



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.

THE FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

29 JUNE 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;
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.



The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

In accordance with a very ancient tradition the Church links the Apostles Peter and Paul in a common feast, as the proto-martyrs of the Church of Rome. While each does have a supplementary feast to himself (St Peter's Chair in Rome [22 February]; the Conversion of St Paul [25 January]), we might well think that each of these apostles is of sufficient stature to warrant a separate major feast in his own right – and inevitably, as the choice of readings for today's feast reveals, it is Paul who is left holding the shorter straw.

This is regrettable because in many ways the Catholic Church has still to come to terms with Paul – to hear the witness of Paul along with and alongside the traditionally dominant tradition of Peter. The Reformation protest in the 16th century and the break of unity to which it led was largely inspired by the letters of Paul. Deeply wounded by the revolt, the Catholic Church shied away from Paul for centuries until at Vatican II the Pauline witness was heard again with renewed vigour.

REDISCOVERY OF PAUL

It is important to this rediscovery of Paul and not let a celebration of Peter completely overshadow his fellow apostle and martyr of the Church of Rome.

The scripture readings set down for today are not particularly helpful in this regard, since Paul is not really allowed to speak for himself in the Second Reading but only through the words of the post-Pauline author of 2 Timothy (4:6-8, 17-18). The passage puts into Paul's mouth a stirring-enough reflection on his career as he senses the approach of the time when he is to join his Lord in the heavenly kingdom. He gives confident expression to his great trust in the fidelity of the Lord, to whom he himself has striven to be faithful throughout his long apostolic service.

More directly relevant to today's joint feast would have been Paul's account of his sharp exchange with Peter ('Cephas') at Antioch in Gal 2:11-14, where he rebuked the prince of the Apostles for 'not walking a straight line in respect to the Gospel' (v 14)! Where Paul represents the outward-thrusting, boundary-breaking tendency of the mission, Peter is the more central figure, the focus of unity, (Cont'd...)

Parish Directory

St. Michael's Church - 58 Orwell Street, South Blacktown &
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(Cont'd...) who holds the Church together by leading and educating the less adventurous to understand that the new direction indeed represents the call of God.

TWO IMPULSES

The Church will always need these two impulses: the Petrine focus of unity and link with the tradition; the Pauline outreach to the margins and the new. Today's joint feast is a significant recognition of the existence of both impulses within the Church, and the need for them to be in dialogue and interplay for the health of its life and mission.

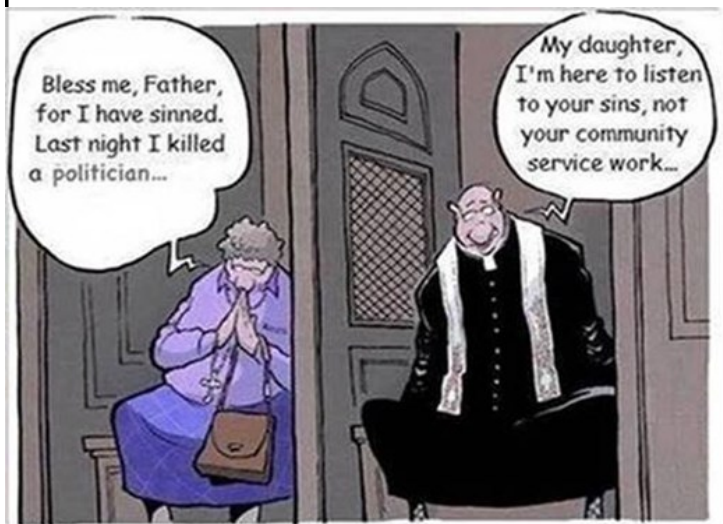
The remaining two readings feature Peter. The Second Reading, Acts 12:1-11, provides a vivid description of his deliverance through divine intervention from the power of Herod (not Herod the Great, who reigned at the time of Jesus' birth, but a later Herod, Agrippa 1). Peter had exercised leadership in the very early community of disciples in Jerusalem (Acts 1-5). Most recently (Acts 10-11) he had been a central figure in discerning that the Church should reach out beyond Judaism to the Gentile world, admitting converts from this world to citizenship in the renewed People of God. His miraculous rescue from imprisonment and threat of death is a divine ratification of that new direction, even if now another figure – Paul – is being called (Acts 9) to be the principal instrument of its realisation (Acts 13-14, 16-28).

FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH

The Gospel, inevitably and rightly, features the great Petrine text from Matt 16:13-19, where following his confession of Jesus as 'the Christ, the Son of the living God,' Peter is designated the 'rock' foundation on which Jesus will 'build' his Church. The link between 'Peter' and 'rock' is lost in English; it is very close in the Greek in which the Gospel was written and perfect in the Aramaic ('Cepha') which Jesus and the original disciples spoke. In biblical imagery the gift of the keys signifies delegated authority in the household of God (delegated from Christ; cf. Isa 22:20-25), and the power to bind and loose concerns the conveys authority to teach the way of life that will equip people for the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Catholic tradition finds here the scriptural validation for the ongoing Petrine ministry exercised by the Roman pontiff in the service of the Church. It is important to note where it all begins: in the God-given revelation to Peter of the true identity of Jesus. It is this 'knowledge of Christ' that is the Church's supreme treasure to impart to the world – something upon which Peter and Paul are in total agreement.

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MQOF Planned Giving Program

If you would like to help support our parish, the regular giving pledge forms can be found in the foyer. Regular giving helps sustain our parish with things such as building debt, operating costs and parish programs. Please consider joining to ensure our MQOF community remains active and vibrant. Thank you.

FOR COLLECTION: FY 25/26 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES



The new set of Planned Giving Envelopes are now available for collection at the foyer of our both churches. If your envelope is not in the box, please let us know by printing your Name, Address and Method of current giving, (for example, via Envelope, Direct Debit, Credit Card or Tap N' Go) on the registration form provided and we will get them to you as soon as possible, if applicable. For further information, please call the parish office on 02 9622 1125 or 0479 042 633.

We are grateful for your support. God bless.

New Parish Prayer Group

The Christ's Catholic Community Group invites people of all ages to come and deepen your relationship with Jesus by listening to the explanation of the Sunday's liturgy of the word followed by discussion, songs, Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet.



**COME AND HEAR WHAT GOD HAS TO SAY
AND ALLOW HIM TO BRING PEACE AND JOY
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**WHEN: Every Friday starting
4th of July**

**WHERE: Sid Mosely Room
St Michael's Church
58 Orwell St, Blacktown**

For more details, contact Jane Cauchi on 0433 173 177

MARY'S PANTRY FOOD DRIVE



Mary's Pantry is seeking donations of dry and non-perishable goods. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office, Mary's Pantry or foyer from now until **Sunday 6th July.**

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL- YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

These are the ones who, living in the flesh,
planted the Church with their blood;
they drank the chalice of the Lord
and became the friends of God.

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5
R ~ The Lord set me free from all my fears.**SECOND READING:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Matthew 16:16,18

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

And Jesus replied: You are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my Church.

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Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers will be selling raffle tickets this weekend at St. Michael's, along with some merchandise items. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 17 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 10 tickets – with ten prizes There will be pancakes for sale: 2 for \$5.

MQOF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of Mary's Pantry. Because of your donations, we have been able to assist those doing it tough in our community and beyond. Join us for a cuppa and chat at Mary's café every Wednesday after the 9am mass in the Cardinal Clancy room.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY****RECENTLY DECEASED**

Maria The Nguyen (Bishop Vicent's Mother), Maria Rosato, James Wixted

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Angela Prasad, Sime Orlovic, Hans Olbrich, Marie O'Brien, Thomas, Purificacion Gumagui, Angelina Buttigieg, Patrick Lamaletie, Frank Cefai, Arthur Smith, Candida

DECEASED

Anica and Ivan Peric, Joe Buttigieg, Jeffrey Chia, Benoy

SICK

Tim Ward, Margaret Vella, Ron Burgess, Neisha McIntosh, Ike Lutaos, Susan Perry-McCarthy, Fatima de Mateo, Imelda Valve

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Surendra family, Lucy Janezic

Please pray for those who are sick..

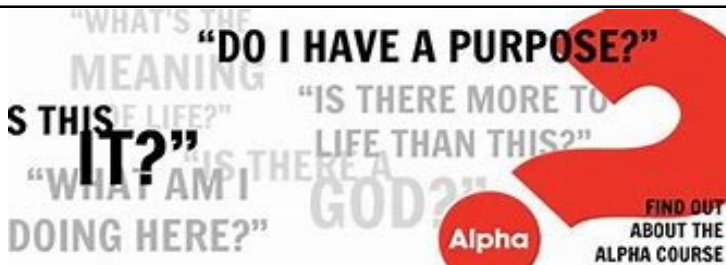
Mass intentions can be requested online by visiting the website.

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

Love arts and crafts? Join us every Friday from 10am-12pm at the Cardinal Clancy Room, St. Patrick's Church. Activities include embroidery, crocheting, knitting, painting and sewing. Contact Noemi Romero on **0475 798 770** for more information.



MQOF Feast Day
Sunday 24th August 2025
More details to follow.



ALPHA is starting in September

Not so very long ago, an old German man was feeling guilty about something he had done, so he decided to go to Confession.

He said, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. I feel terrible because during World War II I hid a refugee in my attic."

The priest said, "But that's not a sin! I wouldn't feel bad about that if I were you!"

"But I made him agree to pay me 50 Marks for every week he stayed."

The priest said, "Well, I admit that certainly wasn't the most noble thing to do, charging the man to save his life -- but you did save his life, after all, and that is a good thing. Don't worry about it too much; God forgives."

The man said, "Oh thank you, Father, that eases my mind. I have only one more question to ask you -- Do I have to tell him the war is over?"

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: Please contact Charles for more information.

JOSEPHITE CONFESSIONS



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: Max Rosario, 0490 137 533 (for statue bookings)
Meeting Time and Venue: Every Thursday, 12:00pm – 1:30pm 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 PRAYERS



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: Frank Mangion, 0410 830 877

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
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TEHILLAH COMMUNITY



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.

TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP



Contact: Diane Zerafa, 0403 554 566
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YOUTH MINISTRY



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

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

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 5th July 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 for Reconciliation and Confirmation are **NOW OPEN!**

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

For more information, please contact our Sacramental Coordinator, Gerald "Ged" Oblea at sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au or on (02)



Parish Sacramental Process Confirmation 2025

For Children aged 10 Years Old and above

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE 6 SESSIONS IN TOTAL
 (3 PARENT/S ENCOUNTERS AND 3 FAMILY WORKSHOPS FOLLOWED BY MASS).
 THIS MEANS THAT THERE WILL BE 1 PARENT/S ENCOUNTER AND 1 FAMILY WORKSHOP PER WEEK
 The Sacrament of Confirmation is for children 10 years old or above who have received their First Eucharist. Enrolment Cut-Off Date: 6th July 2025.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION CLOSE NEXT SUNDAY

CHURCH MATTERS UPDATE

Thank you for the two people who have offered to be part of a Property and Maintenance Committee to oversee both Churches. We'd like a few more, as well as someone to take over the management of the Piety Stall at St Patrick's.

If you have experience in this area, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Fr Wim on whoekstra@mqofblacktown.org.au.

Thank you to members of the Parish Finance Committee members who updated the parish community on parish finances last week. Please increase your pledge or donation if able to do so.

Fr Wim



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EVENTS ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage Commissioning Mass: 6 July

Join us on 6 July for 6pm Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, as we pray for the youth pilgrims who will travel overseas for this year of Jubilee, as Pilgrims of Hope. All welcome.

CYP LIFTED Retreat (Year 10-12s) : 8 July

Catholic Youth Parramatta hosts an annual LIFTED Retreat, a spiritually enriching weekend designed to connect, support and nourish the young people of the Diocese of Parramatta. This retreat is open to Year 10–12 students (ages 16–17), and will be held on 8 July (10am–3pm) at Don Bosco Youth & Recreation Centre, 10 Mamre Rd, St Marys. Register: parracatholic.org/events/cyp-lifted-retreat-8-july/

Bishop Vincent presents Mauricio López: 23 July

One of Latin America's most influential lay leaders, Mauricio López Oropeza, will be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta as part of its "Bishop Vincent Presents" series. Mauricio will offer powerful insights on synodality, justice, and the Church's mission in a changing world. The free public lecture will be held on Wednesday 23 July at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 6pm. To register and learn more, please visit parracatholic.org/lopez

Rome from Home (Youth and Young Adults): 2 August

A retreat for young adults aged between 13 and 35, who want to grow in faith, find community, and be inspired on their journey. To be held on Saturday 2 August (12:30pm – 6pm) at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong, 36–40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong. Register by 26 July: <https://parracatholic.org/events/rome-from-home/>

Liturgical Ministry Course Begins September 2025

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September 2025 in Blacktown. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. To enrol and for more information, please contact the Office for Worship: ofw@parracatholic.org or **0460 037 795**. Registrations close 19 August, 2025 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.

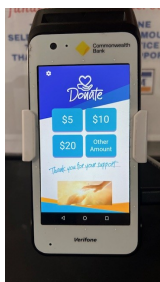
Catholic Catechism and Spiritual Warfare: 16 August

Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, will be hosting a talk by Fr Jose Francisco Syquia from the Archdiocese of Manila on a variety of Catholic topics on Saturday 16 August 2025 at 3:30 pm. The talk will be followed by the Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm which will be celebrated by Fr Syquia. For further information and to RSVP, please click on the link: <https://forms.gle/KBGM6qjt2DsdG8uS7>.

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



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Peter is the rock upon which I will build my church

Saints Peter and Paul

Jesus anointed Peter as the leader of his church and said to him, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven". As the leader of the Catholic Church, the Pope has on his papal crest the keys of Peter. Colour in the papal crest of Pope Leo XIV.



Who do **YOU** say I am?

Write some words which describe Jesus.

The apostle Paul is best known as a great traveller who spread the message of Jesus and established communities of faith wherever he went. Help Paul find his way to the next city on his travels - enter each letter into the corresponding box below to reveal the destination.

