



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

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

12TH NOVEMBER 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.

November begins for the Church a sort-of unofficial Liturgical season dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory preparing to achieve the eternal bliss of beatitude in heaven. The unofficial season is bookended by two significant feast days: The Solemnity of All the Saints, and the Feast of Christ the King of the Universe. This latter feast marks an end to our liturgical calendar and the glory to come, so it seems only fitting that our minds and prayers are directed to the "last things" (death, heaven, hell, and judgement). The fixture in the liturgical calendar in having All Saints and All Souls consecutively captures the seemingly awkward tension in Christian death and mourning, for at once we mourn the loss that we suffer, and yet we must always ground ourselves in the Christian virtue of hope, especially in the loving mercy of God in the salvific act of Christ's sacrifice, hence the need to not forget the faithful departed, but continuing to remember, offering up penance and prayers on their behalf. This season truly displays the broad and dynamic communion of the Church: the Church Militant (on earth), the Church Suffering (in purgatory), and the Church Triumphant (in heaven).

The practices for the dead associated with this month reflect a tried and tested component of the Catholic spiritual life known as *memento mori* (remember your death/that you must die). It's a realistic, reflective Christian practice compelling us to prepare for the last day, or as the psalms remind us, that our days are numbered. One might think, for example, of Ebenezer Scrooge's warning from his deceased friend, Jacob Marley. It should drive the urgency to radically respond to the gospel call to repentance and conversion, that we, like Christ, should be ready to willingly accept our death and be united to the Godhead in heavenly glory. Though in our current culture, it mightn't seem a popular or worthwhile practice, even somewhat morbid, though it is a challenge to confront the awkward reality of death, at once reminding us of our earthly mortality and our spiritual immortality.

So, in this month, take courage to approach the looming reality which speaks the end of this life and the beginning of the next. Do not suppress or ignore the pain all humanity shares in the grief of loss, but approach with prayer in the refuge of God and His Church. As a family or with friends, visit the graves of your dearly departed and offer prayers, or light a candle and ask for our Blessed Mother's intercession. The parish has at each church a book of remembrance, and the opportunity to offer Masses throughout the whole month by completing and submitting the yellow envelopes available.

Fr. Rooney

Parish Directory

St. Michael's Church - 58 Orwell Street, South Blacktown &
St. Patrick's Church - 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown.

Parish Office: At St. Patrick's Church. **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm
Telephone: 02 9622 1125 **A/H:** 02 8705 0830.
Website: www.mqofblacktown.org.au **Email:** admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

Parish Team:

Parish Priest: Fr. Regie Lavilla, MSP.

Assistant Priests: Fr. Ever Bernaldez, MSP & Fr. Andrew Rooney

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@mqofblacktown.org.au

Sacramental Coordinator: Gerald "Ged" Oblea. **Mobile:** 0422 724 008

Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

Catechist Coordinator: Sandra Baker

Parish Pastoral Council: **Chair:** Cecil Fernandes; **Asst Chair:** Joshua Carr **Secretary:** Savita Surendra
Members: Beato Pudadera, 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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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve.

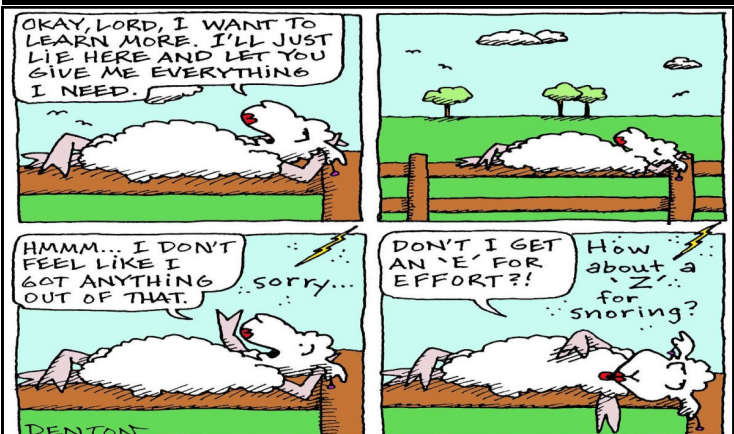
5.30pm – St. Patrick's Church – Children's Mass
6.00pm – St. Michael's Church – Children's Mass
8.30pm – St. Patrick's – Youth and Young Adults Mass
11.30pm – St. Patrick's - Christmas Carols singing followed by Christmas Midnight Mass.

Monday 25th December – Christmas Day.

12.00am – Midnight Mass
7.00am – St. Patrick's Church
8.00am – St. Michael's Church
9.30am – St. Michael's Church
10.00am – St. Patrick's Church



SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Sheepish Question:

So why am I not getting an "E"? What must I do about it?

THE LITURGY

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: PSALM 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING: WISDOM 6:12-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 62:2-8. R. V.2

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

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf Psalm 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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FEAST DAYS

Friday 17th November
St. Elizabeth of Hungary



DAILY READINGS

Monday 13th Nov: Wisdom 1:1-7 ; Luke 17:1-6 .
Tuesday 14th Nov: Wisdom 2:23-3:9 ; Luke 17:7-10 .
Wednesday 15th Nov: Wisdom 6:1-11 ; Luke 17:11-19 .
Thursday 16th Nov: Wisdom 7:22-8:1 ; Luke 17:20-25 .
Friday 17th Nov: Wisdom 13:1-9 ; Luke 17:26-37 .
Saturday 18th Nov: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9 ; Luke 18:1-8 .
Sunday 19th Nov: Prov 31:10-13.19-20. 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6;
Matt 25:14-30.

ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

Episode 11: Unity and Diversity in the Mass

The Church's most fundamental principle in the celebration of Mass is that of unity. She has no greater interest than to foster unity when remembering the great sacrifice of Christ for love of us. Our harmony with one another sacramentalizes our unity with him. Catholics express this unity by participating in the common texts, postures and gestures.

Saint Pope John XXIII was very clear when in 1959 he urged that Catholics observe "unity in necessary things, liberty in doubtful things, charity in all things—in necessariis unitas, in dubiis libertas, in omnibus caritas."

In the celebration of the liturgy, there remains room for legitimate diversity. As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal notes however, adaptation is not to be arbitrary. From the early days of Christianity, the Church has recommended a common sense approach. Saint Augustine tells us certain things "ought to be observed for the sake of fellowship with those among whom we live." (Cf. Letter to Januarius, Chapter 2.)

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

Liturgical services are not private functions, but are celebrations of the Church, which is the "sacrament of unity," namely, the holy people united and ordered under their bishops. (n°. 26)

General Instruction of the Roman Missal

In the celebration of Mass the faithful form a holy people, a people of God's own possession and a royal Priesthood, so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him and so that they may learn to offer their very selves.

IN THE TRADITION

Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment* on himself. **1 Corinthians 11:27-29**

THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH

"Liturgical diversity can be a source of enrichment, but it can also provoke tensions, mutual misunderstandings, and even schisms. In this matter it is clear that diversity must not damage unity. It must express only fidelity to the common faith, to the sacramental signs that the Church has received from Christ, and to hierarchical communion. Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), n°. 1206.

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PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Regina Keji Akoni, Patrick Pace

SICK

Peter Delange, Natalia De Jesus Dionisio, Manolito Aguilar;
Christel Gonzalez Faustina Sandot, Teresita Alston,
Michael Flanjak, Angela Mikhael, Cristina King, Edna Canete,
Jonathan Nucup, Barbara Greany, Meghan De Vos.

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTE ~ MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER



A gentle reminder that no names will be mentioned during November for Deceased, Death Anniversaries and Memorial. However the priest will still mention the Special Intentions e.g. Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries.

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 2nd December 2023 - St. Patrick's Church.

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

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



Congratulations to all the candidates who received their First Reconciliation this week!

BECOME A CATECHIST

**SO WHAT IS A CATECHIST
AN SRE VOLUNTEER! WHO? ME? YES...WHY NOT YOU?
IF NOT YOU...THEN WHO?**

What is an SRE? SREs are parish volunteers who:

- Teach and share their faith with children of their parish who attend government schools
- Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
- Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
- Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

In this parish Special Religious Educators, SREs, (also known as Catechists) go into five state primary schools. New volunteer SREs will be given support, training, teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper.
To register your interest or make further enquiries visit or call the Parish Office on 96221125 and ask for Sandra.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SRE's

John Tanti on completing Level 3.
Stella Nwosu on 15 years of service to SRE.
Rita Francica for 20 years service and the recipient of the Papal Blessing

Thank you, John, Stella and Rita for your commitment to SRE. We are very grateful to you.

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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



PARISH GROUPS

BIBLE STUDY GROUP



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

HOLY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP PRAYER GROUP

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

JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS



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

LEGION OF MARY ST MICHAEL'S



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

LEGION OF MARY ST PATRICK'S



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

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS



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

MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP



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

ROSARY GROUP



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

CATECHIST MINISTRY



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

TEHILLAH COMMUNITY



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

TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP



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

YOUTH MINISTRY



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

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

VICTUS
band

MUSICIAN CALL OUT FOR CHRISTMAS, NOW OPEN!

Please contact us via DM @mqof_youth
or EMAIL oscar.degollacion@gmail.com

BASSIST

FEMALE VOCALISTS

OTHER INSTRUMENTS

OPEN FOR AGES 16-25.



Bishop's Christmas Appeal 25th/26th November

Help our Catholic Care chaplains
to give the healing gift of presence

"The poor and the sick are the heart of God."
"In serving them, we serve Jesus Christ."
- St Camillus de Lellis

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

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 15th November from the Piety Store & the Parish Office:

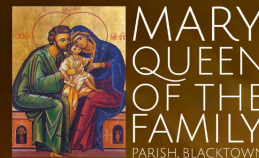
\$25.00 general admission - 12 years old and above

\$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.

CHRIST THE KING



MARY,
QUEEN
OF THE
FAMILY
PARISH, BLACKTOWN

THE PARISH OF MARY QUEEN OF
THE FAMILY INVITES YOU
TO JOIN US FOR THE

Feast of Christ the King

Eucharistic Procession
26th November 2023

MASS

10.00AM | ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

11.00 am | FROM ST. PATRICK'S TO
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Commencing from Allawah St, towards and left Bungarribee Road. Right onto Reservoir Road, left onto Theresa Street, then right onto Joseph Street, left on Julie Street and right onto Orwell Street to St. Michael's Church - 58 Orwell Street Blacktown.

FELLOWSHIP

12.00 pm | NAGLE SCHOOL GROUNDS
58A Orwell Street, Blacktown.

IF YOU ARE CATHOLIC AND LIVE IN A HOUSE THAT THE PROCESSION WILL PASS, WE INVITE YOU TO PLACE A CANDLE ON YOUR MAILBOX FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
PH: 9622 - 1125 OR EMAIL: ADMIN@MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU

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 has placed CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES in the foyers of both churches. We once again ask parishioners to take a tag or two and be generous in your donations. TAGS NOW AVAILABLE TO TAKE THIS WEEKEND!



Thank you and God bless.



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 \$187,831.15

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.



2024 ENROLMENTS ~ ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY

St Patrick's Primary School



Blacktown

2024 Enrolments Now Open!

Don't Miss Out!



**Call to book a tour of our beautiful school
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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.

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.

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. 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.

Thank you to those who have purchased tickets, we only have a few tickets left so if you don't want to miss out, please buy your tickets before it's too late.

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>

Limited tickets now available, please contact the parish office to purchase these.

Ph: 02 9622 1125 or email: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

ADVENT REFLECTION DAY

Have you ever wondered about

Why is Christmas always celebrated on 25th Dec ?

Where does the tradition of the "Christmas tree " and the "Nativity Scene" come from ?

Who were the wise men that came to visit Jesus ?

Did they really follow a star ?

What prophecies about the star and the "new king" were mentioned in the Old Testament ?

What is the "Parousia" all about ?

Is there a connection between Christmas and the Second Coming?

What will happen at the second coming?

Is advent a time for celebration or preparation ?



Come and join us to know more about this at the MQOF Reflection Day on Saturday 2nd December at St. Patrick's Church.

Talk 1 (by Richard Desa) starting at 10.30 -11.15, 15 mins reflection, then talk 2 (Fr Andrew) from 11.30 – 12.15 with 15 mins reflection.

There will be adoration of the blessed sacrament for 30 mins, until 1 pm. Fellowship (people are encouraged to bring a plate) from 1 – 1.30 /1.45 and a final reflection from by Fr Regie with tea and coffee to finish. All welcome to attend. For Catering purposes please register your attendance to the parish office. Ph: 02 9622 1125 or email: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

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