

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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Parish Team:

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Third Sunday of Easter Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias...Jesus stood on the shore, though the disciples did not realise it was Jesus...As soon as they came ashore, they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with some fish cooking on it. Jesus said: "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."... Jesus said to Simon a third time: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" John 21: 1-19

While today's gospel-reading comes from the appendix to John's Gospel, and so was not written by the Evangelist himself, it was clearly writ-

ten by someone who was very familiar with the Gospel itself, for it resonates with what the Evangelist had written. Today's gospel-reading is redolent with symbols and images from John's writing.

To begin with, we are told how Peter and his six companions, like fishermen the world over, had been out fishing all night. For John, night and darkness represented things like confusion and loss, evil and ignorance and attitudes like refusal and rejection, all of which were the very opposite of blessings from Christ the Light of the World. And the disciples, who had gone off fishing, were stricken with grief and loss, confusion and darkness, so much so that they had ventured back into something that gave them comfort - their former occupation of fishing.

Then there is the symbol of the charcoal fire. It was around such that Peter had denied Jesus. There is also the picture of Jesus offering fish and bread to the disciples as they came ashore. It was fish and bread that the disciples had gathered and given to Jesus when he fed the large crowd that had gathered to listen to him in an out-of-the-way place. That was a reminder to the seven disciples of the spiritual nourishment offered to them in the Eucharist. Moreover, there could not have been a clearer demonstration that Jesus had truly risen, to the disciples and to the community for whom John wrote his Gospel, than the sight of Jesus cooking breakfast over a fire and eating it with the disciples. (continued over)

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Parish Schools: St Michael's Primary:

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 https://www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au

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 P : 8869 6000
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 Catholic Early Learning Centre (St Michael's) :
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 P : 8814 8406
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 Opal Nursing Home (37 Kildare Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 9852 9600

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All of this was recalled in order to set the scene for Jesus to reconcile with Peter and to show how Jesus created an opportunity to invite the disciples to have another go at accepting his invitation to walk in his footsteps and to continue his mission to the world.

But the climax of this gospel-reading is the account of Jesus inviting Peter to reconcile with him. He did not do it through a process of attributing guilt or eliciting shame. He simply asked Peter three times to testify to his love for him. By asking Peter three times: "Do you love me?", Jesus was indirectly reminding him of his humanity and vulnerability both essential qualities for anyone who dares to accept leadership. Through this repeated question, Jesus was assuring Peter that love is not extinguished by human fragility. People who fail and commit sin are still capable of love. Jesus was also affirming that shepherding others could only be done by those whose humanity is genuine not perfect.

Marist priest Chris Skinner has summed this up for us in his hymn entitled Human in which he has written: "There are people in our world...who are movers, believers, healers; they are lovers, they're fighters, dreamers. And they are human, so very human, and it's human we're meant to be."

We have all at some time or other in our lives committed ourselves to walk in the footsteps of Jesus by living his Gospel through practical outreach to his and our sisters and brothers. And we can probably all recall times when our enthusiasm has waned or been replaced by other less generous action. This gospel-reading embodies for us, too, an invitation from Jesus to recommit ourselves to our unfinished work. Like the seven disciples in today's gospelreading, we have sometimes responded to our failures, to our unrealised dreams and unachieved best intentions by choosing to "go back to fishing". We have opted to return to familiar work rather than to faithful work

The encounter between Jesus and Peter not only underlines the necessity for reconciliation for all disciples but that Jesus needed Peter to build into a community his earliest followers who had been thrown into grief and confusion by his death and had struggled to believe that God had really raised Jesus from the grave.

Can we accept that we are no different from those early disciples? Surely, we have to grasp the truth that the process of conversion, of change of mind and heart is not a one-off event but a life-long process. God's Spirit is forever inviting us to show up for Jesus Christ and to have another go at the work of love, reconciliation and compassion. Picking ourselves up, dusting ourselves off and beginning again are our agenda for life.

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON Luke 24:35 The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

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 5:27-32. 40-41 *We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. V.2 R ~ I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

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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

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COMPANIONS

LEGION OF MARY

Contact: Charles Hyson, 0412 631 602, www.holyfamilyfellowship.com **Meeting Time and Venue:** Please contact Charles for more information.

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

Contact: Max Rosario, 0490 137 533 (for statue bookings)



All are welcome!

Meeting Time and Venue: Every Thursday, 12:00pm – 1:30pm at Sid Mosley Centre, St Michael's Church.

Contact: Doris Zammit, 0419 274 002(for statue bookings)

LEGION OF MARY ST PATRICK'S



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.

Meeting Time and Venue: Every Monday, 6:30pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church.

MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP **Contact:** Frank Mangion, 0410 830 877 **Meeting Time and Venue:** 18th May 2025, 12pm - 2pm at Cardinal Clancy room, St Patrick's Church.



Contact: Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566 Meeting Time and Venue: Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday after the 8am Mass, at St Michael's church.



Contact: Sandra Baker admin@mqofblacktown.org.au For more information, please contact the parish office.



Contact: Ash & Rozario Fernando , 0416 861 976 or 0412 195 916

Meeting Time and Venue: Every 2nd & 4th Saturday (during school term only), 2pm - 4pm at the Cardinal Clancy Room, St Patrick's Church.



Contact: Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566 Meeting Time and Venue: 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. 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 7th June 2025 @ 2pm - St. Patrick's Church.

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025



Registrations for Sacramental processes are **NOW OPEN!**

Sacramental program dates and registration forms are available online on our parish website: https://mgofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/

For more information, please contact our Sacramental Coordinator, Gerald "Ged" Oblea at

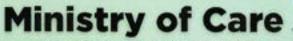
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THURSDAY 8 MAY 2025 7PM - 8PM AEST, ON ZOOM

EBASTIAN SALASKE-LENTERN & SUE MARTIN effect on the impact of Pope Francis' encyclical since 2015 and ask where to now?

Register: australiancardijninstitute.org



Join us for the Ministry of Care Course Facilitated by the Office for Worship For those involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Home Visits | Hospitals | Aged Care Facilities Every Wednesday in June, 7pm

Attend all 4 sessions to receive a certificate of completion



RSVP by 28th May: ofw@parracatholic.org OR 0460 037 795

CHURCH MATTERS UPDATE

The roof repairs at St Patrick's are continuing, but the rain and weather has delayed completion— pushed out to the middle of June.

Having received a grant of over \$36,000 from the State Government for security upgrades around St Michael's and St Patrick's, the Committee agreed this should start when the roofing work was completed.

A Planned Giving campaign is slated for the weekend of June 21-22. The next meeting of the Parish Finance Committee is scheduled for 5 June.

To assist our parish needs, can you consider donating regularly online, either via EFT, credit/debit cards or even envelopes. This will help us plan for the future of Mary Queen of the Family Parish.

Study of Luke's Gospel with Dr Laurie Woods: Fridays 2–30 May

Join us for an enriching study of Luke's Gospel, led by Dr Laurie Woods and hosted by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Sessions will take place each Friday in May from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. All parishioners are welcome to attend. For more information or to RSVP by 30 April, contact ccd.training@parracatholic.org

Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers: 13 May

In this Jubilee Year of Hope all liturgical ministers - readers, servers and extra ordinary ministers are invited to join us for our Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers. Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at 7:30pm on 13th May 2025, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. To register your attendance and guests please visit <u>parracatholic.org/events/liturgical</u> <u>-ministers-commissioning-mass/</u>

Children's Liturgy Workshop—15 May

Are you a part of children's liturgy or looking to get started? Come along to this informative workshop to learn more about the Diocesan guidelines, meet children's liturgy teams from other parishes, and ask any questions you may have about this rewarding ministry.

This workshop will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown on Thursday, 15 May at 7-8.30pm. Please RSVP via parracatholic.org/events/OFW by 12 May. For enquiries please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Fr Ed Kenny, currently living at Holy Family Aged Care, Quakers Road, Marayong has been coming to the 10am Mass here at St Patrick's. Our Clergy Health and Wellbeing Team have been bringing him, but is now asking if at least once a month, someone from the Parish could pick Fr Ed up and bring him to St Pat's for the 10am Mass. He has a walker and may need assistance into and out of the car. If you are able to help, please let us know via **admin@mqofblacktown.org.au**

More from American Court Transcripts

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people? WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to? WITNESS: Oral...

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body? WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time? WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

You can also support the parish by using our **Tap & Go Machine**. The machine amount is variable, please use the screen to donate the amount you wish to give. 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 fo

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.mgofblacktown.org.au/donations or use the QR code. 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@mgofblacktown.org.au. Thank you so much for your continued support to our parish. We are grateful!

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The disciples had almost given up on catching fish when Jesus appeared to them and told them to let down their nets one more time. Write down about times in your life when Jesus has given you hope.



Jesus asked his disciples to let down their nets and they were rewarded. What are some things that Jesus asks us to do? How are we rewarded?

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Help Peter swim to shore to be with Jesus.



Acts 5:27b-32. 40b-41 Ps 30:1ab and 2 and 4. 10-11ab and 12bcd R.v.2a Jn 21:1-14

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