

# 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.

#### 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13 JULY 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.

#### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

But a Samaritan traveller, who came upon the injured man, was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. (Parable of the Good Samaritan) Luke 10: 25-37

Today's parable of the Good Samaritan from Luke's Gospel is a story with which we are all very familiar. Its surprise twist of true mercy and compassion being demonstrated by the least likely character in the story is an unmistakable lesson in what the great Commandment of love of God expressed through love of neighbour is all about. The parable is a powerful illustration of the enormous responsibility Jesus has given us to put love of neighbour as a top priority. While Jesus shaped his story to single out the Samaritan as its true hero, he was also reluctant to allow the lawyer to escape without criticism. In fact, the parable holds up the conduct of the lawyer as a mirror into which we are all asked to look.

In his exchange with Jesus, the lawyer demonstrated that, despite his knowledge of the letter of the Law, he really did not understand the answer he had quoted from the Torah, the embodiment of the Mosaic Law. By putting to Jesus the question "Who is my neighbour?", the lawyer was effectively asking Jesus to define who was included in the category of "neighbour" and who was not. He was asking Jesus to state just how far one might be expected to go when it came to loving others with all one's heart and mind and strength. He had failed to understand that the intent of the Torah, the Law that the Jewish people reverenced, was to bring God's chosen people closer to God and to one another. Nobody was to be excluded from the category of "neighbour".

When we look closely at the compassionate and merciful conduct of the Samaritan in the parable, it is clear that Jesus understood him to be a man who had been able to see the man on the roadside in need of help as a fellow human being made in the likeness of God.

Yet, the Lawyer was unable to separate himself from the bitter animosity that had long existed between Jews and Samaritans. Feelings between them ran so high, that the Lawyer could not even bring himself to allow the word "Samaritan" to come out of his mouth. He could only describe the hero of the parable as "The man who took pity on him."

Moreover, the Lawyer's attitude from the outset was about self-interest: "Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He didn't understand that God's love in not earned. It is offered to humanity freely and unlimited. I suspect that (Cont'd...)

#### **Parish Directory**

St. Michael's Church - 58 Orwell Street, South Blacktown & 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 **Emergencies only:** 02 8705 0830. Website: www.mqofblacktown.org.au Email: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

<u>Parish Team:</u> Parish Priest: Fr. Wim Hoekstra

Assistant Priests: Fr Andrew Rooney, Fr Stephen Onyekwere

Deacon: Rev. John Cinya

Finance Officer: Sarah Canete-Damole Email: accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au Parish Secretary: Jill Franco (Tue to Fri) Email: jfranco@mqofblacktown.org.au

Sacramental Coordinator: Gerald "Ged" Oblea. (Mon to Wed)

Email: sacraments@mgofblacktown.org.au Catechist Coordinator: Sandra Baker

#### **Parish Pastoral Council:**

Chair: Cecil Fernandes; Asst Chair: Joshua Carr Secretary: Savita Surendra Members: Beato Pudadera, Christe Degollacion, Ekhlas Ambili, Erica Luiz, Helena Vea, Harlane Petersen, Sidney Lazum, Fr. Wim Hoekstra, Fr. Andrew Rooney, Fr. Stephen Onyekwere, Rev. John Cinya.

Parish Schools:

St Michael's Primary: Phone 8869 6200 St Patrick's Primary: : Phone: 8869 6000 Nagle College: Phone: 8887 4500 Patrician Brothers College: Phone: 8811 0300

Ambrose Early Learning Centre (St Michael's): Phone 0458 508 444

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(Cont'd...) there are still lots of Christians in our day and age who still believe that they have to earn God's favour and approval or build up a heavenly account that will give them entrance into eternal life. What does that say about their image of God?

While this parable holds up to us the Samaritan whose mercy and compassion are worthy of imitation, we notice that Jesus did not condemn any of the characters in the story. He simply noted their behaviour and left his audience (including us) to reflect on the moral issues and attitudes underlying the behaviour and decisions described in the story he told.

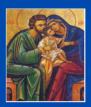
The priest was careful to avoid what he saw as a dead body on the roadside. Had he gone close, he risked being contaminated and thereby being excluded, by Law, from ministering to his people. The Levite, who was lower down the authority chain than the priest, was reluctant to do anything contrary to the behaviour of higher authority. The Samaritan already knew that, in the eyes of Jews, he was of no more value than what looked like a discarded corpse. He belonged to a world in which he was regarded by the dominant culture as filthy and untouchable. Whether he went near the body he saw or not was totally irrelevant. The Lawyer's understanding of the Great Commandment was that the only people who might qualify as neighbours were Jews.

By the way in which he shaped his parable, Jesus raised moral issues that have confronted people down through every age and culture, and continue to confront and challenge us. What prejudices, for example, continue to contaminate my life and relationships? Do we dare name corruption we discover in our places of work? Are there times when our conscience tells us that compassion and mercy call us to set aside the letter of law? Do we invariably bow to authority instead of being a voice for truth and justice? This parable challenges us to reflect on real life issues such as these. When all is said and done, there is often more said than done. Love of neighbour is ultimately about love in action. So, I conclude with a story:

A 14-year-old girl, in a fit of anger, had run away from her family in Cleveland to New York. Cold, hungry and friendless, she stood, shivering, on a city street corner when a cab stopped nearby. As a group of partygoers stepped out, a man among them noticed the girl and asked her if she needed help. Not waiting for an answer, he insisted that she join the group for dinner. Over the meal, she told him her story. As soon as the meal ended, the man took the girl to the railway station and bought her a ticket back to Cleveland. As he put her on the train, he gave her \$20 and handed her a card with his address and phone number, adding: "If ever you need anything, don't hesitate to contact me." The youngster was reconciled with her family and went on to graduate from high school. However, she often thought of the man who had helped her, and wanted to write and thank him. However, she couldn't find the card with his address. She went on to College, graduated with a medical degree, became a surgeon, married another doctor and had two children. When her daughter was in primary school, the girl came home from school asking her mother for some old clothes for the school play. As mother and daughter rummaged through boxes of discarded books and clothes, a card fell out of an old diary. It was the lost card from all those years before.

After lots of inquiries, the mother eventually located the man who had rescued her and sent her back home. Twenty-five years after their first meeting, a good Samaritan by the name of Ralph Burke received a letter and a cheque for \$300. The writer asked that he accept it in the spirit in which it was sent. "This is not to repay a kindness that was priceless. Rather, I hope it will pay your way to come and visit me and my family". Ralph Burke accepted the invitation and now has four more dear friends.

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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.

#### **MQOF PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

With grateful hearts, we thank our envelope planned givers for responding to our call last week and for reaching out to us for their New Planned Giving Envelope Numbers.

To this day, we have received the hereunder **envelopes which we** cannot match in the system. We request the donors to please contact the office at your earliest opportunity:

Envelope nos.: 002, 007, 018, 032, 033, 036, 037, 046, 054, 062, 063, 068, 084, 110

For those who have not collected their new envelopes, kindly collect them at the foyer of both churches.

Thank you.



Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 14th-24th August 2025

Marian Talk: Thursday 14th August St. Patrick's Church, 7.30pm Guest Speaker: Sr Isabell Naumann Host: Parish Pastoral Council

**9 Days of Novena and Mass** Details to follow shortly.

Feast Day: Sunday 24th August St. Patrick's Church, 10am. Followed by fellowship at St. Patrick's Primary school grounds, international food festival, entertainment and raffle. Entry by donation.

Donations for raffle prizes are welcome and can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

#### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Psalm 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 30:10-14 *Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.* 

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see

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R ~ Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

**SECOND READING:** Colossians 1:15-20

All things were created through him and for him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead.

Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him.

Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON Psalm 83:4-5**

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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#### PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Fred Hernandez Snr., Fr. Tim Hogan, Ramonito Caro, Charlie Zammit, Madale Dela Torre

#### **DEATH ANNIVERSARY**

Santiago Ducut, Andres Lareza, Alfonso Viray, Margaret Camilleri, Robert John Byrne, Claude Joachim, Cesar Damole, Sr.

#### **DECEASED**

Angelina & Joe Buttigieg, Anaclito Biso Snr., Darlene Rodrigues, Brian & Lillian Oliver, Andrew Lobo

#### SICK

Çheryl & Deon Ackland, Bernadette Anthony, Ron Burgess, Ike Lutaos, Susan Perry-McCarthy, Joe Spiter, Kim Stott

Please pray for those who are sick..

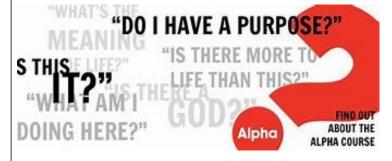
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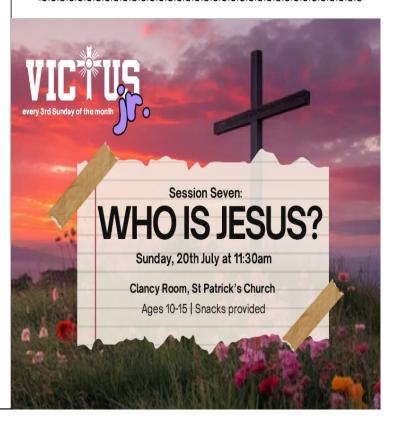


#### Fr Tim Hogan's Funeral will be held at:

St Anthony of Padua 27 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie Monday 14th July, 10.30am.



## Two months to go! ALPHA begins 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



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

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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 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** 



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 August 2025 @ 2pm - St. Patrick's Church.

For more information please logon to our website: https://mgofblacktown.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: <a href="https://mgofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/">https://mgofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/</a>

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



#### **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.

Fr Wim



#### **EVENTS ACROSS THE DIOCESE**

#### 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

#### 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

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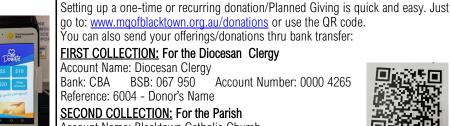
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Draw pictures of three different people who are your neighbours.

Then draw yourself helping the injured man.



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