



# 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 OF LENT ~ YEAR B

25TH 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.

## Until We Meet Again



Dear People of God in Mary Queen of the Family Parish,

May the peace of Jesus Christ be always with you!

I am leaving the parish for a new calling of God that I cannot turn my back in obedience to His will. I will go with mixed feelings knowing that this community I am serving is very dear to my heart. There's pain in going, but I take comfort in the thought that in 5 years of being with you as your pastor/shepherd, I did not desire anything but to give you Jesus, to bring you closer to him and the Blessed Mother, and a deep longing that we all continue to grow in our divine/spiritual life; in our life of faith, hope and love to the Holy Trinity. All other things are secondary. I have hope in my heart that we will never stop growing in our love for God and one another- this kind of love that is selfless, committed, and full of sacrifices. I have faith in you because I have deep faith in God, and in his thirst of love for each one of us! Keep on moving, keep on keeping on. There's nothing more rewarding than to experience God's mercy and love in Jesus Christ! Don't worry too much, the Blessed Mother is praying and interceding for us. I truly believe she loves us dearly.

I am going back to the Mission Society of the Philippines (MSP) homebase to shepherd my brother MSP priests and seminarians and the missions that we serve in different parts of the world as their Father Moderator. I definitely bring my rich experiences in this parish to animate the MSP and our missions. I beg for your prayers that the Holy Spirit will always guide and direct me to make wise decisions for the good of the Universal Church in which we are entrusted to serve. I will also think and remember you in my prayers when I sit at the feet of our Master before the Blessed Sacrament.

For now, let me say from the deepest recesses of my heart: THANK YOU! You help me grow in my priestly ministry. Your love, care, and support are amazing and I can never thank you enough. You help me to love and love and love Jesus, and to love you more as I carried my own crosses for the sake of love. This is not really an absolute goodbye because I have hope that we shall cross our paths again, and when not, we trust through God's grace that we'll meet again in heaven.

God bless you,

*Fr. Regie, 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](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, Ekhlaz 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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3. Select "Mary Queen of the Family" and press "Next";
4. Enter your Name and your Email address to register a new account and press "Sign Up";
5. Download the FORMED app on your phone and "Sign In" using your email address in step 4;
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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...

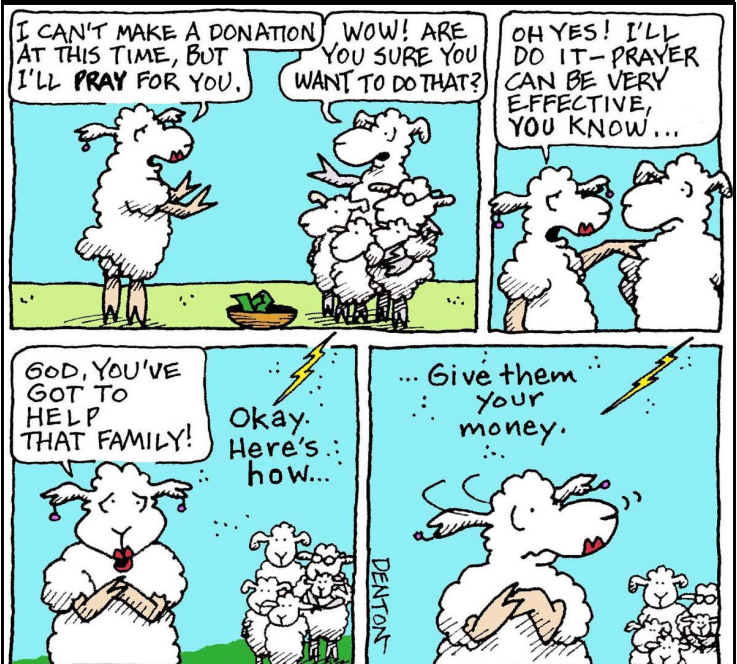
**W**ORSHIP ~ Practice the right forms of Worship.

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

**W**all ~ Building our community.



## SUNDAY FLOCK



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"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

### Sheepish Question:

What are my blind spots when it comes to making sacrifices for God?

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR B

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: CF PSALM 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken. Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**FIRST READING:** GENESIS 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** PS 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

R ~ I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

**SECOND READING:** ROMANS 8:31-34

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, The Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL:** Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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## DAILY READINGS

**Monday 26th Feb:** Daniell 9:4-10; Luke 3:36-38.  
**Tuesday 27th Feb:** Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 ; Matthew 23:1-12 .  
**Wednesday 28th Feb:** Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28.  
**Thursday 29th Feb:** Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31.  
**Friday 1st Mar:** Gen 37:3-4,12-13,17-28;Matt 21:33-43,45-46.  
**Saturday 2nd Mar:** Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.  
**Sunday 3rd Mar :** Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; John 2:13-15.

## ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

### Episode 23: A Word on the Word

#### SUMMARY

If you want to say the word, "word "in Latin, there are two choices. You can say "scriptum" or you can say "verbum." There is a very important distinction between the two words and the Church is very specific about the way she uses them in the text of the Mass.

"Scriptum" means the written work, the text on the page. "Verbum," on the other hand, refers to the spoken word. The word said out loud has wings and can fly. While the word on the page is static.

This is why when we say "The word of the Lord," we are referring to the spoken work. The Latin is "Verbum Domini." We believe that the word of God is alive and active. The proclamation of the Word of God is an act of communication between God and the Faithful through the instrument of the reader who has a duty to proclaim the word clearly and with meaning. The hearers must be open to receiving it and letting it sink into their hearts. Every sacramental celebration includes the proclamation of the Scripture, as Psalm 119 says, "Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet!"

#### The Roman Missal

After each reading, whoever reads it pronounces the acclamation, and by means of the reply the assembled people give honour to the Word of God that they have received in faith and with gratitude.

*General Instruction, n. 59*

After the Collect, all sit. The Priest may, very briefly, introduce the faithful to the Liturgy of the Word. Then the reader goes to the ambo and, from the Lectionary already placed there before Mass, proclaims the First Reading, to which all listen. At the end, the reader pronounces the acclamation The word of the Lord, and all reply, Thanks be to God.

Then a few moments of silence may be observed, if appropriate, so that all may meditate on what they have heard.

*General Instruction, n. 128*

#### IN THE TRADITION

"Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12

#### THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH

✠ "...Christ is always present in His Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations. [...] He is present in His word [...] He is present, lastly, when the Church prays and sings..."

*Sacrosanctum Concilium, n. 7*

#### "IN THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God our Father, who, by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification, made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Thomas McNamee, Rita Rajayah, Evelyn Rajayah

### IN MEMORIUM

Otto Zehentner

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Edward William Suá and family, Ferdinand Marasigan, Claude & Rita Joachim

### SICK

Trevor Anthony, Peter Delange, Cristina King, Edna Canete, Jonathan Nucup, Meghan De Vos, Mila Alforque.

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

*Mass intentions can be requested online by following the link below:*  
<https://www.mqofblacktown.org/mass-intention-or-offering-request>

## THE SACRAMENTS / MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES / HOLY WEEK

### 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>

### SACRAMENTAL PROCESS AT THE PARISH

Registrations for Sacramental processes NOW OPEN!  
 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](mailto:sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au)  
 Ph: 02 9622 1125 – option 4 Mobile: 0422 724 008



### HOLY WEEK ~ 2024

Join Mary, Queen of the Family Parish for

# Holy Week

**Palm Sunday- 24th March 2024**  
 Holy Mass at St. Patrick's Church - (V)5:30pm, 7am, 10am & 5:30pm  
 Holy Mass at St. Michael's Church - 8am, 9:30am & 6pm

**Chrism Mass- 27th March 2024**  
 Diocese of Parramatta - at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta  
 7.30pm - 9.30pm - Please register to attend Mass, link below:  
<https://parracatholic.org/events/diocese-of-parramatta-chrism-mass/#register>

**Holy Thursday - 28th March 2024**  
 Lauds (Morning Prayer) at St. Patrick's Church - 9am  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Patrick's Church - 7:30pm  
 Compline (Night Prayer) at St. Patrick's Church - 10pm

**Good Friday - 29th March 2024**  
 Youth Passion Re-enactment at School Grounds - 10am  
 Passion of the Lord at St. Michael's Church - 3pm  
 Passion of the Lord at St. Patrick's Church - 3pm

**Holy Saturday - 30th March 2024**  
 Lauds (Morning Prayer) at St. Patrick's Church - 9am  
 Easter Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Church - 7:30pm

**Easter Sunday- 31st March 2024**  
 Holy Mass at St. Patrick's Church - 7am, 10am & 5:30pm  
 Holy Mass at St. Michael's Church - 8am, 9:30am & 6pm

For more information, be sure to check our website or contact the Parish Office  
[www.mqofblacktown.org.au](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au) or (02) 9622 1125

### 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.**

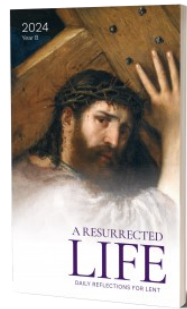
# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at St Patrick's Church at 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm  
All are encouraged to attend!

## 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.*

## CARITAS ~ PROJECT COMPASSION



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.



Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family. "I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

### Please donate to Project Compassion.

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.

## OUR PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN DAYS & ENROLMENT DETAILS

**PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE**

**OPEN DAY**  
TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2024

**ENROL NOW FOR 2025**

Join us at our Open Evening to witness how we empower students for academic success and personal growth.

SESSION ONE 4:00PM -5:30PM  
SESSION TWO 5:30PM -7:00PM

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<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/u4zsp>

Contact the College Office on 8811 0300 for more information.  
**100 FLUSHCOMBE ROAD, BLACKTOWN**

**WE'RE ENROLLING NOW FOR 2025!**

At St Michael's, we provide an education that is meaningful, relevant and innovative. With a wide range of opportunities including academic, extracurricular and sporting activities such as Strings and Drama, we have lots on offer! We're enrolling now for 2025 and invite registrations now. Learn more here: <http://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au/.../Tours...>



**WE'RE ENROLLING NOW FOR 2025!**

At St Patrick's, we are a welcoming and inclusive school community where we foster a lifelong passion for learning. With a range of creative arts, sports and social justice activities, our school has so much to offer! We're enrolling now for 2025 and invite registrations now. Learn more here: <http://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au/.../Tours->



Enrol now at Nagle Catholic College Blacktown

[nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au](http://nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au)

For more information please contact:

P| 02 8887 4500

W| [nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au](http://nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au)

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY



### Solemn High Mass:

10:30AM, Saturday, 16 March 2024  
 @ St Patrick's Church,  
 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown 2148  
 Main Celebrant:  
**Most Rev Robert McGuckin**  
 Bishop Emeritus of Toowoomba



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 PARRAMATTA

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 Facebook page:  
 fb.com/filchap

### Novena Masses:

6 March - 8:00 PM  
 7-12 March - 7:30 PM  
 13 March - 8:00 PM  
 14 March - 7:30 PM  
 @ St Michael's Church,  
 58 Orwell St, Blacktown 2148

## FLOWER MINISTRY

*The Flower Ministry relies on the generosity of parishioners through our donation boxes, which are located in the foyers of both churches, and the fundraisers held on Mother's Day and Father's Day. These funds enable us to purchase fresh flowers and florist supplies to adorn both churches throughout the year.*



***We are very grateful for your continued support and generosity.***

## MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP



Please take a tag from the Mary's Pantry Lenten Giving Tree. 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.



## REQUEST FOR A FRIDGE & WASHING MACHINE

A family in our parish is in need of a fridge and a washing machine. These need to be in good working order.

If you can help can you please contact the parish office on 9622 1125, or you can speak to Deacon John.

## 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

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# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

### World Day of Prayer 2024

#### Palestine



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

Location: ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
58 ORWELL STREET BLACKTOWN

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

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March.

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