



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.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

13TH OCTOER 2024

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Mary Queen of the Family (MQOF) parish strives to grow as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ, continuing to deepen in understanding the Sacred Scriptures and Sacred Tradition of the Catholic Church and to live as a faithful and committed Catholic community, evangelising and responding to the needs of the family in the Blacktown community and beyond.

LITURGY TIMES

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 - Filo 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)

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.

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.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts." Hebrews 4: 12-13

Jesus, looking at the rich young man, loved him and said to him: "You are lacking in one thing. Go. sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come follow me." Mark 10: 17-30

The description of the word of God given to us today by the writer of *Hebrews* implies that it is meant to cut into us and prod us to change the way in which we live our lives. If I take God's word seriously, it will disturb my comfort. Yet, week after week, I can read, hear and ponder the Sunday readings without allowing them to change me significantly. Yet, God has blessed me and everyone else I know with gifts that, used responsibly and creatively, will help me to grow. Moreover, one of those gifts is a capacity to engage with God's word in Scripture and to respond in ways that will contribute to building the kingdom of God and to helping others to grow. That's the challenge for all of us inherent in today's second reading from Hebrews.

The gospel-reading that follows is the next part of the "liturgy of the Word" in our Eucharistic celebration and is followed by the homily, which is essentially a commentary on and an elucidation of the readings. Then, following the Eucharistic Prayer and the Communion Rite, we are dismissed by the presiding priest with words like: "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord...glorifying God by your life." In other words, we are urged to put into action, by the way we live and engage with the people we encounter, what we have absorbed from the readings and homily. Moreover, we are to take to our world the Lord we have received in the Eucharist, sharing his goodness and love in action.

Now, as we step back to look closely at today's gospel reading, I suggest it is Mark's way of putting into the mouth of Jesus a summary of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus had set out on the road to Jerusalem - a journey which would take him to condemnation, torture and execution for no other reason than for the way he had lived and spoken with complete integrity.

Jesus' progress was halted by a young man who had come running after him. We can only guess at why he was late in approaching Jesus. He might have been summoning up courage to speak to the itinerant rabbi whom he had heard or only heard about. He might well have been afraid of what Jesus might say to him. But he came to Jesus with deference and respect, addressing him as "Good master". Jesus declined the attribution of goodness to himself, explaining that only God could be described as good. His response to the young man was probably for the benefit of critics in the crowd of onlookers who might have been looking for evidence to bring against him. Jesus' words were meant to make it clear that God alone is good and the very source of goodness. When Jesus proceeded to explain that living authentically involved keeping the commandments that Moses had put to their ancestors and that were recorded in the Book of Deuteronomy, the young man responded, without a hint of boasting, that he had been faithful to what Moses had proclaimed.

Cont'd.		

Parish Directory St. Michael's Church - 58 Orwell Street, South Blacktown & St. Patrick's Church - 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown.	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. Wim Hoekstra, Fr. Andrew Rooney, Fr. Ever Bernaldez, Rev. John		
Parish Office: At St. Patrick's Church. Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm	Cinya.		
Telephone: 02 9622 1125 A/H: 02 8705 0830. Website: www.mgofblacktown.org.au Email: admin@mgofblacktown.org.au	Parish Schools:		
	St Michael's Primary: P : 8869 6200 https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au		
Parish Team: Parish Priest: Fr. Wim Hoekstra.	St Patrick's Primary:		
Assistant Priests: Fr. Ever Bernaldez, MSP & Fr. Andrew Rooney	P: 8869 6000 https://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au Nagle College:		
Deacon: Rev. John Cinya.	P : 8887 4500 https://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au		
Finance Officer: Sarah Canete-Damole Email: accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au Secretary: Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Mon & Tues)	Patrician Brothers College:		
Parish Assistant: Ann Hart (Wed-Fri)	P : 8811 0300 https://www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au		
Email: admin@mgofblacktown.org.au	Catholic Early Learning Centre (St Michael's) :		
Sacramental Coordinator: Gerald "Ged" Oblea. Mobile: 0422 724 008	P: 8814 8406 https://www.celcblacktownsth.catholic.edu.au		
Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au	Aged Care Facilities: Opal Nursing Home (37 Kildare Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P: 9852 9600		
Catechist Coordinator: Sandra Baker	Mulluana Retirement Village (61 Bungarribee Rd, Blacktown NSW 2146) P : 9002 9000		

Jesus could not help being touched by the young man's sincerity and saw in him such potential that he invited him without hesitation to join him on the road, after selling up his property and giving the proceeds to the poor and needy. Jesus' demand was too much for the young man, who withdrew in disappointment.

All of this, together with Jesus' comment on attachment to wealth and possessions, adds up to Mark's teaching for his community of what is involved for those who want to be followers of Jesus. In essence, this gospel-reading spells out what is essential for living a Christian vocation. Clearly, for Mark and for Jesus, attachment to wealth, possessions and prejudices is an obstacle to Christian discipleship. True disciples must have a light grasp on whatever the world has to offer.

Today's gospel-reading and recent readings from the Letter of James remind us that early Christian communities were no more free of contention, controversy and disagreement than our contemporary Church communities are. The early Church had to deal with the divisiveness that can arise when the poor and the rich have to live and pray side by side. Today's gospel reading presents Jesus throwing up his hands in frustration and disappointment on seeing the hold that money and possessions can have even on good people. It is not simply the fact that some people in a community are wealthy as it is the fact that wealth can create a wall of separation between the well off and those less well off, such that they become distasteful to one another. Jesus suggested that unity in communities where such division reigns can be brought about only by God.

I don't want to suggest that Jesus and Mark are suggesting that we should embark on a process of turning ourselves into paupers. We would do well, however, to be alert to whatever can build walls of division in our local Christian communities and in our Church at large. We need to keep reminding ourselves that the gifts that we all have are God-given and for the benefit and enrichment of all. With that in mind, we can leave the last word to Pope Francis who. in his Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exultate, published in 2018, stated:

"The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts (cf. 1 Cor 12:7), rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them." (#11)

Let's not ignore the fact that it is not only inequality of possessions that can create division. Jesus himself had to call his own disciples into line when they were carried away with their ambitions for status, power, competition and self-importance. What is it that gets in my way, in your way?

翻

MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE

We encourage you to continue to support and donate non perishable items for Mary's Pantry. These are some suggestions: Cereal, Pasta, Instant Noodles, Rice, Biscuits, Milk, Tinned Soup, Tinned Fruit, Tinned, Fish, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Meat, Tinned Chickpeas, Tinned Lentils, Pasta Sauce, Baked Beans. Your donations will go to help those who are doing it tough in our community and beyond. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you also 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

SSZ open every Wednesday after the 9am Mass in the Cardinal Clancy Room. All are welcome!!

1ED ORN

Free for our Parishioners

- Follow the steps below to get access
- Scan the QR code-to go to the FORMED website; 1.
- 2. In the Parish search field—type "2148" to find our Parish name;
- Select "Mary Queen of the Family" and press "Next"; 3.
- Enter your Name and your Email address to register a new account 4. and press "Sign Up";
- <u>!</u>5. Download the FORMED app on your phone and "Sign In" using vour email address in step 4:
- 6. Browse, Watch, Lister, Read, and Study-to form your catholic conscience. . . _ . . _ . . _ . . _ . . _ . . _ .



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 In addition to our spiritual and outreach organisations, mourning. 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 Scriptures &

Tradition of the Catholic Church.

* Strive to live as a faithful & committed Catholic community.

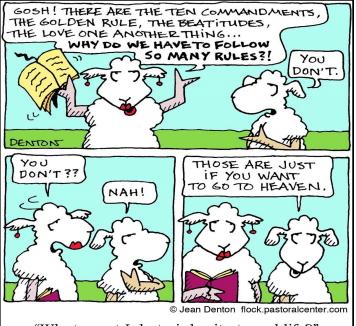
Evangelise and respond to the needs of the family in the Blacktown community and beyond.

Objectives To meet our mission -

WORSHIP ~ Practice the right forms of Worship.

WORD ~ Increase the Biblical literacy in the Parish.

 $\ensuremath{\mathbb{C}}$ Br. Julian McDonald cfc **WALL** ~ Building our community.



"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Sheepish Question: Which of God's rules have I ignored or broken lately?

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 7:7-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 89:12-17. R.V.14

 $\textbf{R} \sim$ Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; The kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf Psalm 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, But those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

© 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. The prayers are from the English Translation of the Roman Missal © 2010 International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc. (ICEL). All rights reserved.

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 15th October - St. Theresa of Jesus Wednesday 17th October - St. Ignatius of Antioch Friday 18th October - St. Luke

INSTALLATION OF FR. WIM AS PARISH PRIEST

Bishop Vincent has advised that he will be celebrating the Mass with the rites of installation for our new parish priest Fr. Wim next Sunday 20th October 2024 at St. Patrick's Church at 10.00am.

All parishioners are welcome to attend and are kindly asked to bring a plate of finger food to share for the morning tea reception after the Mass. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Jean Hart, Ingrid Piu, Fr. Noel Bianco, Alejandra Montero, Angela Mikhaiel, Michael Flanjak.

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

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.	With joyfu
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.	SAC
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	Reconciliati First Paren process are Tuesday 22
LEGION OF MARY ST MICHAEL'S	Contact: Max Rosario, 0490 137 533 (for statue bookings) Meeting Time and Venue: Every Thursday, 1:00pm – 2:30pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church.	Or Thursday 2 Patrick's Ch We look for
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.	Follow th process: <u>h</u> If you hav sacrament
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	- <i>Pope Fr</i> O God, Tr
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.	from the p pour out t Grant us t in his fam
	Contact: Sandra Baker admin@mqofblacktown.org.au For More Information please contact our the parish office.	and in the Grant that discoverin
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.	recognisin in the suff and forgo and risen who make
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	Come, Ho reflected i so that we that all are
YOUTH MINISTRY	Contact: Parish Office admin@mqofblacktown.org.au For More Information please contact our Youth Minister through the parish office.	different fatter that God s

SACRAMENT OF INITIATION



Parents wishing to have their children baptised are to contact the parish office prior to attending a Baptism workshop. The next workshop will on Saturday 2nd November 2024 - St. Patrick's Church.

For more information please logon to our website: https://mgofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/#baptism

With joyful hearts, we welcome our newly Baptised to our parish community: William O'Brien

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS AT THE PARISH

Thank you to all the families who registered for our parish process for First Reconciliation. A gentle reminder that our process will commence with our First Parent Encounter. Parents who have a candidate registered for this process are invited to attend one of the following sessions.

Tuesday 22ne October at 7:00pm at St. Patrick's Church

Thursday 24th October at 9:00am at the Cardinal Clancey Room next to St. Patrick's Church

We look forward to meeting your family.

Follow the below link for more information about our sacramental process: <u>https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/</u>

f you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our sacramental coordinator on the details below:

Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Sacramental Coordinator) Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

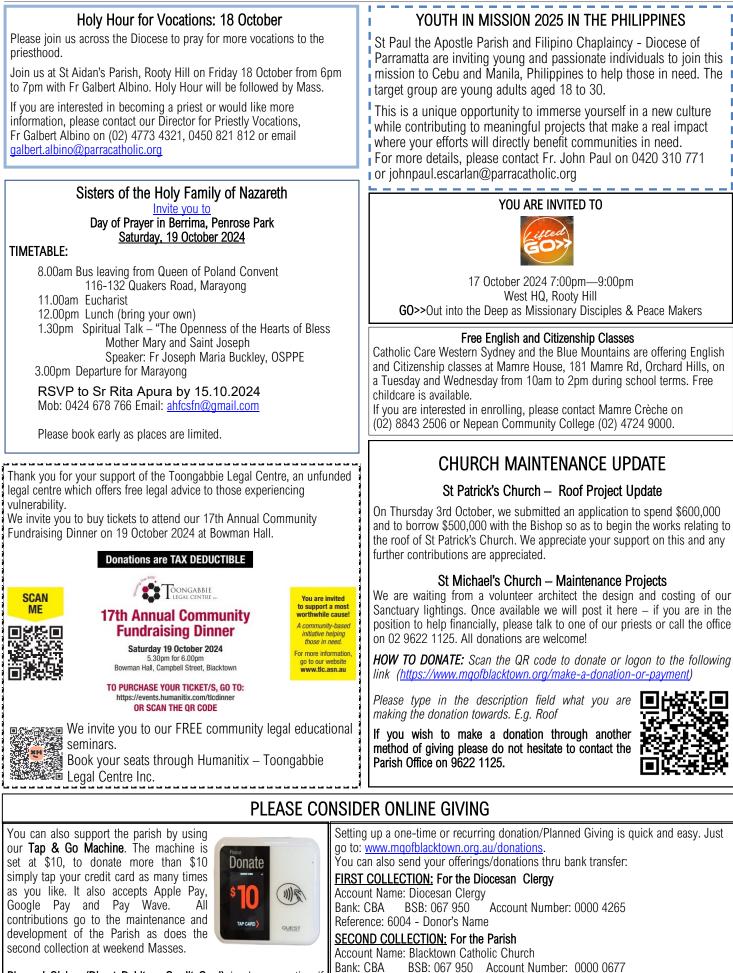
PRAYER FOR PEACE

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti

O God, Trinity of love, from the profound communion of your divine life, pour out upon us a torrent of sisterly and brotherly love. Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus, in his family of Nazareth, and in the early Christian community.

Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel, discovering Christ in each human being, recognising him crucified in the sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten of our world, and risen in each sister or brother who makes a new start.

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. AMEN.



Bank: CBA

Reference: 6004 ~ Donor's name

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 fover and on our parish website or contact the parish office on 9622 1125.

If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Sarah at accounts@mgofblacktown.org.au. Thank you so much for your continued support to our parish. We are grateful!

13th October 2024

Please support the advertisers that support us. Thank You!

6

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



13th October 2024

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.



St Patrick's Primary Blacktown



Is your child ready to start Kindy? Call now for a School Tour! 02 8869 6000 Enrolment Packs Available Now.

Please call the school office to organize your enrolment pack or download an enrolment form from our school website. https://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au/

Or During weekdays on 8869 6000 between 8:30am and 3:30pm

Mark @ 0417 181 228.





St Michael's Primary School **Blacktown South**

155 Reservoir Road Blacktown South https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au/



Enrolling now for 2025 Contact the school office on 8869 6200 or download an enrolment pack from our website.

