



# 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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

8TH 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.

My dear friends. It is with a mixture of sadness and joy that I leave you as I begin to serve the Lord in his priesthood. My time among you has been very blessed. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to be with you for the last 18 months, to get to know you, and to serve you where I was able. I have been so blessed by your constant support and encouragement over my time with you which buoyed me up so well as I made my final preparations for the priesthood. You have thus contributed significantly to laying a good foundation in me for the work the Lord wants to do in and through me now as his priest.

This weekend in our reading from the prophet Isaiah, the Lord speaks metaphorically of the disappointment he has experienced because of those leaders to whom he entrusted the care of his vineyard. This, his treasured vineyard, has not borne him the rich fruits with which he can produce the finest wine, but has instead only left him sour grapes, unfit for consumption. Jesus echoes this metaphor in his parable about the wicked tenants – those entrusted with the care of the Lord's vineyard have gone astray and even when prophets were sent among them to bring them back to the way of the Lord, to remain faithful to his covenant with them, they did not heed. Instead, they dealt wickedly with these prophets, not only rejecting their message, but rejecting them, persecuting them and putting them to death. Jesus assures his audience, the leaders of the people, that for these wicked tenants, a sour, wretched end is in store.

The Lord renews this warning in the very heart of the Church, calling her leaders to take heed of the message of the prophets, to repent and be converted once more, so that they may be faithful tenants in the vineyard of the Lord and produce the fruits that befit the Kingdom of God. It is thus vital that we pray for our leaders, especially our priests, who have been entrusted with this care of the Lord's vineyard.

In the last supper discourse in John's gospel, Jesus instructs the apostles how it is that they are to remain fruitful in his vineyard. It is only those who remain in him, those friends of his that abide in his love, who allow themselves to be pruned with care by the Father, that bear good fruit in the vineyard. Many things badger priests for their attention, draw them away from what is essential and can lead them to be like those withered branches that the Father cuts away to be burned. So, pray that your priests might remain faithful to the one thing necessary, to remain close to Jesus so that they might be good and faithful stewards of the vineyard, and pray this intention especially for me as I now begin this life as his priest.

I love you all very much and I look fondly upon the time I've spent with you. Thanks for everything – I'll be seeing you around!

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### 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

**Deacons:** 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 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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## PRAYER FOR THE VOICE REFERENDUM

God of love, justice and solidarity. In Jesus Christ, You call us to build a society that mirrors your Kingdom. Enable us to journey with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of Australia. Help us to stand alongside them, addressing challenges with empathy and compassion. Grant us the humility to learn from their rich heritage, wisdom, culture and spirituality. Give us the courage to dismantle unjust structures, and create new pathways to inclusion. Let this referendum be a heart-felt affirmation to a new and better future for our country. Together, may we grow to become a model nation, where "the lowly are raised, and the hungry are filled with good things." We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Composed by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv 2023

## SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Keep on doing what you have learned, received, heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you."

### Sheepish Question:

How and with whom shall I SHARE the peace of God in Christ Jesus today?



## THE LITURGY

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

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: ESTHER 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

#### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 5:1-7

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. IS 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

#### SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?'

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: PSALM 118:49-50

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

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## DAILY READINGS

**Monday 9th Oct:** Jonah 1:1 – 2:1. 11 ; Luke 10:25-37 .

**Tuesday 10th Oct:** Jonah 3:1-10 ; Luke 10:38-42 .

**Wednesday 11th Oct:** Jonah 4:1-11 ; Luke 11:1-4 .

**Thursday 12th Oct:** Malachi 3:13-20 ; Luke 11:5-13 .

**Friday 13th Oct:** Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2 ; Luke 11:15-26 .

**Saturday 14th Oct:** Joel 4:12-21 ; Luke 11:27-28 .

**Sunday 15th Oct:** Isaiah 25:6-10 ; Philippians 4:12-14.19-20 ; Matthew 22:1-14

## 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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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Vicenza Feri

### IN MEMORIUM

Edwin Caperal

### SICK

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 7th October 2023 - St. Patrick's Church.

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

*Mia Queddeng; Prasad Xavier; Ezekiel Celeste.*

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

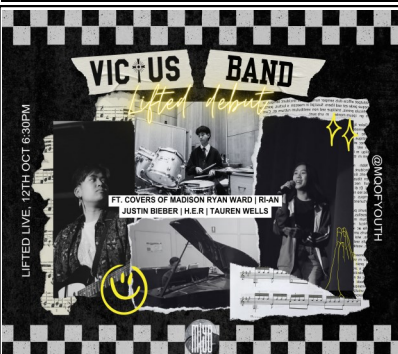


## MARRIAGE COURSES IN 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org)

## VICTUS BAND @ LIFTED LIVE!



Catholic Youth Parramatta is having their annual Lifted Live in the Forecourt event at St. Patrick's Cathedral this Thursday 12th October at 6:30pm.

Come along to support the Victus Youth Band who will be performing and representing our parish.

There will be stalls, activities, live music and food! Open for all ages!

## 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

## PARISH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

SIMON CARRINGTON PRESENTS

# RESTORE LOVE: FAMILY EVENT

The virtue of chastity is for everybody, but living it out looks different for teenagers and parents. It frees us to love and frees us to know that we are being loved. This event will equip the whole family to embrace the virtue of chastity.

## OUTCOMES

- ✓ Encourage teens and young adults to **live out the virtue of chastity** and experience true sexual freedom in their singleness and relationships. It will invite them to see the beauty of marriage and family life and the importance of committing to preserve the gift of their body and sexuality for marriage.
- ✓ Empower parents to **communicate the virtue of chastity more effectively** with their children. It will invite them to see how the best way to parent purity is to understand why teens become sexually active in the first place and how they can most effectively accompany them to an abundant life of real love.

**Saturday 14th Oct****2:30pm** - Finding The Love That Satisfies**4:00pm** - Parenting Purity to Teens

\*The event is open to teens and parents

\*\*Adoration and confession available

**Mary Queen of the Family Parish**  
51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown NSW 2148



## 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 the weekend of the 21st & 22nd October 2023 at our Parish.



### 2024 ENROLMENTS ~ ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY

## St Patrick's Primary School



### Blacktown

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### CHURCH MAINTENANCE UPDATE



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

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

As of 3/09/23, we have received the sum of \$95,385.15, in donations. We are thankful to our

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

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

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

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

**HOW TO DONATE:** Scan the QR code to donate or logon to the following link (<https://www.mqofblacktown.org.au/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.



### 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.



### 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!

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\*\*Monday and Wednesday ONLY.



## Holy Family Services

A Ministry of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth



**Retiring**



**Early Learning Centre**



**Aged Care**

Holy Family Services provide care, education and retirement living choice to many families. Our Residential Aged Care facility, Early Learning Centre and Retirement Village provide care with hospitality, love and acceptance, supporting and enriching the lives of those who use our services.

If you want a supportive close-knit community for your family contact us.

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## NINE-WEEK NOVENA FOR THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

All are invited to pray a Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod. The Novena will begin the week of Sunday 13 August and conclude the week of Sunday 8 October in the lead-up to the Synod Assembly: Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October. You are invited to pray once a week as a parish community, with your family, ministry groups or during personal prayer. More information: <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>

### WEEK 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.



**9 WEEK NOVENA**  
towards the Diocesan Synod



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