



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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

8 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.

Pentecost



“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.”

John 14: 15-16, 23-26

We can all look back over the years and identify events which, and people who, have made a significant contribution towards shaping us into the people we have become. They may be the circumstances which led us into choosing the person who has become the love of our life, or the birth of our first child, or a teacher who recognised our potential and proceeded to affirm and encourage us. We

might have vivid and grateful memories of our graduation day or the day when we started our first job or were successful in a promotion interview. While we will all have a different list of people and events, we can, in faith, acknowledge that they are all markers in the story of God's love for us.

The way the Pentecost event is described in the Gospels and in the Acts of the Apostles suggests that the events of that day left an indelible mark on the lives of the Apostles who, inspired by God's Spirit, left a large crowd of multicultural pilgrims to Jerusalem in stunned amazement.

Let's not forget that that Pentecost experience was the climax of a series of Spirit experiences in the lives of those first followers of Jesus. God's Spirit was present in the encounter a few of them had with Jesus on the day when John the Baptist first pointed him out to them. Moreover, the Spirit was present and active in the many events in which they saw Jesus reaching out with healing and forgiveness to an endless line of needy and broken people. And God's Spirit was present, if not recognised, even in times when they could not understand what Jesus was trying to teach them. It was only in retrospect that they came to appreciate that these were times when their senses were dulled to the Spirit's presence. And hasn't that been the way it has been with us, too?

As we come to reflect on the central message of the Pentecost descriptions in Acts ch 2 and John ch 14, we might be wondering why our readings today open with the Genesis story of the Tower of Babel. The people who set out to build a tower stretching to the heavens demonstrated unrestrained ambition, arrogance, division and rivalry. None of them was free to remove himself from the frantic activity. The story that unfolds relates how God intervened by interrupting their capacity to communicate with one another, and scattering them. The Greek word used for “scattering” can also be translated as unbinding or freeing them doing harm to one another and to themselves. God came among them and freed them from their folly, in order to protect them. It may well be that some of the people (Cont'd...)

Parish Directory

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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.

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Parish Team:

Parish Priest: Fr. Wim Hoekstra

Assistant Priests: Fr Andrew Rooney, Fr Stephen Onyekwere

Deacon: Rev. John Cinya

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Parish Secretary: Jill Franco (Tue to Fri) **Email:** jfranco@mqofblacktown.org.au

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Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

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P : 8822 2100

St Hedwig Village Blacktown (140 Reservoir Rd, Blacktown 2148)

P: 8822 9920

(...Cont'd) who have been agents of God's Spirit in our lives have, in fact, saved us from our folly.

The real miracle of Pentecost was that all the pilgrims gathered in Jerusalem and the Apostles who addressed them were able to understand one another. That signalled that they had come together as a community that had been unified by the power of God's Spirit at work among them.

Our Church and our world are in desperate need of another Pentecost. Our world is divided by insane warfare, unrestrained competition for power and possession, social inequalities, domestic violence, debates over rights to be armed with weapons, arguments over the imposition of trade tariffs. The hearts of people across the globe are in desperate need to risk being attuned to the practice of the selfless kind of love modelled by Jesus and inspired by the power of God's Spirit.

The Pentecost event, described in today's second reading from Acts, gives us a vision and a hope for community, collaboration and mutual respect made possible only through the action of God's Spirit. As members of the people of God, walking in the footsteps of Jesus, we have a responsibility to start modelling the kind of community that God's Spirit brought to birth in Jerusalem on the Pentecost we celebrate today, the Pentecost that brought together a diverse group of Apostles and pilgrims "in one accord".

There is a variety of readings set down for the Eucharist celebrated at different times on Pentecost Sunday. There are readings for the Vigil of Pentecost, the morning Mass, and the Mass during the day. One of those readings is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians in which he states: "There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose." (1 Corinthians 12: 4-7) The implication of this is that God's gifts are too numerous for any one person to carry them all. They can only be experienced in a community in which the diversity of members with different points of view and experiences allows each to give expression to who God is.

In our parishes and in the different groups to which we belong, we are invited by today's readings to risk sharing our gifts and to invite others to share theirs, without being competitive, judgemental and overbearing.

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Church Bloopers

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Wisdom 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30
R ~ Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING: Romans 8.8-17

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14.15-16, 23-26

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever.

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,

and my Father will love him,

and we shall come to him

and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own;

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you

while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all that I have said to you.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Acts of the Apostles 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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Mary's Pantry needs you!!



Looking for an opportunity to serve the community as Jesus once did?

Mary's Pantry is seeking volunteers to join their friendly, dedicated team to help serve those in need. This includes packing and giving donated groceries to patrons.

For more information on this rewarding ministry, contact the Parish Office.

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. **Please note: no Tuesday sessions at St Michael are suspended from 29 April to 17 June.** Contact Noemi Romero on 0475 798 770 for more information.



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CHURCH MATTERS UPDATE

The Parish Finance Committee met on Thursday. Among other matters discussed, the Parish needs help with the following:

- Owing to resignations, we need two more parishioners to offer themselves as members of the Finance Committee, which meets every two months;
- We would like to establish a Property and Maintenance Committee to oversee both Churches
- We require someone to take charge and oversee the Piety Stall at St Patrick's

If you are willing to offer your services for any of these, please contact Fr Wim on whoekstra@mqofblacktown.org.au.

Parishioners are also advised that from July 1, the monies received via the Tap'n'Go machines will be split so that 30 cents in the dollar will go to support the clergy of the Diocese, and 70 cents in the dollar will be allocated for Church maintenance.

This applies to normal Tap'n'Go machine operation only.

The usual first and second collections held during Sunday Mass will remain and be distributed as usual. This will not affect credit card or online givers.

Fr Wim

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Genevieve Williams, Pasquale Agujo, Esmeralda Espino,
Trish Knoke, Nancy Portelli

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Anna Katrina Ongpin, Lorreta D'Cruz, Louise Vella, Amelia Palero,
Victor Miranda, Angela Micallef, Emilia Giovanna Colussi,
Joseph Azzopardi, Anna Perovich

DECEASED

Remedios Fernandez, Anastascia Marasigan, Francia Carino, Segunda Biso,
Emanuel Sammut, Mossfield family, Loretta D'Cruz, Alberto Felisa Nicdao,
Corazon Montevirgen, Raymundo Santos, May Jumeay, Isidro Dinolan Jr.,
Ignaz Weiss

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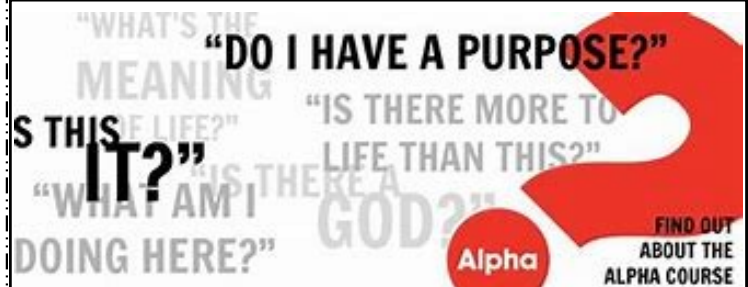
Cheryl & Dion Ackland, Ron Burgess, Neisha McIntosh, Ike Lutaos,
Susan Perry-McCarthy

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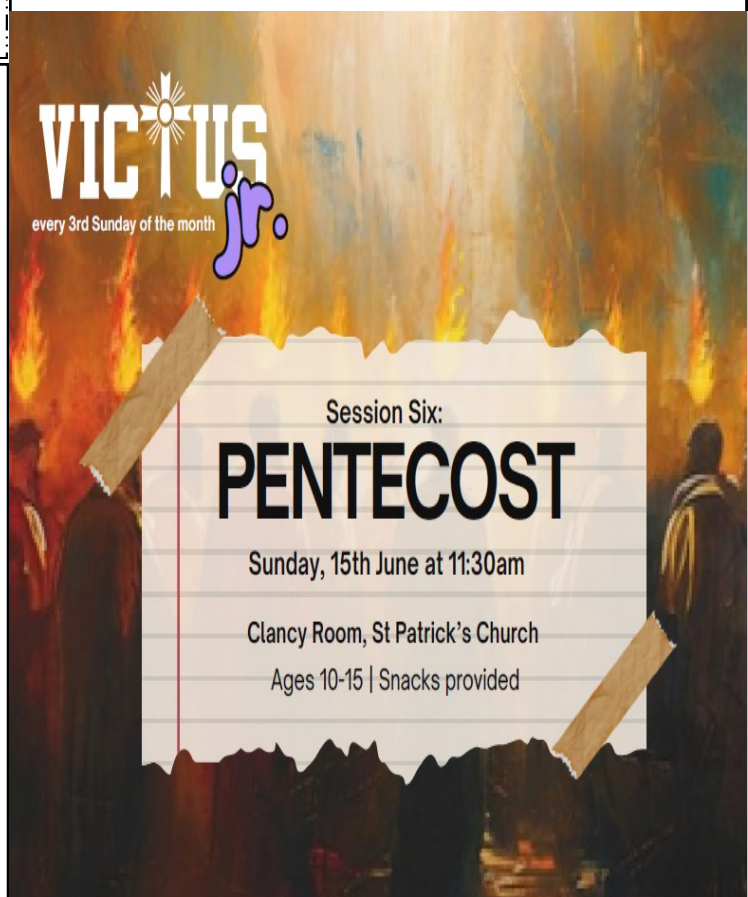
Fatima De Mateo, Erica Luiz, Rhodora

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>



ALPHA is starting in September



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 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: 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 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: Frank Mangion, 0410 830 877
Meeting Time and Venue: 18th May 2025, 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
 For more information, please contact the parish office.

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
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.

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.

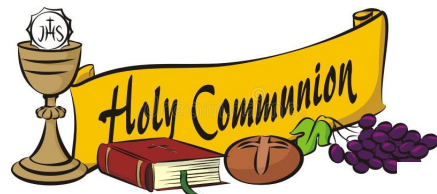
For more information please logon to our website:
<https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/#baptism>

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) 9622 1125 (option 3) / 0422 724 008.



FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES

Sunday 15th June: 10.00am (St. Patrick's) & 6.00pm (St. Michael's)

Saturday 21st June: 5.30pm (St. Patrick's)

Sunday 22nd June: 9.30am (St. Michael's)

Please pray for our first communicants as they receive Jesus for the first time.

Operator: 911, what's your emergency?

Man: A guy just got hit by a car, I need an ambulance.

Operator: What's your location?

Man: I'm on Eucalyptus street.

Operator: Can you spell that for me?

Man: (long awkward pause)

Operator: Sir? Are you there?

Man: I'm gonna drag him over to Pine street and call right back.

I phoned my wife earlier and asked her if she wanted me to pick up fish and chips on my way home from work but she just grunted at me. I think she still regrets letting me name the twins.

Smile—don't you know God loves you!

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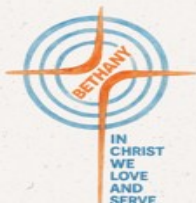
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"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." - Luke 9:23



Thank You— Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians.

Thank you for your generosity over the last few weeks, but it is not too late to help our seminarians to be 'Pilgrims and Sowers of Hope' for God's people? With your prayers and generosity, they can become priests who will sow hope, faith and love in the hearts of God's people. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



PAST STAFF AND STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF

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EVENTS ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening: 25 June

The Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening is an annual collaboration between the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Dioceses of Parramatta and Broken Bay. This year, Parramatta will be hosting on Wednesday 25 June 2025, 6:30pm – 9:00pm, St Monica's Parish Hall, 8 Daking St, North Parramatta. Engaging speakers will discuss the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2024-25 "Truth & Peace – A Gospel Word in a Violent World", while you can enjoy a delicious meal and good company. Register via parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan

Volunteers needed: NAIDOC Week Event – Whalan Reserve – 10 July

On 10 July 2025, the annual Mt Druitt NAIDOC Week Event will be co-hosted by Holy Family Parish Emerton, Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation, Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, and Blacktown City Council at Whalan Reserve. We're seeking volunteers from parishes and organisations in the Diocese of Parramatta. If you are interested in supporting this amazing celebration of Aboriginal culture, community and resilience, please visit parracatholic.org/events/naidoc-week-2025 for more details.

Diocesan Retreat: Saturday 16 August

The diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the time to step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat - a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open. For more details and to register, see the three options of retreats below:

August 16: parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/

Adult Confirmation 2025: 23 & 26 August

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. The catechesis day will be on Saturday 23 August from 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown and the Confirmation will be on the evening of Tuesday 26 August at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. For more information and to enroll, please contact the Office for Worship on ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795 before Monday 4 August.

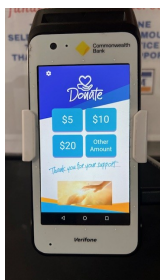
Liturgical Ministry Course Begins September 2025

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.

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LOVE

I can show love by _____

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PEACE

I can be a peacemaker by _____

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The Spirit Brings

JOY

I can show joy by _____

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Draw a picture of someone you know who is filled with the Holy Spirit - it could even be yourself!



Each person was able to hear the message of the Gospel in their own language. See if you can decipher the language below to read the special message.

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