



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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

19TH 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.

A Call to Vigilance

Saint Paul catches our attention on the Second Coming of Christ that points to the eschatological reality of the Last Judgement. The manner and time this will happen is uncertain. The general advice given is to be prepared at all times for the Judge will come like a thief in the night. Let us be alert and sober.

The liturgy in its readings has laid the foundations on how to respond to the call to vigilance. King Solomon in his Book of Wisdom has set before us the image of "A Woman of Worth". Her faithfulness to her husband is so exemplary that she would always perform her duties and responsibilities to serve him. She also has the discerning spirit to listen to her conscience where God speaks so much so that she would only do what is good and avoid anything that is evil. Her fidelity towards her husband is nothing but an expression of her total dedication to the will of God. Moreover, she would not limit to fulfill the demands of justice but practice in her life acts of charity as she extends to reach out those who are helpless and give to the poor.

The gospel's Parable of the Talents gives an idea of what will happen at the end. All will be judged according to one's deeds. It advises that it is precisely important to develop the talents each is given by God. Looking closely at this parable, there are at least two important lessons to reflect. Firstly, God is giving differing talents. Different talents to different people. The focus is not on the talent but on how one disposes it. Each person has to lay the talent no matter how great or small to the service of God. No one should keep their talent for themselves. Lastly, the reward for the work well done is the more work we do. For those who have more, more will be given. This is how to keep serving God at all times.

A Call to Vigilance is to meet our duties and responsibilities and perform acts of love. Discerning always the Will of God so that everything that is done may always be in accord to His plan. What lies ahead may be uncertain but one may rejoice on the certainty that everything is for God's greater glory.

Fr. Ever Bernaldez, 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 **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 OUR PARISH

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

VOLUNTEERS THANKSGIVING MASS



*We Invite You & Your Family
for the*

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS & FELLOWSHIP

**FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER
MASS - 7.30PM**

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP AFTER MASS
AT CARDINAL CLANCEY ROOM**

Celebrating another year of serving in ministry together.

RSVP

21st November, 2023

Ph: 9622 1125.

Email: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au



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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

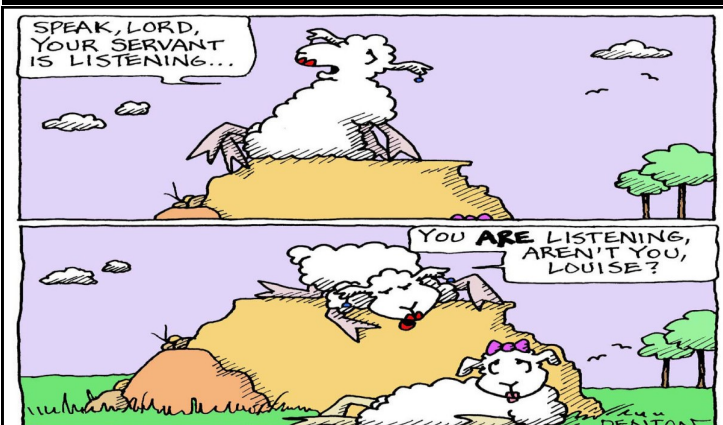
8.00am – St. Michael's Church

9.30am – St. Michael's Church

10.00am – St. Patrick's Church



SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."

Sheepish Question:

How can I take more responsibility for Jesus' call to grow his kingdom?

THE LITURGY

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: JEREMIAH 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 127:1-5. R. V.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Psalm 72:28

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday 20th Nov: 1 Mac 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64 ; Luke 18:35-43.
Tuesday 21st Nov: Zech 2:14-17 ; Matt 12:46-50 .
Wednesday 22nd Nov: Hosea 2:16-17, 21-22; Matt 25:1-13 .
Thursday 23rd Nov: 1 Mac 2:15-29 ; Luke 19:41-44 .
Friday 24th Nov: 1 Mac 4:36-37, 52-59 ; Luke 19:45-48
Saturday 25th Nov: 1 Mac 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40.
Sunday 26th Nov: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Matt 25:31-46.

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

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Noel D'Cruz, Doreen Stanslaus

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:

Ayla Gomez

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

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

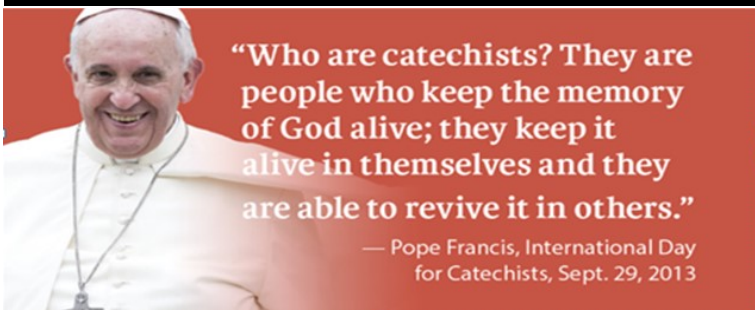
Follow the below link for more information about our sacramental process: <https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/>

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



CATECHISTS WANTED



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. **There will be a recruitment drive at our parish on 2nd & 3rd December.**

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 MINISTRY

VICTUS
band

**MUSICIAN CALL OUT FOR
CHRISTMAS, NOW OPEN!**

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

BASSIST

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OTHER INSTRUMENTS

OPEN FOR AGES 16-25.



ADVENT RETREAT AT MOUNT SCHOENSTATT

2023 Advent Retreat for Young women Single/Unmarried (20-40 years)

Advent, is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming birth of the Christ Child at Christmas. This event will allow you to step out of a busy schedule in order to reflect on your life and encounter God in the silence of His creation.

When: Sunday December 3rd. **Where:** Mount Schoenstatt 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

Time: 10:30am to 4pm **Cost:** \$15.00 Registrations close Sunday November 26th.

Please contact Hannah to register or for more details (0433443384).



BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL - NEXT WEEKEND - 25th / 26th NOVEMBER

**Help Catholic Care chaplains
give comfort, faith, and hope
to people suffering
this Christmas**



**"The poor and the sick are
the heart of God."**

**"In serving them,
we serve Jesus Christ."**

- St Camillus de Lellis



PARRAMATTA
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION



Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

On behalf of the parish team we would like to thank our parishioners and members of neighboring parishes for their support towards our parish movie night.

We were able to raise \$5,958.00.

A special thanks to Lourdes Medical and Dental Centre, Invocare, Sullivan's Church Stores, South Pacific Aromas and Energy Makeovers who sponsored the event.

Thank You

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 \$193,789.15.

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.



CHRISTMAS GALA 2023

MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY
PARISH, BLACKTOWN

Please join us for the annual

Christmas Gala

Carols - Food & Drinks and Christmas Play

16th DECEMBER 2023

Saturday | from 5.00 pm
Nagle College School Grounds & Hall
58A Orwell Street Blacktown

FOR TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OFFICE
PH: 02 9622 1125 OR
EMAIL: ADMIN@MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU

Ticket pricing - \$25.00ea - 12 years old and above - (Adult Ticket)
\$15.00ea - 5 - 11 Years (Child Ticket)
\$50.00 - FAMILY TICKET - (2x Adults) & (2x Children)
***\$10.00 PER ADDITIONAL CHILD**
CHILDREN 4 YEARS OLD & BELOW FREE!
Ticket price includes sausage sizzle & drink

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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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

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 ?

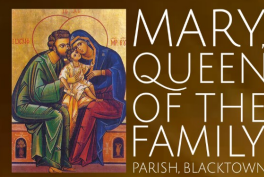


Come and join us to know more about this at the MQOF Reflection Day on Saturday 2nd December at St. Patrick's Church.

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 1pm - 1.30pm /1.45pm and a final reflection from 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



FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



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.

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