



# 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*

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR B

11TH FEBRUARY 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.

Yesterday, the Church celebrated the annual World Day of the Sick which would normally be held on February 11th, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Our parish was privileged to host the Diocesan Mass including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in St Patrick's Church. The prophetic and saintly Pope instituted this custom in 1992. Pope St John Paul II consistently maintained a charism to walking closely with the sick and suffering, courageously standing against an emerging culture of death, which often saw the neglect and abandonment of the elderly and other vulnerable persons. His most profound statement of this would be his personal witness to the dignity of those who suffer, as the world observed his very public and slow decline, his struggle with Parkinsons and other ailments, in the final years of his reign.

Fittingly and coincidentally, our Gospel for this Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time recounts Christ's miraculous encounter with an unnamed leper. Due to the lethality and contagiousness of the disease, those who suffered from leprosy were considered unclean, quarantined from the community, and required to present themselves in an identifiable way; as our first reading says: "A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, unclean, unclean!". In a society devoid of sufficient medical technologies to manage such contagions, the prescriptions of Leviticus are understandable, however, amounted to a life of absolute misery and isolation for the diseased; traditionally understood as symbolising the prognosis of our sin.

Christ, imitated by our saintly pontiff, shows His compassion to the sick who reach out to him for healing, even touching and curing the leper. This would not be the only time Christ would touch suffering, which is not only accounted for in His numerous healings, but in taking it upon Himself in its ultimate form during His passion and death. This has proved to be a pillar of Christ's ministry, exercised in the Church's apostolic mission since her birth on the cross, canonized in her sacrament for the sick. As a privileged minister of this sacrament, I have often been heartened by those in their anguish who repeat the cry of the leper "if you want to... you can cure me". For some, they will experience physical healing, even if only short term, but for all, an opportunity is facilitated to receive the healing peace and consolation of Christ and His Church, frequently for both the sick and their loved ones.

Let us give thanks for those who emulate Christ the Doctor, not only in the realm of spiritual and pastoral care, but those Catholic doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and researchers who must sometimes weather turbulent moral complexities in modern medical ethics and practices, resolute in the truth that the ministry of the Church in accompanying the sick has much to contribute to the field of medicine.

*Fr Andrew 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](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au) Email: [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)

#### Parish Team:

Parish Priest: Fr. Regie Lavilla, MSP.

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

Deacon: Rev. John Cinya.

Finance Officer: Sarah Canete-Damole Email: [accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au)

Secretaries: Ann Hart (Wed-Fri) & Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Mon & Tues)

Email: [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)

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

Email: [sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au)

Catechist Coordinator: Sandra Baker

Parish Pastoral Council: Chair: Cecil Fernandes; Asst Chair: Joshua Carr Secretary: Savita Surendra  
Members: Beato Pudadera, Ekhas Ambili, Erica Luiz, Harlane Petersen, Helena Vea, 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.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

# FORMED - PARISH FORMATION RESOURCE



## 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*



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## 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...

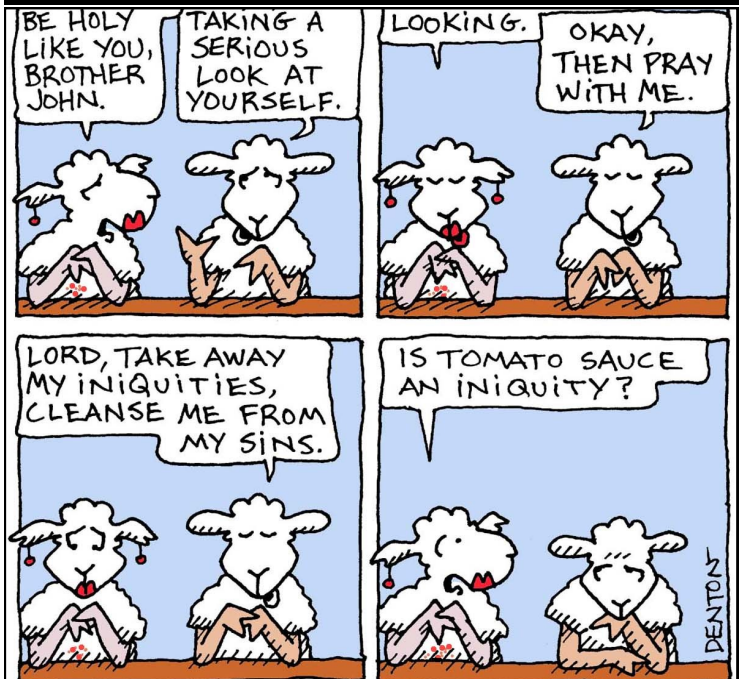
**W**ORSHIP ~ Practice the right forms of Worship.

**W**ORD ~ Increase the Biblical literacy in the Parish.

**W**ALL ~ Building our community.



## SUNDAY FLOCK



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"If you wish, you can make me clean."

### Sheepish Question:

If I asked, what would Jesus cleanse from me



## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YR B

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: PSALM 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

### FIRST READING: LEVITICUS 13:1-2, 44-46

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 31:1-2, 5, 11. R. V.7

R ~ I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

### SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31 – 11:1

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf Psalm 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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## ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

### Episode 21: Bows in the Liturgy

#### SUMMARY

The liturgy is comprised not only of words and music, it also includes gestures. These, too, are sacramental signs because they show in a visible way the hidden devotion of our hearts. A bow signifies reverence or honor to persons of the symbols that represent these persons.

There are two types of bows in the Roman Rite. A simple bow of the head is made during the naming of the Persons of the Blessed Trinity, at the name of Jesus, at the naming of the Blessed Virgin, the saint of the day and even the patron saint. A simple bow of the head is made by the communicant before the reception of Holy Communion.

A profound bow, or a bow of the body is made by the priest on several occasions during Mass: in the preparation of the Offerings, in Eucharistic Prayer I, and sometimes in reverence to the altar.

A profound bow is made by the deacon, when asks the priest's blessing before reading the Gospel.

The profound bow is made by all the ministers and the assembly during the Creed when we say the words that recall Christ's incarnation.

We Catholics put into our bodies what we believe. The profound reverence for God, for Christ, for the mysteries we celebrate is manifest in our bodies whenever we bow.

#### The Roman Missal

A bow signifies reverence and honour shown to the persons themselves or to the signs that represent them. There are two kinds of bow: a bow of the head and a bow of the body.

General Instruction, n°. 275

#### IN THE TRADITION

"God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:9-11

#### THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH

"The human body shares in the dignity of the 'image of God': it is a human body precisely because it is animated by a spiritual soul, and it is the whole human person that is intended to become, in the body of Christ, a temple of the Spirit."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, n°. 364

#### "IN THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Entrance Antiphon, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## FUNERAL NOTICE

Funeral Mass for Vinnie Zahra will be on  
Monday 19th February at 10am at St Patrick's Church.

## DAILY READINGS

Monday 12th Feb: James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13 .  
Tuesday 13th Feb: James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21 .  
Wednesday 14th Feb: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6. 16-18 .  
Thursday 15th Feb: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ; Luke 9:22-25 .  
Friday 16th Feb: Isaiah 58:1-9 ; 12:19 ; Matthew 9:14-15 .  
Saturday 17th Feb: Isaiah 58:9-14; Luke 5:27-32 .  
Sunday 18th Feb: Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22 ; Mark 1:12-15

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Colin Kennedy, Leila Lareza, Vinnie Zahra

### DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Helen Tanti, Katherine Sultana, Frank Meilak, Maria Aquilina, Eduardo Canete.

### IN MEMORIUM

Joventino Borja, Vincenza Feri, Elizabeth Dravet.

### SICK

Christopher, Peter Delange, Cristina King, Edna Canete, Jonathan Nucup, Meghan De Vos, Mila Alforque, Christel Gonzalez, Faustina Sandot, Barbara Greany, Angela Radacic, Michael Flanjack.

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

## FEAST DAYS

Wednesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday

## 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 2nd March 2024 - St. Patrick's Church.

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

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

### SACRAMENTAL PROCESS AT THE PARISH

Follow the below link for more information about our sacramental process: <https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/>  
 Registrations for Sacramental processes commence this weekend!  
 If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our sacramental coordinator on the details below:  
 Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Sacramental Coordinator)  
 Mary Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown.  
 Email: [sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au)  
 Ph: 02 9622 1125 – option 4 Mobile: 0422 724 008

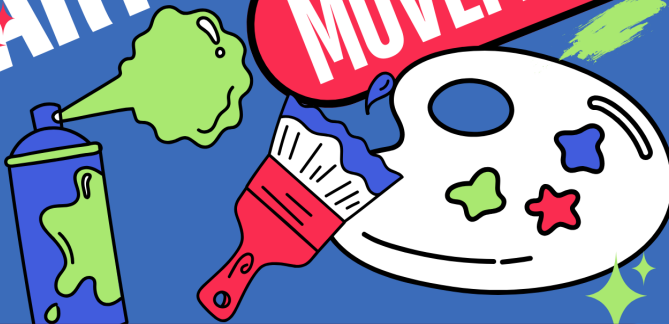


### ARTS & CRAFTS MOVEMENT



MARY,  
 QUEEN  
 OF THE  
 FAMILY  
 PARISH, BLACKTOWN

# ARTS & CRAFTS MOVEMENT



The Arts & Crafts activities will include: Learning sewing embroidery stitches, Show & Tell of works, Sewing, Crocheting, Knitting, and Embroidery. Other activities are Pattern Making, Sewing, Pot Making. Please, note all sessions are free. Materials are provided or you may bring your own materials.

**EVERY  
 FRIDAY**

**AT 10:00AM-12:00PM**  
 CARDINAL CLANCEY ROOM - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH  
 51 - 59 ALLAWAH STREET BLACKTOWN

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: NOEMI ROMERO - 0475 798 770

### PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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



### PARISH GROUPS

#### BIBLE STUDY GROUP



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

#### HOLY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP PRAYER GROUP

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

#### JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS



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

#### LEGION OF MARY ST MICHAEL'S



Contact: Noemi Romero, 0475 798 770 (for statue bookings)  
**Meeting Time and Venue:** Every Thursday, 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](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)  
 For More Information please contact our the parish office.

#### TEHILLAH COMMUNITY



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

#### TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP



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

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

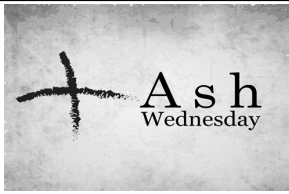


Contact: Parish Office  
[admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)  
 For More Information please contact our Youth Minister through the parish office.



# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## PARISH ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES



Wednesday, 14th February 2024

7:30am St Michael's Church  
9am\* St Patrick's Church  
7:30pm St Michael's Church  
(No Adoration)

*\*Please note that students from St. Patrick's Primary School will joining the Mass.*

## NAGLE OPEN DAY



# NAGLE COLLEGE OPEN DAY

*Where Dreams Take Flight*

**20 FEBRUARY 2024**  
**9:30AM - 2:30PM**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

p | 02 8887 4500 w | [nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au](http://nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au)

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

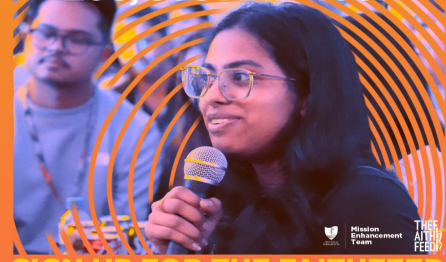


Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent at St Patrick's Church.

Commencing on 16 February at 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm

## FAITH FEED

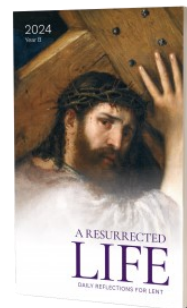
**WHAT DOES LIFE & FAITH LOOK LIKE IN YOUR 20S, 30S AND 40S?**



**SIGN UP FOR THE FAITHFEED**  
**FRIDAY 15.03.2023 - 7:00PM TO 8:30PM**  
[met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)



## LENT REFLECTION RESOURCE - A RESURRECTED LIFE



Available from the Piety Store for \$7.00 each 2024 Lent Resource, A Resurrected Life.

*A Resurrected Life will invite you to believe in the extraordinary hope that the Gospel bears — a hope grounded in a God who transfigures our wounds, which become fountains of healing and life for those around us and for the world.*

Interested in live music + curious conversations + life & faith stories from those in their 20s, 30s 40s? Sign up for The FaithFeed, Friday 15 March 2024 – Doors open 7PM w/ live music for 7:30PM. Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via QR or get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## CARITAS ~ PROJECT COMPASSION



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



## AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED



**JOB VACANCIES" DIOCESAN  
OUTREACH ASSISTANTS – AID  
TO THE CHURCH IN NEED  
(ACN)**

*Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Are you looking for flexible part time work?* Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney, Broken Bay, Perth and Maitland-Newcastle. For more information and to view the full job ad go to [www.aidtochurch.org/work](http://www.aidtochurch.org/work) Or scan QR Code.



# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP



Mary's Pantry will be putting up a Lenten Giving Trees from W/E 17th & 18th February. Your donations will go to help those who are doing it tough in our community and beyond. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat at Mary's Café we are open every Wednesday after the 9am Mass in the Cardinal Clancy Room.

All are welcome!!



## 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.



## MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

### World Day of Prayer 2024

### Palestine



Date & Time: 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024  
10:00 am

Location: ST MICHAELS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
58 ORWELL STREET BLACKTOWN

Contact person: MARY QUEEN OF THE FAMILY  
PARISH OFFICE 9622 1125

## FAREWELL FR. REGIE

You are invited to Fr. Regie's farewell Mass at 10am on Sunday 25 February 2024.

Followed by Fellowship at St. Patrick's School Ground. Please bring a plate to share.

Any further questions or clarifications please ring the Parish Office on 9622 1125, or mobile number 0479 042 633.

Thank you

## 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](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations).

You can also send your offerings/donations thru bank transfer:

### FIRST COLLECTION: For the Diocesan Clergy

Account Name: Diocesan Clergy  
Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 4265  
Reference: 6004 - Donor's Name

### SECOND COLLECTION: For the Parish

Account Name: Blacktown Catholic Church  
Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 0677  
Reference: 6004 ~ Donor's name

If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Sarah at [accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au). Thank you so much for your continued support our parish. We are grateful!



# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## MET-FAITHLIFE SCRIPTURE SHORT COURSE



### SCRIPTURE SHORT COURSE KICKS OFF!

Tuesday 13. February  
6:30PM to 8:30PM

REGISTRATIONS STILL OPEN  
met@parracatholic

### NEXT WEEK:

3-session FaithLIFE  
Scripture short course with  
Dr Debra Snoddy.

Starts on Tuesdays 13 + 20  
+ 27 February!  
Registration and more  
dates and details via  
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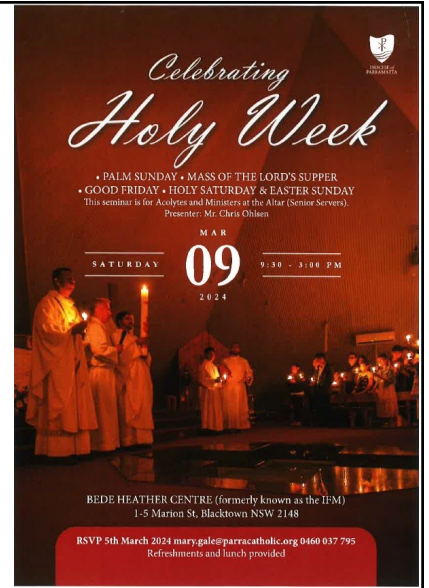
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