



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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE ~ YEAR A

26TH 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.

"The Five-Finger Gospel"

The Solemnity of Christ the King closes the liturgical calendar of the Ordinary Time. The following week begins the season of Advent anticipating the great feast of the coming of the Son of God, of the Word made flesh, of the presence of God in humanity through Jesus Christ. The season of Advent also looks forward for the second coming of Christ the King ushering the fulness of a new creation and a new world where God will be all in all. This King uttered these words in our Gospel this Sunday (Matthew 25:31-46), "I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers (and sisters), you did it for me." "You-did-it-for-me." Mother Teresa of Calcutta was deeply touched by these words of Jesus that all throughout her life as a Missionary of Charity she served her King and master who said these words to her and to all of us. She championed in the world this beautiful image of a five-finger Gospel.

She said, "Our work for the poor is so real so beautiful because if our heart is pure, we can see, we can touch Jesus twenty-four hours because He has made it so clear: 'Whatever you do to the least of my brethren- You-did-it-to-Me. The Gospel in our five fingers- that is why we need that deep life of prayer- that will help us to grow in that intimate and personal love for Jesus and complete attachment to Him- so that our sisters and our poor can see Jesus in us, His love, His compassion.'" She knew very well what poverty really means and why Jesus is thirsting for us to satisfy him, to serve him as a King who first of all offered his life on the cross as his throne.

Mother Teresa reminds the world, however, that poverty is not only material, but also of love. This is the most challenging one to address especially when our hearts are hardened with greed, selfishness and pride. The exact antithesis of love is not hatred but indifference. Our self-centeredness blinds us to look beyond that there are so many who are hungry, thirsty, abandoned. We can only give what we have. This is the reason why we must come to the one who loved us first. **Mother Teresa always began her day adoring our Eucharistic King, united with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and then serve him in others especially the poorest of the poor.**

Saint Paul (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28) reiterates that at the end of time Christ will come as a King over all, "When, after having destroyed every sovereignty, authority, and power, will hand over the kingdom to God the Father. Christ must reign until God has put all enemies under his feet, and the last enemy to be destroyed is death. When, finally, all has been subjected to the Son, he will then subject himself to the One who made all things subject to him, so that God may be all in all." The ultimate criterion of judgment Jesus proposed in the Gospel narrative is the measure in which we love others especially the poor, the weak, and the vulnerable. For whatever we do to them, we do it for Jesus. This is simply the five-finger Gospel!

~ Fr. Regie Lavilla MSP.

Parish Directory

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

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

PARISH CHRISTMAS GALA

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

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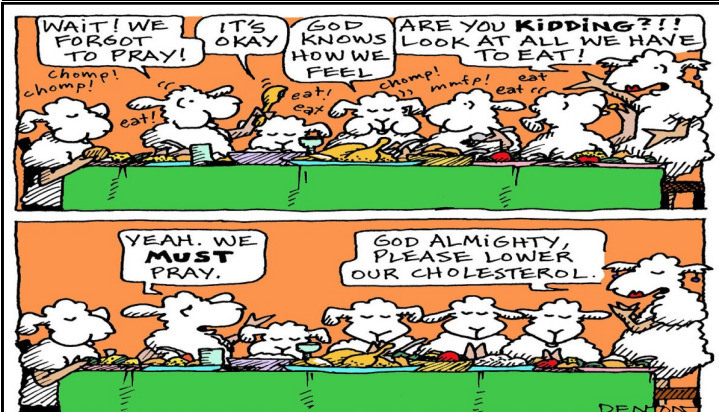
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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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"Come you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Sheepish Question:

God has given me so much! How can I share the abundance to show my gratitude?

THE LITURGY

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE ~ YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: REVELATION 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 34:11-12. 15-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 22:1-3, 5-6, R. SEE V.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26. 28

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MARK 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

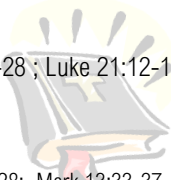
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Psalm 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday 27th Nov: Daniel 1:1-6. 8-20 ; Luke 21:1-4 .
Tuesday 28th Nov: Daniel 2:31-45 ; Luke 21:5-11 .
Wednesday 29th Nov: Daniel 5:1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28 ; Luke 21:12-19 .
Thursday 30th Nov: Rom 10:9-18 ; Mt 4:18-22 .
Friday 1st Dec: Daniel 7:2-14 ; Luke 19:45-48 .
Saturday 2nd Dec: 1 Mac 6:1-13; Luke 21:29-33 .
Sunday 3rd Dec: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8 ; 1 Cor 1:3-9, 28; Mark 13:33-37.



ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

Episode 12: Music and the Mass

Music, in the mind of the Church, is not thought of as something added to the Mass; rather, music is an **integral component** of it.

The Church describes her music as a treasure of inestimable value— and indeed, how rich is this musical heritage. As a unique combination of melody and word, sacred music was created for the worship of God; it forms a necessary part of the sacred liturgy.

From the earliest days of the Church, the Catholic tradition has understood the working of the Blessed Trinity as a dialogue of love—not simply a spoken dialogue, but an eternal love song. Fathers of the Church, such as Saint Augustine, show how this sacred music both expresses and inspires our religious devotion. When we sing at Mass, we follow the example of the Trinity. When we participate in the hymn of praise of Jesus Christ to God his Father, when we join our voices to his, our song at Mass becomes a joining in the eternal love song of heaven.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

Christ Jesus, high priest of the new and eternal covenant, taking human nature, introduced into this earthly exile that hymn which is sung throughout all ages in the halls of heaven. He joins the entire community of mankind to Himself, associating it with His own singing of this canticle of divine praise.

Musicam Sacram

Liturgical worship is given a more noble form when it is celebrated in song. The mystery of the liturgy, with its hierarchical and community nature, is more openly shown, the unity of hearts is more profoundly achieved by the union of voices, minds are more easily raised to heavenly things by the beauty of the sacred rites, and the whole celebration more clearly prefigures that heavenly liturgy which is enacted in the holy city of Jerusalem.

IN THE TRADITION

"Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father." **Ephesian 5:18b-20**

THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH

"The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for the pre-eminence is that as a combination of sacred music and words, it forms a necessary or integral part of solemn liturgy." Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), n°. 1156.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

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



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:

*Alice Micallef, Ezra Roman,
Airlie Willding & Eden Willding*

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

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

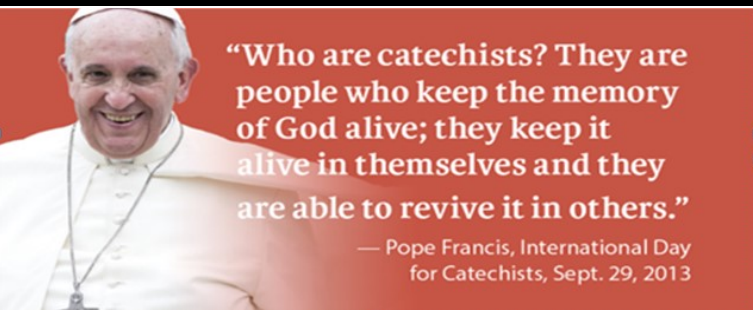
Follow the below link for more information about our sacramental process: <https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/>

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 Monday, 6:30pm 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

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.

VICTUS

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Eucharistic Adoration + Praise and Worship + Reconciliation + Mass

Every 1st Friday of every month
6:30pm Adoration & Reconciliation
7:30pm Mass

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Come prepare your hearts this Christmas season by joining MQOF Youth for their final VICTUS night of the year. There will be testimonies, advent reflections as well as food and fellowship! Youth and Young Adults are invited and encouraged to bring a friend along!

Text "VICTUS" to Cryste on 0490 400 839 to RSVP

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 - THIS 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.



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.



MARY'S PANTRY



Mary's Pantry would like to extend our thanks to all parishioners for once again being so generous with their donations to the giving Christmas trees.

As we close the year we would like to let you know that Mary's Pantry distributed nearly 1500 grocery hampers to families in need this year.

Your donations will help to brighten the Christmas of those who are doing it tough in the Blacktown community and beyond. The Christmas trees will now be taken over by St Vincent de Paul, so please be as generous to them as you have been to Mary's Pantry.

Thank you and God bless

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
PH: 8869 6000

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.



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

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 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

Advent Reflection Day
2nd December - 10.30am - 1.30pm
St. Patrick's Church

Presented by:

- Richard Desa
- Fr. Rooney
- Fr. Regie

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FROM OUR PARISH PIETY STORES

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