The truth is that love of self-overflows in the form of love of God and of others.

Jesus' commandment of love is the measure of our faith. Our faith is as we love. Jesus is telling us that love is what we do to others, not feeling. Love is decision, a choice, a commitment to do things or an action, not just words. Our action should show our love for God and for other people.

The Gospel gives each one of us how seriously we take this Law of Love faithfully and carry it out in our lives. We are asked only to open our hearts and let the Spirit pour Jesus' love into our hearts. We ask Jesus today to help us always to put into action in every situation that the centre of our lives is love. Amen.

Deacon John Cinya

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.

Parish Priest: Fr. Regle Lavinia, MSP.
Assistant Priests: Fr. Ever Bernaldez, MSP & Fr. Andrew Rooney
Deacon: Rev. John Cinya.
Finance Officer: Sarah Canete-Damole Email: accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au
Secretaries: Ann Hart (Wed-Fri) & Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Mon & Tues)

Email: admin@mgofblacktown.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, Ekhlas 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:

https://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au

: 8869 6000 Nagle College:

https://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au

P : 8887 4907 Patrician Brothers College: 9 - 9811 0300 https://www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au Catholic Early Learning Centre (St Michael's):

P: 8814 8406 https://www.celcblacktownsth.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



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



WALL ~ Building our community.

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CHRIST THE KING ~ SAVE THE DATE

As part of the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King (Sunday 26th November), our parish will have a Eucharistic procession from St. Patrick's Church (11.00am) to St. Michael's Church, followed by fellowship at the undercover area outside the Church/Sid Mosely Centre. All welcome to attend.



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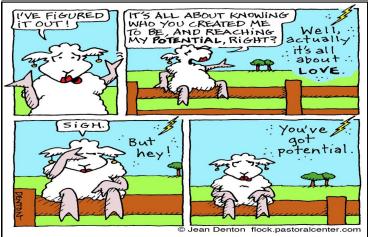
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SUNDAY FLOCK



You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

Sheepish Question:

The Lord has given me the capability to fully love God and my neighbor—so what holds me back?

THE LITURGY

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: PSALM 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 22:20-26

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. V.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf Psalm 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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FEAST DAYS

Wednesday 1st November - All Saints Day

Thursday 2nd November - All Souls Day

Saturday 4th November - St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Please note there are no extra Masses on All Saints and All

Souls.







DAILY READINGS

Monday 30th Oct: Rom 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday 31st Oct: Rom 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21.

Wednesday 1st Nov: Rev 7:2-4. 9-14;1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12.

Thursday 2nd Nov: Job 19:1. 23-27; Rom 5:5-11; Matthew 5:1-12.

Friday 3rd Nov: Rom 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6.

Saturday 4th Nov: Rom 11:1-2. 11-12. 25-29; Luke 14:1.7-11

Sunday 5th Nov: Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10 ;1 Thess 2:7-9. 13; Matthew 23:1-12.

ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

Episode 9: Active Participation

Pope Saint Pius X introduced the phrase "active participation" to the Catholic world. It first appears in his Motu proprio, Tra le sollecitudini, on November 22, 1903. On the feast of Saint Cecilia, patron of music. The holy pope was calling for the restoration of Gregorian chant:

We deem it necessary to provide before anything else for the sanctity and dignity of the temple, in which the faithful assemble for no other object than that of acquiring this spirit from its foremost and indispensable font, which is the active participation in the most holy mysteries and in the public and solemn prayer of the Church."

The Church weaves the notion of active participation, together with full and conscious into her understanding. We should be engaged fully, conscious of what we are doing, aware of the liturgy's beauty and richness. This participation is first and foremost interior. Like Christ, we offer ourselves from our hearts, completely to the Father. Only then can our participation be full.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

In the restoration and promotion of the sacred liturgy, this full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else; for it is the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit. (n°. 14)

IN THE TRADITION

You will keep this practice forever as a statute for yourselves and your descendants. Thus, when you have entered the land which the LORD will give you as he promised, you must observe this rite. When your children ask you, "What does this rite of yours mean?" you will reply, "It is the Passover sacrifice for the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt; when he struck down the Egyptians, he delivered our houses." Then the people knelt and bowed down, and the Israelites went and did exactly as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron. Exodus 12:24-28

THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH

The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch." Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), n°. 2136

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PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Romy Labagnoy, Rolando Gonzales, Carmen Trouato, Ignatius Lobo, Dominque Apap, Mario Manna.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Stanley Lewis, Mavis Goalan, Veronica & Alex Castelin.

IN MEMORIUM

Biagina Boccanfuso, Andrew James Sitaramayya, Otto Zehentner, Maria & Joseph Bugeja.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Joyce Vella, Bernadette Stevens, Teodolo Tan, Felipe Fernandez.

SICK

Peter Delange, Natalia De Jesus Dionisio, Manolito Aguilar; Christel Gonzalez Faustina Sandot, Teresita Alston, Michael Flanjak, Angela Mikhaiel, 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



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: Harper Bird, Zhea Javier, Amelia McCutcheon Russel Soriano & Luna Tihau

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

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

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

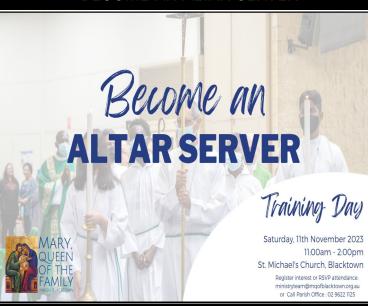
If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our

sacramental coordinator on the details below: Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Sacramental Coordinator) Mary Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown.

Email: sacraments@mgofblacktown.org.au **Ph:** 02 9622 1125 – option 4 **Mobile:** 0422 724 008

We invite parishioners to take home a "Purple" prayer card located at the foyer of each of our churches. This prayer card has a name of a candidate and their family preparing for the sacrament of First Reconciliation. We encourage you to pray for this candidate during this

BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER



MARRIAGE COURSES IN 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called "SmartLoving" can also via the website. For more information, 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 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

Meeting Time and Venue: Every Thursday, 4:00pm – 6:00pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's

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 Besterwitch, 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

CATECHIST MINISTRY

Contact: Sandra Baker

TEHILLAH COMMUNITY



For More Information please contact our the parish office. 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

admin@mgofblacktown.org.au

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 through the parish office.



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

CHRISTMAS GALA ~ SAVE THE DATE



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 4years and below.

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

SAVE THE DATE ~ ADVENT RECOLLECTION

Our parish will have an Advent Recollection day on 2nd December at St. Patrick's church from 10.30am. We invite parishioners to take note of this date. All are welcome to attend.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS







PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

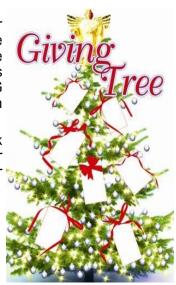
FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM CHRISTMAS—GIVING TREE

To help create a brighter Christmas for those who are experiencing hardships in the community, Mary's Pantry is placing CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES in the fovers of both churches.

once again ask parishioners to take a tag or two and be generous in your donations.



Thank you and God bless.



Mary's Cafe

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.

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.



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) 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.



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9622 1125.

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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!

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.

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

SCAN ME

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.

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