



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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR B

14TH JANUARY 2024

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.

Sunday Connection

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus - the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him Peter, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

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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 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 Cina.

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 Cina.

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.ceclblacktownst.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

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



WELCOME

TO
MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY
PARISH, BLACKTOWN

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.



FR. REGIE ON LEAVE



Fr. Regie will be on leave from 8th January 2024 until 14th February 2024.

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SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Prepare the way of the Lord ... he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Sheepish Question:

How can I recognize and follow the urging of the Holy Spirit within me?

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: PSALM 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 3:3-10.19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS PS 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. VV. 8.9

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 6:13-15. 17-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf Psalm 22:5

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

Episode 17 : Liturgical Vestments, part 1

SUMMARY

The vestments worn during Mass are sacramental signs. This suggests that they not only serve the practical purpose of covering street clothes, but that they also represent hidden realities. They signify that the celebration of the liturgy is not something ordinary, but that it takes us beyond the experience of daily life.

The Church teaches that most fundamental sacred garment is the alb. (The word has a Latin root which means white. "Albino" and "albumen" are English cognates.)

The alb is the long white garment worn by the sacred ministers. It recalls the new and immaculate clothing that every Christian has received in baptism: "see this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity." Before the alb is put on, another sacred vestment, called the amice is put on over the head and around the shoulders to completely cover the ordinary clothing. For priests and deacons the amice covers the Roman collar. The amice symbolizes the helmet of salvation mentioned by St. Paul in the Letter to the Ephesians: "In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." The cincture is the rope-like belt tied around the waist of the minister. It signifies the minister's commitment to the virtue of chastity. These common, simple vestments, the amice, alb and cincture, clothe the minister, preparing him to enter into the sacred function.

Our task is to make our language less like this world and more like that of the world to come.

IN THE TRADITION

"Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "My Lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress, they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." *Revelation 7:13-14*

THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH

"Thus we observe that when God institutes the Old Law, He makes provision besides for sacred rites, and determines in exact detail the rules to be observed by His people in rendering Him the worship He ordains.

IN THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Place upon me, O Lord, the helmet of salvation, that I may overcome the assaults of the devil.

Prayer for the Amice

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DAILY READINGS

Wednesday 17th January - St Anthony, Abbot



DAILY READINGS

Monday 15th Jan: 1 Samuel 15:16-23 ; Mark 2:18-22 .
Tuesday 16th Jan: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 ; Mark 2:23-28 .
Wednesday 17th Jan: 1 Samuel 17:32-33. 37. 40-51 ; Mark 3:1-6 .
Thursday 18th Jan: 1 Samuel 18:6-9 ; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12 .
Friday 19th Jan: 1 Samuel 24:3-21 ; Mark 3:13-19 .
Saturday 20th Jan: 2 Samuel 1:1-4. 11-12. 17. 19. 23-27 ; Mark 3:20-21 .
Sunday 21st Jan: Jonah 3:1-5. 10 ; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20 .

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maria Francica, Gus Mallier, Beverley Gougeon.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Rev. Fr. Warren Mossfield, Erlinda Abaldonado, Francisco Majarucon Jr., May & Raoul Jumeau, Roland Bouquet

IN MEMORIUM

Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, Elizabeth Dravet, Candida Irugalbandara, Luzvisminda Quimson, Isidro Jr., Maria Aquilina
 Deceased Relatives of Stanslaus & Malin Families,
 Rex & Lorna Scott, William Peppin,
 Rosellina Ryan, Maria Aquilina, Joe Aquilina, Meilak Family.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Corazon Aranda, Carmelita Hallu

SICK

Peter Delange, Cristina King, Edna Canete, Jonathan Nucup,
 Meghan De Vos, Mila Alforque, Vinnie Zahra, Christel Gonzalez,
 Faustina Sandot, Barbara Greany.

THE SACRAMENTS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SACRAMENT OF INITIATION



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 20th January 2024 - St. Patrick's Church.

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

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS AT THE PARISH

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called Smart Loving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE

Liturgical Ministry Course

BEGINS FEBRUARY 2024



This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion of Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar.

To register or find out more contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795



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



Bible Study Ministry will resume on Thursday January 25th 2024..

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, 1:00pm – 2:30pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church.

LEGION OF MARY ST PATRICK'S



Contact: Doris Zammit, 0419 274 002(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

VICTUS BAND

VICTUS
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auditions

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vocalists and instrumentalists needed. Ages 16-25. applications close Wednesday 17th January.

The VICTUS band are holding auditions for new members to join the parish youth band. If you are aged between 16-25 years old and can sing or play an instrument, you are invited to apply today! Practice is held every Sunday at 3:30pm before the 5:30pm Mass. This is a great way to share your gifts and praise God with the community. Sign up sheets are in the church foyer or contact the parish office, registrations close this Wednesday 17th January

FEAST OF SANTO NINO

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34th Anniversary FIESTA SINULOG 2024

NINE DAYS NOVENA MASS
Sunday 21st January 2024
Time: 2:30 pm Concelebrated Mass

Main Celebrant: Fr. Michael Belonio OSA
Parish Priest, St Kieran Parish, Manly Vale, Diocese of Broken Bay

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
136 Hyatt Road, Plumpton NSW

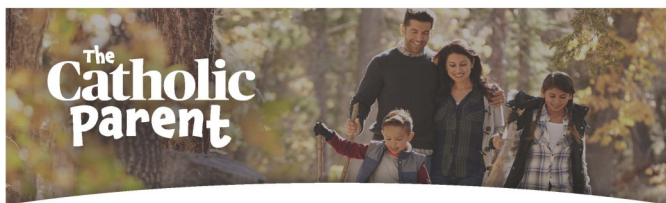
All Devotees please bring your Santo Niño Statues.

CONTACTS:
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*Marissa Bala 0431 503 333 *Sarah Canete 0405 756 752
*Dianne Lim 0420 844 955 *Aline Fernandez 0416 876 912
*Mardeth Lacquan 0407 250 562

9 Days Novena Mass Schedule

| Ref | Day/Time | Date | Venue | Address |
|-------|-----------|-------------------|--|---|
| Day 1 | Thu - 7PM | 11th January 2024 | St Andrew, The Apostle Catholic Church | 40 Breakfast Road, Marayong, NSW 2148 |
| Day 2 | Fri - 7PM | 12th January 2024 | Mary Immaculate Catholic Church | 125 Barmer Drive, Quakers Hill, NSW 2763 |
| Day 3 | Sat - 7PM | 13th January 2024 | St Paul, the Apostle Catholic Church | 40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills, NSW 2153 |
| Day 4 | Sun - 7PM | 14th January 2024 | St Patrick's Catholic Church | 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, NSW 2148 |
| Day 5 | Mon - 7PM | 15th January 2024 | St Aidan's Catholic Church | 9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766 |
| Day 6 | Tue - 7PM | 16th January 2024 | Holy Spirit Catholic Church | 5 Todd Row, St Clair, NSW 2759 |
| Day 7 | Wed - 7PM | 17th January 2024 | St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church | 326 High Street, Penrith NSW 2750 |
| Day 8 | Thu - 7PM | 18th January 2024 | The Good Shepherd Catholic Church | 136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton, NSW 2761 |
| Day 9 | Fri - 7PM | 19th January 2024 | The Good Shepherd Catholic Church | 136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton, NSW 2761 |

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The Catholic Parent

Welcome to The Catholic Parent, a video series created for Catholic parents by Catholic parents!

Created through a collaboration between the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, each of the six short episodes in this stunning video series features real Catholic parents sharing their struggles and victories. Through *The Catholic Parent*, the Catholic families you serve will find solidarity and encouragement as they embrace their vital role as formators of their children.

The Catholic Parent will empower parents in your community to:

- Faithfully take their families to Sunday Mass, even in difficult seasons
- Commit to praying as a family, even when life is hectic
- Receive Jesus' forgiveness and mercy in the Sacrament of Confession, even when it's hard to face our sin
- Live sacrificially for each other out of love, even when it's uncomfortable
- Give generously to those in need, even when it requires a lot of trust
- Raise the next generation of saints, even today

The Catholic families featured in this series reflect the rich diversity of families in the Church: large and small families, families with young children and older children, and single-parent families. This series sought to create a resource to support every Catholic family in their unique faith journey.

How to use *The Catholic Parent*:

The Catholic Parent is designed to fit a variety of parish needs. It can be used by individuals as well as in group settings. Parishes are encouraged to use this series in the following ways:

- Small group study offered to welcome families joining the parish
- Required study for parents seeking Baptism for their child
- Required study for parents preparing their child for First Holy Communion
- Supplemental content for parents of children enrolled in religious education or attending the parish school
- Adult faith formation or parish small group programming

Find the Study Guide on FORMED! Each episode includes questions for group discussion or personal reflection and ideas to try at home.



AVAILABLE ON FORMED

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE - FEAST OF ST. BAKHITA



The South Sudanese Catholic Community of the parish invites you to celebrate St. Josephine Bakhita's feast day on Sunday 11th February at St. Patrick's Church. Please stay tuned for further details in the following weeks!

MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Thank you for continuing to support the MQOF Social Justice Group 10 cents bottle collection.

This year we used the funds to help three refugees obtain Forklift licenses. Two of them were women. We collaborated with Catholic care with this.

After the festive season can we request you to please bring in your used bottles so that we can continue to help those in need.

FREE ENGLISH & CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills, on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 2pm during school terms. Free childcare is available. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Crèche on (02) 8843 2506 or Nepean Community College (02) 4724 9000.

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 \$198,585.00

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.



FROM CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal

Following a series of surprise attacks against Israel by Hamas in early October, Caritas Australia is supporting partner agencies on the ground to provide emergency cash, shelter, and psychosocial support to those affected by the violence. The efforts of these partner agencies are expected to support 17,000 displaced families, representing around 100,000 of the 1 million people displaced.

To support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/gaza-crisis/ or call 1800 024 413 toll free.



Caritas Australia's Global Gifts Cards

Caritas Australia's Global Gifts Christmas cards are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact. Each gift represents a donation that will support vulnerable communities to create a brighter future. Order now to receive in time for Christmas at www.globalgifts.org.au or scan the QR code.

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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

DIOCESAN SYNOD REPORT

The Diocesan Synod Report is now available for download. The newly released Diocesan Synod Report offers a summary of our first Diocesan Synod assembly, held from October 13-15, 2023, its preparatory stages, in-depth details of the proceedings, and insights from delegates. Download your copy from the Parramatta Synod website now: www.parracatholic.org/synod/resources

NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE LAUNCHED

The new parracatholic.org website is now here with exciting new features and functionality including a comprehensive 'Find a Mass' function which includes Daily and Weekend Masses, Reconciliation and Adoration times; a centralised event calendar; Daily Mass readings and different ways you can contribute to the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Check it out today!

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DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal available for in-person, telephone and Zoom appointments

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person with Zoom and telephone appointments available in certain circumstances.

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