



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR B

10TH MARCH 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

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus.

The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John's Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

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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 Cinya.

Finance Officer: Sarah Canete-Damole Email: accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au

Secretary: Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Mon & Tues)

Parish Assistant: Ann Hart (Wed-Fri)

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, Ekhlas 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.celcblacktownstn.catholic.edu.au>

Nursing Homes:

Opal Nursing Home (37 Kildare Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 9852 9600

Mulluana Retirement Village (61 Bungaribee Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 8822 2100

Catholic Healthcare St Hedwig Village Blacktown (140 Reservoir Rd, Blacktown 2148) P: 8822 9920

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.



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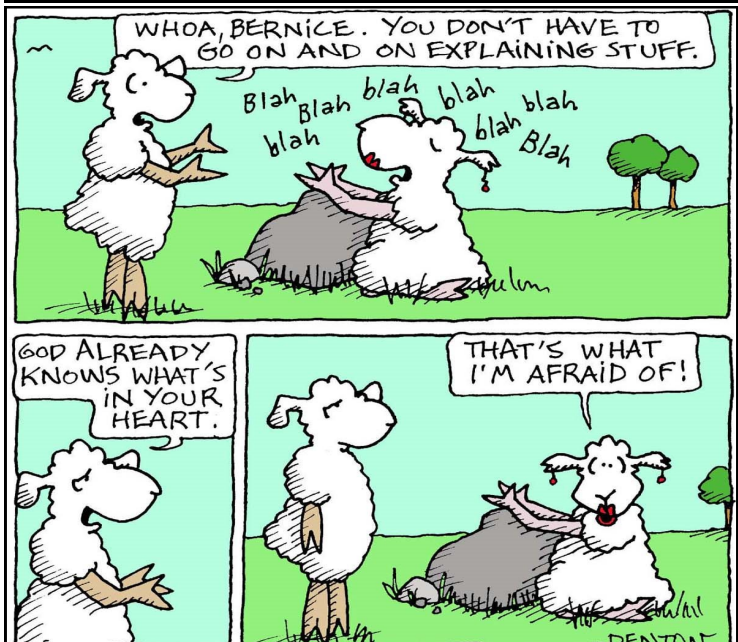
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SUNDAY FLOCK



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"By grace you have been saved by faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God."

Sheepish Question:

Recently, how have I experienced God's grace in spite of my failures?

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: CF ISAIAH 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING: 2 CHRONICLES 36:14-16. 19-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 136. R. V.6

R ~ Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2:4-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the Truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Psalm 121: 3-4

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday 11th Mar: Isaiah 65:17-21 ; John 4:43-54 .
Tuesday 12th Mar: Ezekiel 47:1-9. 12 ; John 5:1-3. 5-16 .
Wednesday 13th Mar: Isaiah 49:8-15 ; John 5:17-30 .
Thursday 14th Mar: Exodus 32:7-14 ; John 5:31-47 .
Friday 15th Mar: Wisdom 2:1, 12-22 ; John 7:1-2. 10. 25-30 .
Saturday 16th Mar: Jeremiah 11:18-20 ; John 7:40-52 .
Sunday 17th Mar : Jeremiah 31:31-34 ; Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33 .

ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

Episode 25: Bow in the Creed

SUMMARY

There are two types of bows in the Catholic Mass: a simple bow of the head and a profound bow or bow of the body. During the recitation of the Creed, the Church asks all the faithful to make a profound bow. It is meant to be a tremendous sign of the reverence we have for the mysteries we celebrate in Holy Mass.

As a foundational dogma, Catholics believe that the Eternal God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity humbles himself when he comes down from heaven to take on the earth of our human flesh. This is the mystery of the Incarnation. God grounds himself when he leaves heaven to walk among us on earth. This mystery is literally embodied during the Creed. Catholics put into their bodies what we believe.

On two occasions during the church year, instead of a bow, the rubrics call for a genuflection at the words that express the Incarnation. Those two solemnities are the Annunciation (March 25) and the Nativity of the Lord (December 25). They are the two great feasts which celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation. In a genuflection, we physically touch our bodies to the ground. The bow during the Creed signifies the same mystery as the genuflection. When the knee touches the ground in a genuflection, or the body bends toward the earth in a profound bow, let us recall the Incarnation. Let us imitate in our human flesh the humility of God himself. In the end, may our prayer make us more like Christ.

The Roman Missal

The Symbol or Creed is sung or recited by the Priest together with the people with everyone standing. At the words *et incarnatus est*, etc. (and by the Holy Spirit... and became man) all make a profound bow; but on the Solemnities of the Annunciation and of the Nativity of the Lord, all genuflect.

General Instruction, n°. 137

IN THE TRADITION

"As The Lord God formed the man out of the dust of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."
Genesis 2:7

THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH

"The flesh is the hinge of salvation. We believe in God who is creator of the flesh; we believe in the Word made flesh in order to redeem the flesh; we believe in the resurrection of the flesh, the fulfillment of both the creation and the redemption of the flesh."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, n°. 1015

"IN THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Grant Pour out a spirit of compunction, O God, on those who bow before your majesty, and by your mercy may they merit the rewards you promise to those who do penance.

Ash Wednesday Prayer over the People

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PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ariel Jr. Omongos, Trevor Vaz, Monet Nunez Paidad

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Bertilla Lago, Jack Smith, Edgardo Asombrado,
Victorana Asombrado Kivir, Phoebe Ann Wages

IN MEMORIUM

Elizabeth Dravet, Isidro Jr. & Luzvisminda,
Joe Aquilina, Meilak Family

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Angela Mikhail, Michael Flanjak, Allan Cagauan,
Loi Borbon & Carol Healey

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.

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 6th April 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
 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 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
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, 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

REQUEST FOR PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY

Our Parish is seeking donations of Palms to distribute during our Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) Masses. If you are able to assist please contact the parish office and / or bring them to St. Patrick's church on Saturday morning the 23rd of March at 10.00am.

ARTS & CRAFTS MOVEMENT PRESENTS



Emergencies happen
the good news is, there are simple things you can do right now to get prepared.

Be Prepared in an Emergency Situation

On Friday the 15th March, the Arts & Craft Movement ministry have organized a presentation on being prepared in emergency situations. This will be presented by Liz Carter from the Red Cross, in the Cardinal Clancey room from 10.00am to 12.00pm during the regular arts and craft session.

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**

PLEASE RSVP AS MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED:

Parish Office: 96221125

or

Noemi Romero: 0475 798 770



**Australian
Red Cross**

CARITAS ~ PROJECT COMPASSION



**Caritas
AUSTRALIA**

Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees.

Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

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 or by calling 1800 024 413.



OUR PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ENROLMENT DETAILS



COLLEGE OPEN DAYS



Monday, 11 March

9.15am-10.00am

Monday, 18 March

4.30pm-5.30pm

Monday, 11 March

3.30pm-4.30pm

Tuesday, 26 March

9.00am - 10.45am

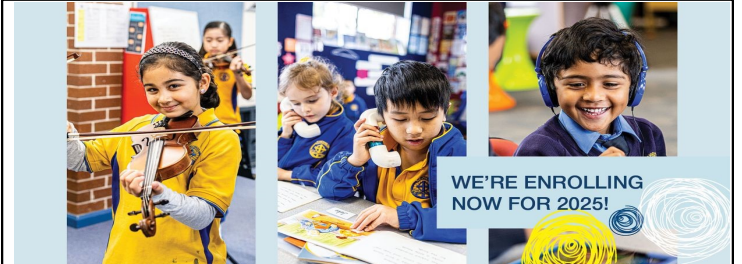


Enrolment

Thinking of enrolling? We would love to meet you. Let us help you get started on the enrolment process.



For more information
contact the school:
Ph: 02 8811 0300



**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...>



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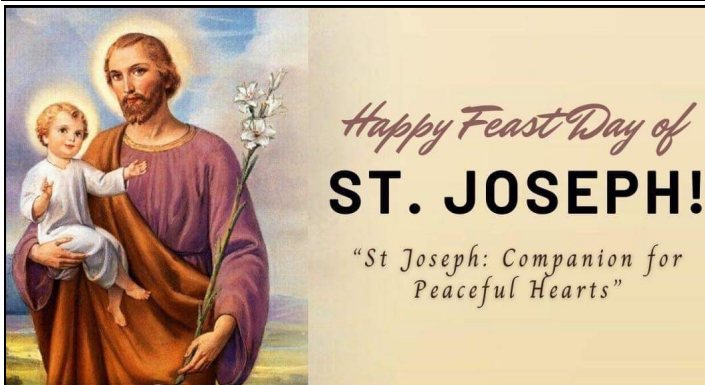
At St Patrick's, we are a welcoming and inclusive school community where we foster a lifelong passion for learning. With a range of creative arts, sports and social justice activities, our school has so much to offer! We're enrolling now for 2025 and invite registrations now. Learn more here:

<http://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au/.../Tours...>



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

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



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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 – Roof Project Update

Just recently, our roof consultants/auditors have submitted their detailed roof inspection reports which was then vetted by the head of the Property section of the Diocese of Parramatta, thanks to Julian Concato.

We are now at the stage of preparing a Scope of Work to be distributed to roofing tradesmen and builders for their costing. We are grateful to Bruce Moa, an architect/builder who volunteered to assist our parish in the preparation of the scope of work, checking of plans, compliances and will soon manage the project. Bruce is a parishioner of Mary Immaculate parish Quakers Hill and is project managing the current renovation of the said church. We will keep you posted....

As of 29/2/24, we have received the sum of \$198,845 from donations & insurance settlement.

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.au/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.



CELEBRATE HARMONY DAY



A SHORT DRIVE TO GLENDENNING FOR A
WONDERFUL NIGHT
of Culture and Harmony
between other faiths in Blacktown
THROUGH A FREE CONCERT
AND A FREE MEAL AFTERWARDS.

You will also see some amazing
performances from 2 Catholic Parishes,
Blacktown Regional Uniting Church, the
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day
Saints – Hebersham Stake, Quakers Hill
Uniting Church and Sant Nirankari
Mission.

Please confirm your attendance at your
church in the next 2 weeks.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS REHEARSALS

Rehearsals for the Youth Led- Way of the Cross is held Every Tuesday at 7pm in the MPA room (St. Patrick's Primary School).

All children and youth (primary and high school) are invited to come along to be apart of this annual Good Friday reenactment.

Please contact the youth team for more information.

CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA ~ GOOD FRIDAY WALK



The annual pilgrimage, hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta's youth ministry office, attended by hundreds of young people across the Diocese, travels from St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, throughout Good Friday and into Holy Saturday.

Please contact the youth team for more information or log on to the below link for further information: <https://parracatholic.org/events/gfnw/>

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