



# 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 EASTER ~ YEAR B

14TH APRIL 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.

## Four Easy Ways to help you become a Saint in Five Easy Steps...

Last week we celebrated the Octave Day with Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday is most commonly associated with the plenary indulgences granted, inciting flocks of faithful to various Divine Mercy Devotions and to the confessional to obtain the indulgences attached. However, the Church offers a variety of ways to obtain indulgences easily obtainable throughout the year, many of which might already be part of your spiritual life. Over the course of the Easter Triduum, for example, most of you could have received three plenary indulgences: i. Recitation of the Tantum Ergo on Holy Thursday; ii. Devoutly assisting with the Veneration of the Cross, or making the way of the cross; iii. Renewing your baptismal vows at the Easter Vigil. All of us who attended the Paschal Triduum did this!

Indulgences have had a dubious history, most famously with Martin Luther's criticism due to an embarrassing short-term practice in some places of exchanging indulgences for material wealth and profit. For those not familiar with indulgences, they are granted by the Holy See (Rome) and are a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions. In other words, clearing the straight and narrow path to sainthood. You can receive one plenary indulgence a day AND even offer it for the faithful departed!

Here are your five steps: The normal conditions for a plenary indulgence are: a) The "work" of the indulgence (eg. half an hour of Adoration) while in a state of grace; b) detached from all sin, venial and mortal; c) pray for the intention of the Holy Father (normally an Our Father and Hail Mary); within 20 days before or after; d) go to confession; and e) receive Holy Communion. The catch is you must have the intention of obtaining the plenary indulgence to gain it- so no back tracking if you accidentally did an indulgence work! One confession will suffice for multiple indulgences, but reception of the Holy Eucharist and prayer intentions for the Holy Father must be applied for each work.

Here are the four easy "works" for a plenary indulgence that you can do every day:

1. Half an Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (we have a Blessed Sacrament Chapel).
2. Praying the Rosary in a church, oratory, with your family or other gathering; or reciting with the Holy Father as it is broadcasted live. (We do this in our parish before or after every weekday Mass!)
3. Meditating on the Holy Scriptures for half an hour.
4. Praying the stations of the cross "legitimately erected" (like the ones in our churches and almost any Catholic church).

Beside these, there are indulgences granted throughout the year (such as praying the "Te Deum" on New Years Eve, or the "Veni Creator Spiritus" on New Years Day). Additionally the Holy Father provides extraordinary opportunities, such as the ones granted during the COVID-19 pandemic or in the Year of Mercy.

Fr. Rooney ~ Assistant Priest.

### 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 Administrator: Fr. Kevin Redmond, SM.

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

Deacon: Rev. John Cina.

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. Kevin Redmond, SM., Fr. Andrew Rooney, Fr. Ever Bernaldez, Rev. John Cina.

#### Parish Schools:

St Michael's Primary:

P: 8869 6200 <https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au>

St Patrick's Primary:

P: 8869 6000 <https://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au>

Nagle College:

P: 8887 4507 <https://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au>

Patrician Brothers College:

P: 8811 0300 <https://www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au>

Catholic Early Learning Centre (St Michael's):

P: 8814 8406 <https://www.ceclblacktownst.catholic.edu.au>

#### Nursing Homes:

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

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

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

# OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

# 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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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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"He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world."

### Sheepish Question:

Have I considered that maybe God's ALREADY done something for me?

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: CF PSALM 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 3:13-15. 17-19

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** PS 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. V.7

R ~ Lord, let your face shine on us.

**SECOND READING:** 1 JOHN 2:1-5

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:35-48**

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Luke 24:35**

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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## DAILY READINGS

**Monday 15th April:** Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15 ; John 6:22-29.  
**Tuesday 16th April:** Acts of the Apostles 7:51-8:1 ; John 6:30-35 .  
**Wednesday 17th April:** Acts of the Apostles 8:1-8 ; John 6:35-40 .  
**Thursday 18th April:** Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40 ; John 6:44-51 .  
**Friday 19th April:** Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20 ; John 6:52-59 .  
**Saturday 20th April:** Acts of the Apostles 9:31-42 ; John 6:60-69 .  
**Sunday 21st April:** Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12 ; 1 John 3:1-2 ; John 10:11-18 .

## ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

### Episode 28: The Mystery of Faith

#### SUMMARY

During Mass, immediately after the consecration of the Bread and Wine, the priest, with the Eucharist on the altar in front of him says, "The mystery of faith." Why is this done? What does it mean?

*Mysterium fidei* was at one time translated as "Let us proclaim the mystery of faith." And yet, the Latin text does not mean that we should "do" anything. It is simply a statement of fact, a statement about what is present before the priest on the altar.

In order to understand this, we must consider closely the directions given by the *Roman Missal*. The priest says his part, then remains silent. The people, the Missal says, continue by acclaiming one of the formulas. Why does the priest not join the people? To appreciate this, we must understand that the meaning of the root word of mystery, "*muo*," literally means "to shut the mouth." "*Muo*" is also the root word of the English cognate "mute." It carries with it the nuance of being dumbfounded. Mystery, then, has the notion of being silent or being rendered speechless when confronted by the awesome majesty of God.

Imagine yourself at Mass, the consecration has just occurred. The priest stands from his genuflection. And it is as if he recognizes that before him, on the altar is the Body and Blood of Christ! The mystery of faith! And being so overwhelmed by this miracle, he is rendered speechless. The people rush to his help and conclude the acclamation.

This is a marvellous combination of people and priest working together in celebration of the Mass. It is a perfect example of how a deeper understanding of the different parts of the Mass can lead to a fuller and more intelligent participation. This deeper internal participation nurtures the spiritual life of both priest and people.

#### The Roman Missal

After the Consecration when the Priest has said, The mystery of faith, the people pronounce the acclamation, using one of the prescribed formulas.

*General Instruction, n. 151*

#### IN THE TRADITION

The Church, therefore, earnestly desires that Christ's faithful, when present at this mystery of faith, should not be there as strangers or silent spectators; on the contrary, through a good understanding of the rites and prayers they should take part in the sacred action conscious of what they are doing, with devotion and full collaboration. They should be instructed by God's word and be nourish at the table of the Lord's body; they should give thanks to God; by offering the Immaculate Victim, not only through the hands of the priest, but also with him, they should learn also to offer themselves; through Christ the Mediator, they should be drawn day by day into ever more perfect union with God and with each other, so that finally God may be all in all."

*Sacrosanctum concilium n. 48*

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Garry Fleming

### DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Teofilo Urvino Sr.

### IN MEMORIUM

Joe Aquilina, Meilak Family, Bernadette Stevens.

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Nancy Dias, Nancy & Santo Vitetta.

### SICK

Angela Mikhail, Michael Flanjak, Trevor Anthony,  
Peter Delange, Cristina King, Edna Canete,

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

## 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 4th May 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:  
 Anayah De Jesus, Iman Matian

## 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:** Glen D'sliva, 0414 062 072  
**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



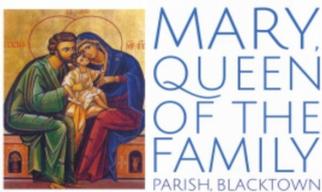
**Contact:** Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566  
**Meeting Time and Venue:** 3.00pm every second Saturday of the month at Sid Mosley Centre St Michael's Church

### YOUTH MINISTRY



**Contact:** Parish Office  
 admin@mqofblacktown.org.au  
**For More Information please contact our Youth Minister through the parish office.**

## SACRAMENTAL PROCESS AT THE PARISH



## SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2024

## REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**  
 For children in Year 3 and above who have been baptised Catholic.  
 Registrations close: 30th September 2024

**FIRST EUCHARIST**  
 For children in Year 4 and above who have been prepared for the sacrament of First Reconciliation.  
 Registrations close: 15th April 2024

**CONFIRMATION**  
 For children in Year 5 and above who have received their First Eucharist.  
 Registrations close: 8th July 2024

**HIGH SCHOOL PROCESS**  
 For Students in Year 7 to 12 wishing to receive the sacraments.  
 Registrations close: 15th April 2024

**FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER**  
[HTTPS://WWW.MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG/SACRAMENTS](https://www.mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments)

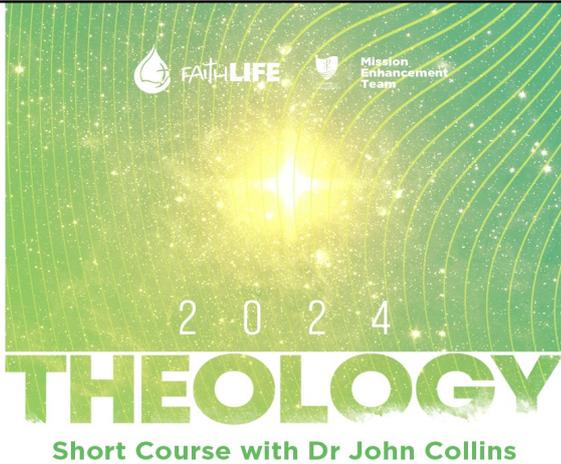


02 9622 1125 sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

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

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## THEOLOGY SHORT COURSE 2024



**Theology principles that informs pastoral practices**

Tuesdays 16, 23, 30 April Bishop Bede Heather Centre:  
6:30PM to 8:30PM 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown

Considering learning about theology?

Wanting to expand your language for expressing your faith?

Seeking ways to deepen the way you put your faith into practice?

Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Theology short course with Dr John Collins on Tuesdays 16 + 23 + 30 April!  
Registration and more dates and details via <https://tr.ee/KC5K0wAbQk> OR get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## HOLY WEEK DEBRIEF



# HOLY WEEK

*Thanksgiving & Debrief breakfast*

**SATURDAY 4TH MAY 2024**

**THANKSGIVING MASS - 9.00AM**

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH**

**FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP & HOLY WEEK DEBRIEF**

**IN THE CARDINAL CLANCEY ROOM.**

**ALL VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

**RSVP TO PARISH OFFICE BY 28TH APRIL 2024**

**PH: 9622 1125 OR EMAIL: ADMIN@MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU**

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SESSIONS



**DID YOU KNOW WE OFFER THREE METHODS OF NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING?**

BOOK A FREE INTRODUCTORY SESSION/INITIAL INSTRUCTION IN YOUR CHOSEN METHOD!

<p><b>CREIGHTON MODEL</b> INTRODUCTORY SESSION</p> <p>JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> (2pm) Face to Face Seminar 'Couples Hoping to Conceive' Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown</p> <p>August 3<sup>rd</sup> (1-2pm) via Zoom</p>	<p><b>BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD®</b> INITIAL INSTRUCTION VIA ZOOM 7:15 - 8:15PM</p> <p>APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup></p> <p>JULY 23<sup>rd</sup></p> <p>NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>SYMPTO-THERMAL METHOD</b> INITIAL INSTRUCTION VIA ZOOM 7:15 - 8:15PM</p> <p>APRIL 30<sup>th</sup></p> <p>MAY 28<sup>th</sup></p> <p>JUNE 25<sup>th</sup></p> <p>JULY 30<sup>th</sup></p> <p>AUGUST 27<sup>th</sup></p> <p>SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup></p> <p>OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup></p>
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To register contact [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or call 0400 427 605

We are very excited to offer you Introductory Sessions/Initial Instructions in our three methods of Natural Family Planning. Here's the plan for 2024! NFP is for couples planning their families and women wanting to know more about the health of their menstrual cycles. For more information contact Catherine.

## LIFTED SPORTS DAY



**Join the MQOF Youth team- Magnificats, at the Lifted Sports Day on Sunday April 28th!**

If you play basketball, touch, Volleyball, soccer or just love sport- we need you!

Training days will be held, APRIL 20TH.

Register now via link:

<https://forms.gle/pc7576iBAqCoBtqQ7>

Or

Scan QR Code



## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### FLOWER MINISTRY

## MOTHER'S DAY 2024 FAIR.

### EARLY BIRD SALE 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY

AFTER THE 10.00AM MASS AT ST PATRICK'S.  
AFTER THE 8.00AM AND 9.30AM MASSES AT ST  
MICHAEL'S.

### MOTHER'S DAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY

AT ST PATRICK'S AFTER THE 10.00AM MASS.  
AT ST MICHAEL'S AFTER THE 8.00AM AND 9.30AM  
MASSES.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

## Getting married in 2024?

Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare.

Visit [www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation](http://www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation)  
to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay.

An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the  
website.

For more information, email [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or Marisa  
on 0412 280 017.

### GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL



PARRAMATTA  
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

### Good Shepherd Appeal

## Support our seminarians to "go out into the deep."

Your Lenten gift will help our future priests cast their  
nets wide to nurture faith and meet the spiritual and  
pastoral needs of our community.

Parish Appeal will take place on the  
20th & 21st April 2024



DONATE



[yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

### 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/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.



### 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

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# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to Parish Thanksgiving Mass and debrief for Holy Week our scheduled reconciliation time for Saturday 4th May will not take place.

We encourage those wanting to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation during this week attend the sacrament during the other scheduled times:

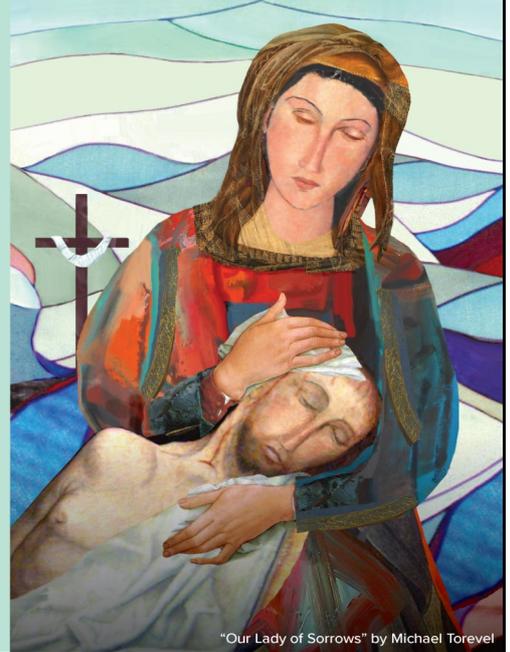
St Michael's: Wed 6:30pm-7:20pm  
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We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

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