



# 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*

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR B

3RD 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.

### *Living Water: Embracing Transformation Through Encounter.*

On this Third Sunday of Lent the Liturgy begins the Rites of Scrutinies celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. The catechumens who are preparing to be baptised at Easter Vigil are known as "The Elect". The Rites of Scrutinies are celebrated by using the Scripture readings from Liturgical Year A. The Elect to be initiated at Easter have desired for new life in Jesus Christ.

This Sunday is the First Scrutiny, and the Gospel reading is a conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well (John 4: 5-42). This is a fascinating story. Why? Because it is unusual for a Jew to speak to a Samaritan woman during Jesus' time, especially a woman who was a stranger. Jesus spoke to the woman of a "living water" that was able to quench thirst completely from her. She became a "spring of water rising up to eternal life" in her. Jesus showed her that he knew about her personal life. He revealed to her that the hour had come to worship the one true God in spirit and in truth. Jesus showed to her that he is the Messiah. The woman's faith grew. She spread the news, of the Gospel.

What is this story bringing to the life of the Elect and to all of us who are baptised? The story brings for us self-searching, repentance, and healing. As we heard in the First Reading, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. They teach us how to live truly human lives full of meaning, purpose, and integrity. Jesus summarises it into one, the "Commandment of love." This is also teaching us how to live in a right relationship with God and with one another. Our baptism is the gateway of following Jesus' teaching. When we are baptised, our bodies become the Temple, a dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. We will live freely from materialism of being concerned with selling and buying than loving God and our neighbour. As we heard in the Gospel (John 2: 13-25) of this third Sunday of Lent, we witness Jesus cleansing the Temple. Jesus cleanses us too.

Jesus entered the Temple in Jerusalem and encountered chaos and commercial activities. There were money changers and merchants in the Temple that profaning its sanctity. The Temple became more secular than expected, but Jesus overturned the tables and drove out those who were buying and selling, declaring, "Stop making my Father's house a marketplace." Jesus was not cleansing the Temple, but he was also replacing the law, not destroying it. As Jesus encountered the Samaritan woman, he is a new law. He speaks to her about living water, an image for the transformative power of God's grace and love.

Jesus is inviting all of us to come with our doubts, struggles, and imperfections. He meets us amid our brokenness and offers us living water, the source of true fulfilment and eternal life.

So, let the season of Lent be a time of transformation and renewal, especially when we are receiving our new members in the Church at the Easter. May we purify our hearts and draw closer to the Lord. Amen.

*Deacon John Cinya*

### 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)

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

Parish Assistant: Ann Hart (Wed-Fri)

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.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...

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

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

**W**all ~ Building our community.



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## SUNDAY FLOCK



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"The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom."

### Sheepish Question:

Which of God's commandments are hardest for me to swallow...uh...follow?

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR B

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: CF PSALM 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

### FIRST READING: EXODUS 20:1-17

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 18:8-11. R. JN 6:68

R ~ Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

### SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### GOSPEL: John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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## DAILY READINGS

**Monday 4th Mar:** 2 Kings 5:1-15 ; Luke 4:24-30 .  
**Tuesday 5th Mar:** Daniel 3:25. 34-43 ; Matthew 18:21-35 .  
**Wednesday 6th Mar:** Deuteronomy 4:1. 5-9 ; Matthew 5:17-19.  
**Thursday 7th Mar:** Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23 .  
**Friday 8th Mar:** Hosea 14:2-10 ; Mark 12:28-34 .  
**Saturday 9th Mar:** Hosea 5:15 – 6:6 ; Luke 18:9-14 .  
**Sunday 10th Mar :** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23 ;  
 Ephesians 2:4-10 ; John 3:14-21 .

## ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

### Episode 24: The Creed

#### SUMMARY

A frequent question concerns the first pronoun of the Creed. Why do we say "I believe" rather than "we" believe?

Notice that one of the first tasks of the liturgical assembly is for the different members to be formed into a single body. The "I" (ie., the first person singular pronoun) of the Creed is, in a sense, the "I" of the singular Body of Christ, who worships God the Father. It is also the personal "I" of the individual believer. This "I believe" of the Creed is able to account for the personal belief and the corporate belief of Christ's mystical body. It is both a baptismal confession and a communal statement of shared faith.

The Letter of the Corinthians tells us that the body has many members, but it is one body.

The plural "we" signifies grammatically a collection of individuals, "we" is only a united body when it is understood as "I".

Credo, I believe, signifies at one and the same time, my personal faith and the faith of the one body, the Church.

#### The Roman Missal

Moreover, they are to form one body, whether in hearing the Word of God, or in taking part in the prayers and in the singing, or above all by the common offering of the Sacrifice and by participating together at the Lord's table. This unity is beautifully apparent from the gestured and bodily postures observed together by the faithful.

*General Instruction, n°. 96*

#### IN THE TRADITION

"As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. ... Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it."

*I Corinthians 12:12,27*

#### THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH

"Rightly, then, the liturgy is considered as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ. In the liturgy the sanctification of the man is signified by signs perceptible to the senses, and is effected in a way which corresponds with each of these signs; in the liturgy the whole public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and His members."

*Sacrosanctum Concilium, n°. 7*

#### "IN THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH"

Grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

*Eucharistic Prayer III*

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

*Prayer after Communion, Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Juana De Villa, Enistina Gomes

### IN MEMORIUM

Andrew James Sitaramayya, Maria & Joseph Bugeja.

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Pauta Pidel, Marans De Villa, Joyce Vella

### 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.mgofblacktown.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 6th April 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:  
*Ariana Viola*

### 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

### A NOTE OF THANKS ~ COL MORRIS

After many years of service on the Finance Committee, Col Morris has had to step down for personal reasons (although he has still offered to assist us from time to time, if needed).

On behalf of the Finance Committee and parish, I'd like to sincerely thank Col for his dedication and service, for turning up to every meeting and for his contribution to this Ministry.

It was Col's suggestion to hold the Parish Golf Day each year and it was he who guided us in preparing for and running the day each year and, with procuring many of the prizes.

So, thank you Col for your efforts and support over all these years. I have truly appreciated it and... we will all miss your cheerful smile at our meetings.

*Michael Zerafa FC Chairman*

### 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. All welcome to attend!

### CARITAS ~ PROJECT COMPASSION



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions. "We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

#### **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)



### OUR PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ENROLMENT DETAILS



**PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE**

**OPEN DAY**  
TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2024

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FOR 2025

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SESSION TWO 5:30PM -7:00PM

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**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...>



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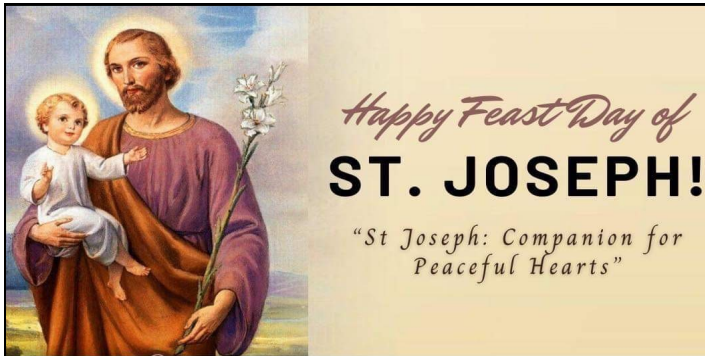
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P| 02 8887 4500

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## 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



THE FILIPINO  
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DIOCESE OF  
PARRAMATTA

#### 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

Email:  
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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.



### 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.**



### VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

#### St Patrick's altar linen service.

Pat Batistic has recently volunteered to coordinate the altar linen service for St Patrick's. Due to one of our valued volunteers sustaining a broken wrist therefore making her unable to help for the foreseeable future. We are appealing for someone to please help us, initially on a temporary basis, for the following shifts: 12 May, 23 June, 4 August, 15 September, 27 October and 8 December. Please contact Pat on 9622 1608 or her mobile on 0425 240 883. We will be most grateful to the person who answers this request to volunteer in this awesome ministry.

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

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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

### POSITIONS VACANT ~ DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

**Parish Cook (part-time)** - St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta - Applications close 4 March

**Administration Assistant (part-time)** - Sacred Heart Parish, Mt Druiitt South and Permanent Diaconate community - Applications close 10pm Monday 11 March .

More details at: <https://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/>

### SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING

*Have you had a chance to complete your first three Mandatory Safeguarding Modules as yet?*

Face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Tuesday mornings in March.

Module 1: Tuesday 5 March (10.00am – 11.00am)

Module 2: Tuesday 12 March (10.00am – 11.30am)

Module 3: Tuesday 19 March (10.00am – 11.30am)

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