



# 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 EASTER ~ YEAR B

21ST 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.

## ONE FOLD, ONE SHEPHERD

The fourth Sunday of Easter presents Jesus as the Risen Christ who is present with His people as the Good Shepherd. When Jesus revealed Himself, "I am the Good Shepherd," He taught His disciples that He would always be with them in this world and in the world to come. No one can take us out of Jesus' care for we have been entrusted to Him by the Father. Jesus said, "those who have been given to me by my Father would never be lost." He is different from any hired hand who would just abandon the sheep in the midst of wolves.

Keeping our faith in Jesus, we now identify ourselves as His sheep and He is our shepherd. "One Fold, One Shepherd" has become our vision that would sustain our journey in this world and a destiny in the world to come as we may hopefully be one into His kingdom.

The liturgical readings have provided us insights on how we could grow in our relationship with Jesus that would become assurances of His presence.

Firstly, Intimacy with Jesus. This is intimacy that is founded on mutual recognition. Jesus knows His sheep, "I know my own." In turn, we must recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd by listening to Jesus in scriptures and in prayer.

Secondly, Discipleship to Jesus. A Discipleship that is seen in our enduring fidelity to Him. Faith is our response to Jesus' revelation as the Good Shepherd. As our discipleship begins in faith, it must endure forever until the end. Fidelity to Jesus must compel us to imitate Him - just as He freely laid down His life, can we not do something good not because we do not have the choice but because it is the right thing to do.

Lastly, witnessing to Jesus. We must be willing participants in the Mystery of Christ. It must be a conscious and deliberate participation in the work of evangelization by opposing the diabolic work of the devil to scatter and destroy humanity. This is the real ministry that every disciple is called to heal and reconcile where the devil has wounded and divided because the hand of God holds us, we are God's loving and healing hand extended into the world today.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, promises abundant life, we may continue our journey bearing His presence in this world and we may come forward to attain together the bountiful life of His glory in the world to come.

*Fr. Ever Bernaldez*

### 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 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, Ekhlis Ambili, Erica Luiz, Harlane Petersen, Helena Vea, Sidney Lazum,  
Fr. Kevin Redmond, SM., 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*



Watch, listen and read.  
Anywhere, anytime.

FORMED provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. Supporting thousands of movies, children's programs, eBooks, audio, parish programs and studies direct to your browser, mobile or connected device.

Get the NETFLIX of the Catholic Faith - FORMED



Now free for our Parishioners

Follow the steps below to get access



1. Scan the QR code - to go to the FORMED website;
2. In the Parish search field - type "2148" - to find our Parish name;
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;
6. Browse, Watch, Listen, Read, and Study - to form your catholic conscience.

## 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...

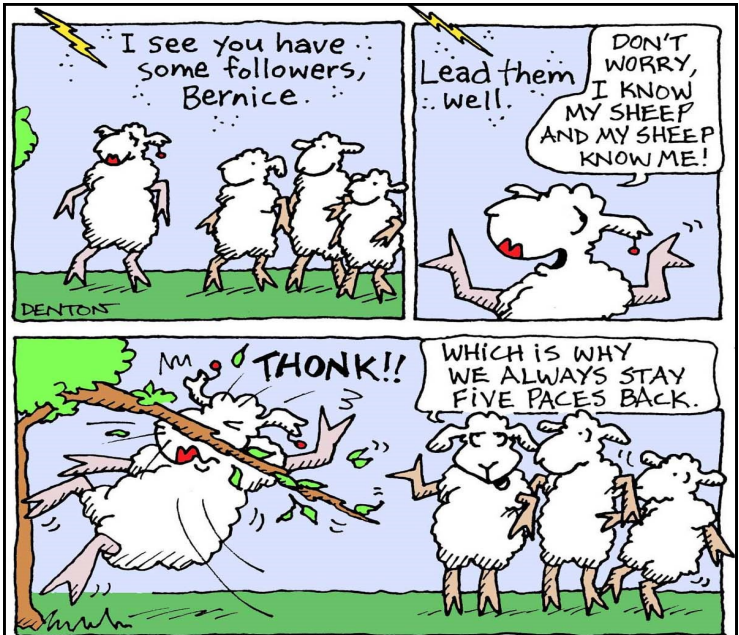
**W**ORSHIP ~ Practice the right forms of Worship.

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

**W**all ~ Building our community.



## SUNDAY FLOCK



© Jean Denton flock.pastoralcenter.com

"I am the good shepherd and I will lay down my life for the sheep."

### Sheepish Question:

Where is Jesus guiding me that other leaders or advisors are not?

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: CF PSALM 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

### FIRST READING: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 4:8-12

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. V.22

R ~ The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

### SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-2

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

© The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc., and used by permission of the publishers. The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and Gospel Verses, and the Lenten Gospel Acclamations, and the Titles, Summaries, and Conclusion of the Readings, from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.

## DAILY READINGS

**Monday 22nd April:** Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18 ; John 10:1-10 .

**Tuesday 23rd April:** Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26 ; John 10:22-30 .

**Wednesday 24th April:** Acts of the Apostles 12:24-13:5 ; John 12:44-50.

**Thursday 25th April:** Wisdom 3:1-9 ; John 12:23-28 .

**Friday 26th April:** 1 Peter 5:5-14 ; Mark 16:15-20 .

**Saturday 27th April:** Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52; John 14:7-14 .

**Sunday 28th April:** Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8.

## ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

### Episode 29: Bow before Holy Communion

#### SUMMARY

People often ask, "What is the proper gesture before receiving Holy Communion?" The answer is actually very clear and simple. It can be found in the General Instruction of *The Roman Missal* at paragraph 160. The communicant makes a bow of the head before receiving the Body of the Lord and before receiving the Precious Blood.

This causes difficulty for some people because one might consider that a more proper, a more appropriate gesture or even a more reverent gesture would be a genuflection. That may indeed be true: a genuflection can be a beautiful sign of reverence. On the other hand, that is not what the Church has asked us to do.

Instead, the Church has chosen a gesture that everyone is able to do. This is based on the Church's understanding that in the celebration of Mass, we should manifest in our bodies the great unity that we share in Christ: we are members of his body.

A bow could be more reverent, but in this instance of preparation for Holy Communion, the Church herself decides what we are to do. Let us follow the prescribed gesture, the bow of the head, in obedience to the Church. What's more, make the bow of the head mean a genuflection in your heart. God will see your reverence and your neighbour will see your obedience.

#### *The Roman Missal*

When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister. The consecrated host may be received either on the tongue or in the hand, at the discretion of each communicant. When Holy Communion is received under both kinds, the sign of reverence is also made before receiving the Precious Blood.

*General Instruction, n<sup>o</sup>. 160*

#### IN THE TRADITION

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all in Christ Jesus."

*Galatians 3:28*

#### THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH

"To promote active participation, the people should be encouraged to take part by means of acclamations, responses, psalms, antiphons, and songs, as well as by action, gestures, and bodily attitudes. And at the proper times all should observe a reverent silence."

*Sacrosanctum Concilium, n<sup>o</sup>. 30*

#### IN THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Entrance Antiphon  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Elements of the Catholic Mass Study Guide. © 2015 Douglas Martis <https://walcformed.org/the-elements-of-the-catholic-mass>*

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Bernadette Stevens, Comber Cañete, Terry Laming

### DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Lorna Scott & Ante Janezic.

### IN MEMORIUM

Trevor Anthony; Michelle Markin; Marie Thompson;  
Josephine & Edilberto Garcia; John & Grace Santos-Ocampo;  
William Peppin

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Limun Family.

### 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

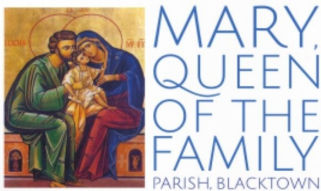


Parents wishing to have their children baptised are to contact the parish office prior to attending a Baptism workshop. The next workshop will on Saturday 4th May 2024 - St. Patrick's Church.

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:  
Byron Gami & Lucia Vasquez

## 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.  
Process starts: 14th May 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.  
Process starts: 7th May 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

## 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](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:** 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](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

## GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL



### 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 this weekend  
20th & 21st April 2024

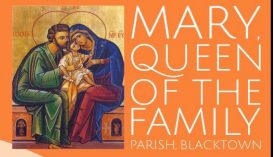


DONATE



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

## 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](mailto:ADMIN@MQOFBLACKTOWN.ORG.AU)**

## ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE ~ MENARD GASPO



MOST REVEREND VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN OFM CONV  
BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA, CORDIALLY INVITES YOU  
TO THE ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE MASS FOR

### Mr Menard Gaspi

SATURDAY 11 MAY 2024, 6PM  
VIGIL MASS OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

ST JOHN XXIII PARISH, STANHOPE GARDENS

## NSW CCR ~ PENTECOST EVENT



**Anointing  
PENTECOST EVE**  
WORSHIP GATHERING  
HOSTED BY THE YOUTH

18TH MAY 2024

TIME : 4:00 - 7:00 PM

VENUE : 15 PARK RD, SEVEN HILLS  
SERVANTS OF JESUS



REGISTER NOW!  
LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE  
[ccrnsw.org.au](http://ccrnsw.org.au)



### CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW CELEBRATING PENTECOST EVE "ANOINTING"

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on Saturday 18th May at Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Road Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4-7pm hosted by youth from different streams. Booking is essential, register with link.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true>

Any inquires email: [email@ccrnsw.org.au](mailto:email@ccrnsw.org.au)

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

Our next Parish Movie night will be in June 2024, (date to be confirmed) at Hoyts Cinema Blacktown. The movie will be "Cabrini".



Cabrini is a 2024 American biographical drama film. The film details the life of Catholic missionary Francesca Cabrini, portrayed by Cristiana Dell'Anna, as she encounters resistance to her charity and business efforts in New York City.

Cabrini explores the sexism and anti-Italian racism faced by Cabrini and others in New York City during the late 19th century.

Trailer: <https://www.hoyts.com.au/movies/cabrini>

All funds raised from this event will go towards our church raise the roof campaign.

We thank you for your on going support and generosity.

### 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.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSES



There are many ways in which you can participate in our parish. Some ways are by being a Reader, an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, a Minister of the Sick or a Minister at the Altar.

If you feel you are called to do these ministries in your parish but need to learn more about it, sign up for the Liturgical Ministry Course in September. Sessions will be held in Blacktown but are open to all members of the Diocese of Parramatta. Register by contacting Lucy so that you can be sure to secure a spot.

Email: [lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org) or Mobile: 0460 037 795.

## 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

### SECOND COLLECTION: For the Parish

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

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

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



## 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:

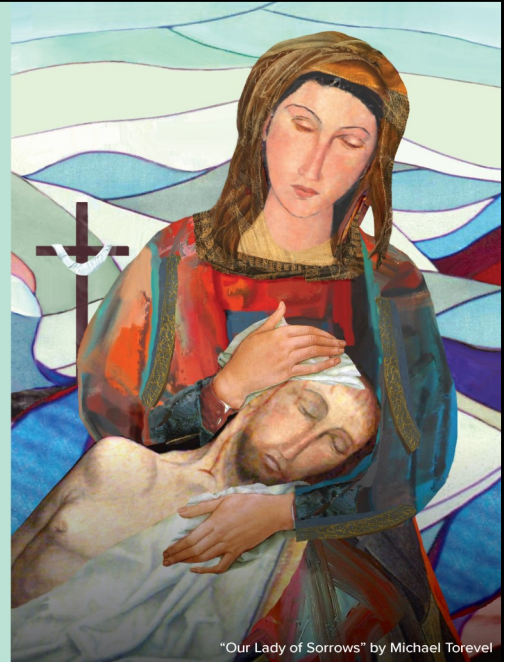
St Michael's: Wed 6:30pm-7:20pm  
St Patrick's: Fri 6:30pm-7:20pm

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

## Easter Offertory

**For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son**

Please Scan to Give and support our parish to share Christ's message of love and salvation with all



"Our Lady of Sorrows" by Michael Torevel

**Please support the advertisers that support us. Thank You!**

If you wish to advertise your business, call the Parish Office on 02 9622 1125. Please understand that Mary Queen of the Family Parish cannot take responsibility if the service provided by an advertiser does not meet expectations.



### Accounting and Taxation Services

Mobile: 0435 519 268

- Business advisory
- Business Registration
- Bookkeeping
- Payroll Processing
- SMSF Set up and Administration



Contact person: [elizabeth@amperpolicarpio.com](mailto:elizabeth@amperpolicarpio.com)



VS Oceania Pty Ltd

### Mitchell High School Host Families Needed

Mitchell High School will be hosting Japanese students from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Share your lifestyle & home whilst experiencing another culture.

- Students attend school on weekdays and enjoy family life with you on the weekend
- Japanese language is not necessary.
- Students just fit in with your family routines – eat your food, they need their own bed but can share a room.
- Families are paid \$50 per night per student

If you can assist in hosting a student or would like more information, please contact.....

VS Oceania Pty Ltd | Ph: 02 9889 4366 Email: [admin@vsoceania.com](mailto:admin@vsoceania.com)

### Opportunity for a CAREER in the construction industry for an Electrical Apprenticeship (4 year course).

Our long established company based in the greater western suburbs is seeking committed applicants with the following criteria:

- ⇒ a motivated and dynamic individual willing to learn on the job.
- ⇒ must be committed to completing the relevant TAFE course in Cert III Electro Technology.\*

\*will need school results appropriate to completing the course.

- ⇒ valid car licence with car for travel to and from work.

For further information contact: Mark @ 0417 181 228.



ABLE CHOICE PTY LTD  
NDIS Registered Provider  
Registration 4050026585  
ABN 28 618 689 339  
PO Box 8071  
ARNDELL PARK NSW 2148

Are you a person with a disability between 7 and 65 YOA?  
Are you struggling with accessing Services? Did you need help with managing your funding? We can help you meet your NDIA and/or Aged Care goals!  
Are you a person who enjoys helping others?  
Are you seeking paid flexible, casual/part time employment – we can link you with rewarding work to help people who need local home & garden services AND home & community care\*.

We'd love to hear from you!

[business.ablechoice@gmail.com](mailto:business.ablechoice@gmail.com)



Contact : 0288097084\*\*

\*We can help you with information to meet NDIA, Aged Care, ATO and our Company Policy standards.

\*\*Monday and Wednesday ONLY.



## Holy Family Services

A Ministry of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth



Retiring



Early Learning Centre



Aged Care

Holy Family Services provide care, education and retirement living choice to many families. Our Residential Aged Care facility, Early Learning Centre and Retirement Village provide care with hospitality, love and acceptance, supporting and enriching the lives of those who use our services.

If you want a supportive close-knit community for your family contact us.

[holyfamilyservices.com.au](http://holyfamilyservices.com.au) • Call us: 9678 8200

Please support the advertisers that support us. Thank You!

If you wish to advertise your business, call the Parish Office on 02 9622 1125. Please understand that Mary Queen of the Family Parish cannot take responsibility if the service provided by an advertiser does not meet expectations.

**Filipino Professionals in Sydney & Canberra, Australia.**

"Proudly Connecting Filipinos in Australia since 1 June 2019"

The first ever Filipino professionals community in Australia, founded on 1 June 2019.

Simple Professional Networking & Community Building (online and in-person)

Weekly Advice on Career & Professional Development | LinkedIn Filipino Professionals in AUS

Enquiry: Kerwin Abinoja (Director & Founder) | Public Policy Professional in Australia

Email: [filipino.professionals.australia@gmail.com](mailto:filipino.professionals.australia@gmail.com) | Mobile: 0468355399

★ Official Filipino Professionals Platform ★ | Filipino Professionals WhatsApp

<https://www.meetup.com/en-AU/filipino-professionals-in-sydney-and-canberra-australia/>

**Glen Murray Plumbing**

Lic.No.L11984

Ph: 0419 294 030

Domestic & Commercial  
Maintenance & Renewals  
Sewer Blockages & Gas Installations

## THE AUSTRALIAN LAW FIRM

Litigation | Criminal Law | Family Law | Compensation Law  
Conveyancing | Estate Planning | Wills & Estates

Call Us for Conveyancing Offers! | Estate Planning Offers! | Legal Aid accepted!  
Estate Planning Offers!\*

Legal Will, Enduring Power of Attorney and Enduring Guardian  
Only \$330.00 for all senior pensioners!

Only \$550.00 for aged 18 years to 59 years!

\*T&C apply. Price quoted is for professional fees only. Disbursements additionally incurred.

FOR ALL YOUR LEGAL NEEDS | BY APPOINTMENT ONLY  
SYDNEY | BLACKTOWN | EDENSOR PARK

MOBILE LEGAL SERVICE ALL OVER SYDNEY

Principal Director | Solicitor | Josephine Karipis, née Josephine Buttigieg

**(02) 9604 9637 | 0422 704 357**

FAIRFIELD CITY LOCAL BUSINESS AWARDS FINALIST  
4 YEARS RUNNING 2018, 2019, 2020 AND 2021

**Lourdes FertilityCare Centre**

Are you looking for a new and effective way to manage your fertility?

Are you or someone you know struggling with Infertility?  
Miscarriage?  
Long/ irregular cycles?

Creighton Model FertilityCare System is natural, effective, healthy, and scientific approach to assessing and evaluating your current fertility status. It is especially helpful for couples having difficulties achieving pregnancy as well as those who wish to avoid/space pregnancy.

For further enquiries or to book an appointment contact  
Vinetta Lobo, CFCP on 0430 509 890 or  
[lourdesfertilitycare@gmail.com](mailto:lourdesfertilitycare@gmail.com)  
[www.fccau.org](http://www.fccau.org)



**CURTAINS BY TANYA**

Family business for the last 15 years  
Swags, Tails, Drapes,  
Pelmets, Box Pleat Curtains,  
BedSpreads, Shutters, Holland Blinds,  
Roman Blinds, Timber Blinds, and All  
Kinds of BLINDS  
Made to Measure  
Call TANYA for a Free  
MEASURE AND QUOTE  
0415 829 715

**LICENSED PLUMBER DRAINER GASFITTER**

ESTABLISHED SINCE 1980

GAS AND ELECTRIC  
LEAKING TAPS  
NEW GAS SERVICE  
BLOCKED DRAINS  
SEWER RENEWALS  
CLEANING GUTTERS  
RAINWATER TANKS

HOT WATER HEATERS  
LEAKING TOILETS  
GAS LEAKS  
BURST PIPES  
GUTTERING  
ROOF VENTILATION  
WATER SAVING DEVICES

## E. MAGRI PLUMBING SERVICES P/L

STEPHEN MAGRI Mobile: 0412 926 185

Licence No L 11703

ABN 83 111 970 024

[e.magriplumbing@bigpond.com](mailto:e.magriplumbing@bigpond.com) Ph/Fax:(02) 9625 3353



## SCOTT GLEESON FUNERALS

Phone: 9896 3299  
[info@scottgleesonfunerals.com.au](mailto:info@scottgleesonfunerals.com.au)  
[www.scottgleesonfunerals.com.au](http://www.scottgleesonfunerals.com.au)  
2 Fennell St. Parramatta 2150