

# Weekly Bulletin Mary, Queen of the Family Parish

St. Michael's Church, 58 Orwell Street, Blacktown & St. Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown. We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C

### 9 FEBRUARY 2025

### **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.

### Parish Directory

St. Michael's Church - 58 Orwell Street, South Blacktown & St. Patrick's Church - 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown.

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### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: "What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips...and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts" then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal...with this he touched my mouth and said: "See, now this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged." Isaiah 6: 1-8

"Christ died for our sins, as written in the Scriptures." 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

After he had finished speaking to the crowds from Simon's boat, Jesus said to Simon: "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." "Master" Simon replied, "we have worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets." They netted such a large number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying: "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man."... But Jesus said to Simon: "Don't be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch." Luke 5: 1-11

Today's three readings, taken together, nudge me to ask myself: "Just how comfortably does my faith in Jesus Christ sit with me?" The central characters of today's readings are all presented as living their faith in God with conviction, purpose and determination, despite their being very much aware of their own sinfulness and inadequacy. Is there any substantial reason for our seeing ourselves as very different from Isaiah, Paul and Simon Peter? Why should our faith commitment be markedly different from theirs?

I dare to suggest that it is because we have created for ourselves a God of whom we are wary, even afraid. And if we have not created that kind of God for ourselves, we have sometimes allowed ourselves to be conditioned to be hesitant to accept that Jesus really did die for our sins, reflecting to us the boundless and ceaseless love of the God who loved us into life and whose forgiveness is not conditional on our unerring conduct. Yet, most of us have encountered retreat directors, preachers and high-profile religious leaders who have been intent on threatening us with the divine punishment that will be inflicted on us because of our sinfulness. Surely, we have to learn that God really does love us, does not get angry with us and is not bent on exacting retribution from us. God's greatest act of love was to allow Jesus to be born among us as our brother, to go to death on the Cross to free us from our sin and to invite us to reflect the love of Jesus to our world. (Cont'd...)

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The three central characters of today's readings all self-identified as having had sinful histories. Isaiah lived during the latter half of the reign of Uzziah, King of Judah. Isaiah was from an aristocratic family and, in all likelihood, was destined for a career in the king's court. Uzziah had ruled with justice, integrity and outreach to the poor and needy. Following the king's death from leprosy, Isaiah, in grief, had gone up to the Temple to pray. At prayer, he had an intense religious experience during which he became aware of his own sinfulness. This was followed by the visitation of an angel who cleansed him from his sin by putting a burning coal to his lips. Isaiah then sensed that God was inviting him to be a messenger to waken up the world. In response he volunteered to be that messenger and walked away from a career in the world of royalty.

Paul had elsewhere confessed to a career of intensely bitter persecution of people who had given their allegiance to Jesus and the message he proclaimed. We know the story of how God's Spirit brought Paul to his senses (See Acts 9: 1-9 and Galatians 4: 29). In today's second reading, Paul states categorically: "Christ Jesus died for our sins." He neither elaborates on this statement nor qualifies it. Paul proceeded to say how hard he had laboured to spread the message of God's love personified in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

The story of Simon Peter's encounter with Jesus and the miraculous draught of fish has much for us to ponder. Peter had just come from hearing Jesus preach in Capernaum, witnessing him cure sick people, including Peter's own mother-in-law and driving devils out of those who were possessed. After Jesus and his group had moved on to the Lake of Gennesaret, Peter readily agreed to allow Jesus to preach from his boat. What's more, he did not object when Jesus, a carpenter by trade, asked him to move the boat to deep water and put the nets down in the middle of the day, a time when no fisherman of experience would dream of doing such. The extraordinary aspect of Peter's words of compliance was that they echoed Mary's response to the angel Gabriel when she accepted the invitation to become the mother of Jesus. Jesus' request to Peter made no sense to an experienced fisherman, yet he replied with: "Master, we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets" Parallelling those words was Mary's reply to Gabriel when she was told that she, a virgin, would become a mother by the power of the Holy Spirit: "I am the handmaid of the Lord, let what you have said be done to me."

At the sight of the miraculous catch of fish, Simon Peter became acutely conscious of his own inadequacy and sinfulness: "Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man." The clear message in these three readings is that neither God nor Jesus dwells on our sins. They both see the potential in ordinary, broken people for life-giving, servant leadership. In fact, none of us is capable of that kind of leadership until we are conscious of our own personal limitations and weaknesses. We must be convinced that we will be effective as leaders only when we are open to invite the help of those around us and that of God who never leaves us. And let's not forget that the biggest obstacle to living and acting with faith in God is fear. In fact, fear is the direct opposite of faith. If we believe that our God is angry, occupied with counting our mistakes, we are really living in fear. God is love and we will live in fear until we let God in.

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### MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

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 open every Wednesday after the 9am Mass in the Cardinal Clancy Room.



All are welcome!!

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### PRESEENTATION OF THE LORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf Psalm 94:6-7 O come, let us worship God And bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 Here am I! Send me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 137:1-5. 7-8. R.V1

 $\mathbf{R} \sim \mathbf{In}$  the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *I preach what they peach, and this is what you believe.* 

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 4:19** 

Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord And I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

# **GOSPEL:** Luke 5: 1-11

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

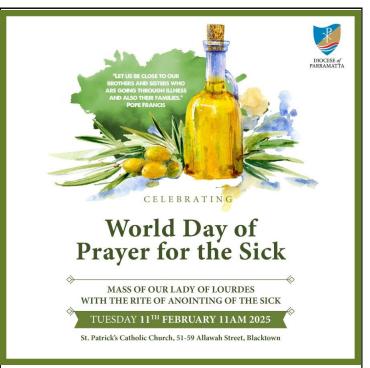
When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: PS 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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### **MUSIC FOR LENT WORKSHOP: 13 FEBRUARY**

Musicians and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring Music for Lent on Thursday 13 February from 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, Mission Enhancement Team. Registrations are essential, please RSVP by 11 February via <u>parracatholic.org/music-workshop</u>

# FAITHLIFE SCRIPTURE SHORT COURSES FOR ADULTS: 12-26 FEBRUARY

Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ. Wednesdays, 12, 19, & 26 February. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown - Bishop Bede Heather Centre. RSVP via <u>https://parracatholic.org/faithlife</u> OR email <u>met@parracatholic.org</u>

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Illuminada Lavilla (Fr Regie's mother) John Woodward, Eduardo Canete, Carmela Saliba, Rex Scott

> DEATH ANNIVERSARY Bich Thi Le, George Lobo

### <u>SICK</u>

Joe Borg Please pray for those who are sick.. Mass intentions can be requested online by visiting the website.

https://www.mqofblacktown.org/mass-intention-or-offering-request

### **OUR LITURGY THIS WEEK**

Mon Feb 10 — St Scholastica, *virgin* Tues Feb 11 — World Day of Prayer for the Sick Fri Feb 14 — Sts Cyril, *monk*, and Methodius, *bishop* 

### BULLETIN BLOOPERS

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM prayer and medication to follow.

# 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

HOLY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP PRAYER GROUP	Contact: Charles Hyson, 0412 631 602, www.holyfamilyfellowship.com Meeting Time and Venue: Saturday 14 December 6:30pm-9:30pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church.	
	<b>Contact:</b> Antoinette Mangion, 0414 735 943 <b>Meeting Time and Venue:</b> Monday 17th February, 10:00 am at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church	P tł T S
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.	
LEGION OF MARY ST PATRICK'S	<b>Contact:</b> Doris Zammit, 0419 274 002(for statue bookings) <b>Meeting Time and Venue:</b> Every Monday, 6:30pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church.	т а С
MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS	<b>Contact:</b> Max Rosario, 0490 137 533 <b>Meeting Time and Venue:</b> Monday 9:30am-10:30am at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church. All are welcome!	to F S C
MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP	<b>Contact:</b> Frank Mangion, 0410 830 877 <b>Meeting Time and Venue:</b> 9th February 2025, 12pm - 2pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church.	a re S C
ROSARY GROUP	<b>Contact:</b> Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566 <b>Meeting Time and Venue:</b> Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday after the 8am Mass, at St Michael's church.	E F tł
	Contact: Sandra Baker admin@mqofblacktown.org.au For More Information please contact our the parish office.	<u>h</u> re If O
	<b>Contact:</b> Ash & Rozario Fernando , 0416 861 976 or 0412 195 916 <b>Meeting Time and Venue:</b> Every Saturday 2pm - 4pm at the Cardinal Clancy Room, St Patrick's Church.	G P
TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP	<b>Contact:</b> Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566 <b>Meeting Time and Venue:</b> Every 2nd Saturday of the month, 3.00pm 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.	P b

SACRAMENT OF INITIATION



Congratulations to Austin Allan Connell Haines baptised last weekend and to Annabelle Anjali Xavier baptised on 19 January—both at St Michael's

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 1st March 2025 @ 2pm - St. Patrick's Church.

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

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2025

The sacramental program dates and online registration forms for 2025 are now available on our parish website.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Candidates aged 7 or 8 who have been baptised (Catholic) are invited to prepare for the Sacrament of Penance and the celebration of the First Confession.

### SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Candidates aged 8 or 9 who have received the Sacrament of Penance are invited to be prepared for the Sacrament of the Eucharist and to receive First Holy Communion.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Candidates aged 10 or 11 who have received the Sacrament of First Eucharist are invited to prepare for the reception of Confirmation.

Follow the link below for more information and to register for the process.

https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/ or you can collect a registration form from the parish office. If you have any further questions, contact our sacramental coordinator on the details below:

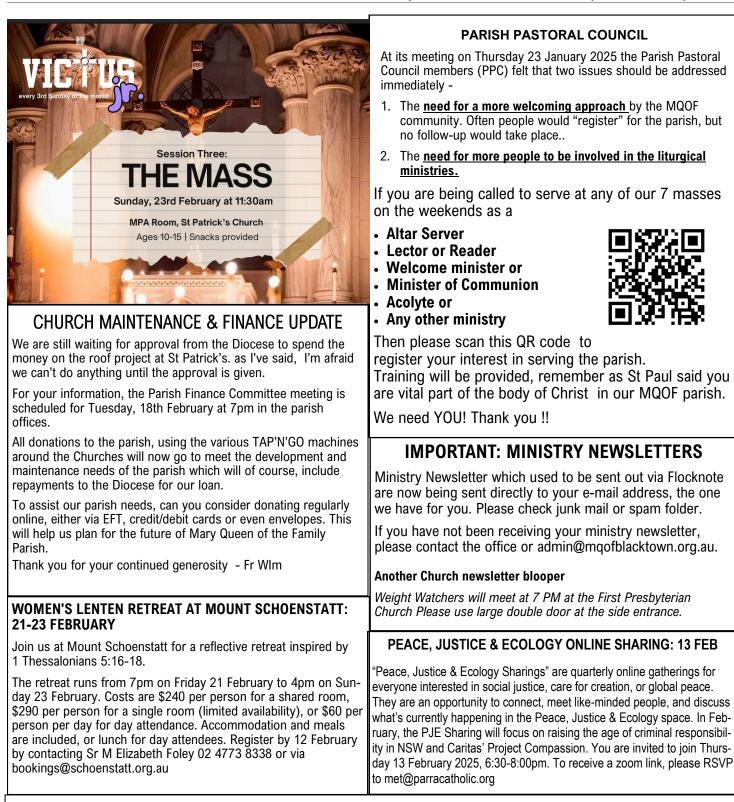
Gerald "Ged" Oblea –Email: <u>sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au</u> Ph: 02 9622 1125 press option 3 or Mobile: 0422 724 008



Join us every Wednesday from 10:00am until 12:00pm at Sid Moseley St. Michael's Church and every Friday from 10:00am till 12:00pm at Cardinal Clancy room at St. Patrick's Church, for our Arts and Crafts activities will include: Embroidery and Embellishment, Crocheting, Knitting, Arts and Crafts (Painting) & Sewing.

Please, note all sessions are free. Materials for the lessons is provided or bring your own materials. Refreshments are provided.

For any inquiries please contact: Noemi Romero on 0475 798 770.



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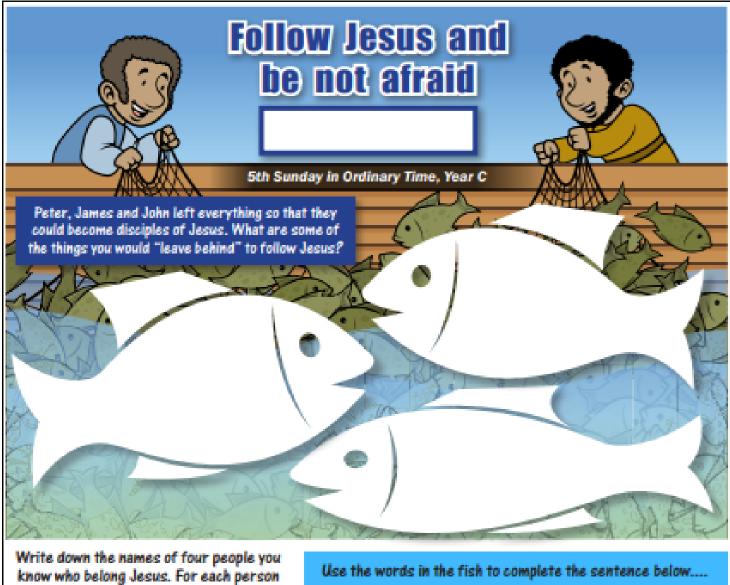


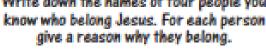
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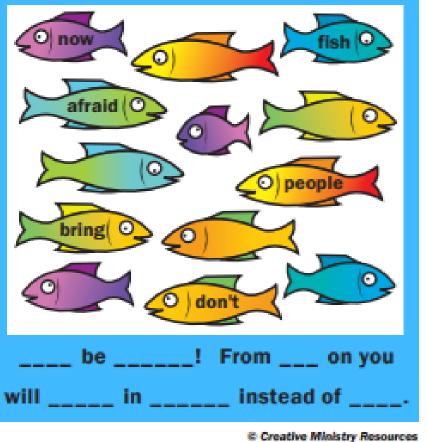


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