



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.

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6 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.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Later, the Master selected seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit...“Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. On entering any house first say: ‘Peace to this household...’ Cure the sick and say to them: ‘The reign of God is at hand.’” -Luke 10: 1-12; 17-20

Today's gospel-reading gives us a glimpse into Jesus' organising capacity and an insight into Luke's focus on the Gentile world. By telling his audience that Jesus commissioned exactly 72 disciples to go ahead of him to the towns and villages along his route to Jerusalem, Luke was clearly signalling that the scope of Jesus' mission included the whole of the Gentile world, believed to be made up of 72 different nations. There's something ingenious about how the authorities of ancient Israel came to the conclusion that the world was peopled by 72 nations. Noah and his wife had three strong and healthy sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth who, with their wives, boarded the ark and survived the great flood. The descendants of those three lads numbered seventy-two, who proceeded to populate the whole world. That explains how Luke concludes that Jesus selected and missioned 72 disciples to reach out not just to Israel but to the whole Gentile world.

The detailed instructions that Luke has Jesus give to those seventy-two embody the life-style expected of all who choose to follow in Jesus' footsteps:

- To keep their focus on the ways of God, disciples are expected to travel light, and be satisfied with the simple life-style of those who welcome them;
- They are to extend the offer of God's peace, even when they are venturing among metaphorical wolves;
- They are to offer healing, encouragement and hope, rather than condemnation and negative criticism;
- They don't take self-satisfaction from their successes, but rather delight in what God has done through them for those they serve.

When the disciples returned, jubilant at their mastery over demons, Jesus set them right by telling them that a better reason for rejoicing might be that they had done something worthwhile for other people rather than making a name for themselves. Nowadays, we would say that a proper cause for their rejoicing might be that they had contributed to the common good.

Vatican II reminded us all that we are commissioned by our baptism to be instruments of God's love in the lives of everyone we encounter. Whenever we are truly present to people around us, when we reach out in care and compassion to those who (Cont'd..)

Parish Directory

St. Michael's Church - 58 Orwell Street, South Blacktown &
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Parish Office: At St. Patrick's Church. Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm

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(Cont'd...) are struggling, we are agents of God's presence, care and compassion.

Arguably, the most challenging aspect of Jesus' instruction to his disciples is the manner in which he urges them to engage with the people they meet. He expects them to be present to those who open their doors of welcome. He does not want disciples who are bent on imposing a message on those they encounter. He wants disciples who will be comfortable with simple hospitality, who will be present to their hosts, treating them with respect and equality. And it is to be no different with us. People we meet know instinctively when we are present to them, when we treat them as equals, when we are free within ourselves, and not driven by some compulsion or coming to burden them with some kind of hidden agenda. They know when we are comfortable and at ease with them. They don't warm to unspoken expressions of position and importance, or hints that we have influence in high places. I suggest that that is what underlies Jesus' direction to offer peace to everyone disciples encounter. Peace is conveyed by how we relate rather than in some formulaic greeting of peace.

In today's world, there are countless very ordinary opportunities for us to be instruments of God's love. Dropping a donation in a beggar's collection container can be utterly impersonal. Engaging a beggar in conversation can make a world of difference in that it recognises him or her as a fellow human being worthy of dignity and respect. It breaks the barrier of isolation, loneliness, distance. All too often, people who are forced to beg long as much for human contact as they do for material or monetary support.

If we want to see the discipleship of Jesus at work, we need go no further than a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous, where people struggling to recover from addiction reach out to their sisters and brothers caught in the same depths of struggle and shame that they themselves know only too well. They don't judge, they don't condemn they simply reach out in compassion and acceptance. They extend a message of peace without words.

I read recently of an elderly man who had volunteered for hospital visitation, taking time to engage with strangers confined to hospital beds and with nobody to visit them. He came across a young couple who had just witnessed the birth of their first child, a little girl with Down's Syndrome. In recounting the experience to his Parish Priest, he said: "I didn't know what to say to them, but I asked if I could nurse their child. They let me hold their baby, and I told them she was beautiful. As I nursed that dear little girl, I prayed silently for her and her parents and thanked God for their baby." A few weeks later, he told his parish priest that he had received a note of appreciation from the little girl's mother, thanking him for his hospital visit. However, it was her final comment that surprised him most: "Thank you for not saying what so many other people have said, not telling us how sorry you were. We are so happy to have our baby. Thank you for sharing our family's joy."

Jesus has urged everyone of us who have dared to be his disciples to bring a message of peace wherever we go. From our own experience of ourselves and others, we know that peace comes into our lives when we are affirmed and encouraged, when our broken and strained relationships are mended and we are reconciled with those from whom we have become separated and distanced, when we are treated with courtesy and respect. Such experiences give us and

when our broken and strained relationships are mended and we are reconciled with those from whom we have become separated and distanced, when we are treated with courtesy and respect. Such experiences give us and others the hope that we all need to keep on keeping on. We also know that there is an ordinariness about the human interactions of our everyday lives. Yet God's love is reflected in the very ordinary events of each day - when we exchange pleasantries with people walking their dogs, when we express appreciation to the doctors and their assistants who treat our minor and major illnesses and injuries, when we say please and thank you to the supermarket attendants who process our purchases at the check-out point. We have the capacity to reflect something of the love of God to everyone we encounter in the very ordinary exchanges that make up each day. Do we have the will?

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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

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continuous support to Mary Queen of the Family Parish Planned Giving.

Please be advised that on the recent release of the new set of Planned Giving Envelopes there was some mismatch on the numbers on the mail-out labels and the envelopes in the box. Kindly disregard the number on the label, your newly registered Planned Giving Envelope # is the number on your envelopes inside the box.



We tried to call you to double-check your new Planned Giving numbers during the week and for those whom we missed, kindly call the parish office on 02 9622 1125 to confirm your new Planned Giving number or you can print your name on the first few envelopes that you return to this new financial year so that we can match it in the system. Our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

For those who haven't collected their new envelopes, kindly collect them at the foyer of both churches.

Thank you.

Bulletin Bloopers...

- We will have a Special Holiday Bingo & Dinner on Monday evening, Dec. 30. You will be given two bingo packs, which cover all games played, and your choice of children or roast beef for dinner.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 47:10-11
Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14
I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v. 1
R ~ Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING: Galatians 6:14-18
The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Colossians 3:15. 16
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-19

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Psalm 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Esmeralda Espino, Felix Buen, Connie Tonna

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Gerard Portelli, Grace & John Santos-Ocampo,
Edilberto & Josefina Garcia, Juan & Josefina Zulueta,
Lucina Canete

DECEASED

Angelina & Joe Buttigieg, Candida Irugal-Bandara, Maria Frugal, Sean Burros, John & Jane, Dante Aducaen

SICK

Ron Burgess, Ike Lutaos,
Susan Perry-McCarthy, Joe Spiter, Kim Stott

THANKSGIVING

Jill & Anthony Franco

Please pray for those who are sick..

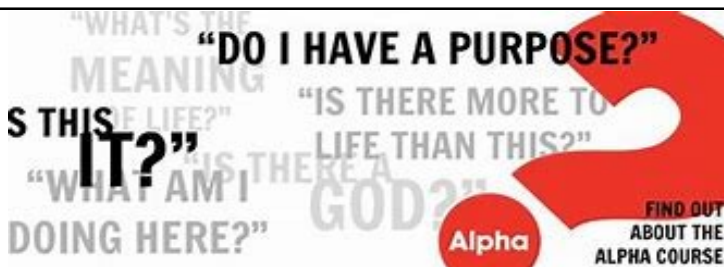
Mass intentions can be requested online by visiting the website.

<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

House of Welcome Food Drive: Can You Help?

The Parramatta Diocese is asking Parishes to support House of Welcome by donating food and material aid to their community foodbank, as it is one of the most immediate ways to help refugees and people seeking asylum. Those seeking HoW support are often ineligible for the same assistance as the general population and rely on donations to sustain their families and their health.

Our Parish will be holding a Food Drive on the **12th/13th July**. Mary Queen of the Family Parish Social Justice Group thanks you for your generous support.

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
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
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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 2nd August 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)

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FOOD

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TUESDAY 8TH & 15TH JULY, 9AM-3PM

AGES 5-12

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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THIS WINTER.**

Vinnies' Appeal at MQOF

26th & 27th July 2025

**St. Patrick's and
St. Michael's Church**

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
IN YOUR HEART**

WHEN: Every Friday, 10.30am

WHERE: Sid Mosely Room

St Michael's Church

58 Orwell St, Blacktown

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EVENTS ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Mt Schoenstatt Coffee, Craft & Conversation: 12 July

A relaxing afternoon of coffee, card making and spiritual conversations with the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary for young women aged 20-35 years. The afternoon will conclude with prayers in the Schoenstatt Shrine, an official pilgrimage site of the Diocese of Parramatta during this Jubilee Year of Hope. The event will be held on Saturday 12 July from 2.30pm to 5pm at Bethany, 301 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Cost is \$15 includes afternoon tea and craft material. Please register by 5 July to Hannah on 0433 443 384.

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

Children's Liturgy Workshop: 24 July

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 Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown on Thursday 24 July at 7-8:30pm. Please RSVP via parracatholic.org/events/OFW by 18 July. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Catholic Catechism and Spiritual Warfare: 16 August

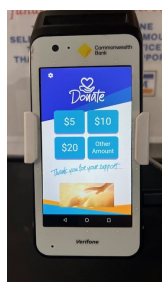
Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, will be hosting a talk by Fr Jose Francisco Syquia from the Archdiocese of Manila on a variety of Catholic topics on Saturday 16 August 2025 at 3:30 pm. The talk will be followed by the Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm which will be celebrated by Fr Syquia. For further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

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.

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 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.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations or use the QR code. You can also send your offerings/donations thru bank transfer:

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Reference: 6004 ~ Donor's name

If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Sarah at accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au. Thank you so much for your continued support to our parish. We are grateful!



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NAGLE COLLEGE

SCHOOL TOURS

30 July 2025
9:00AM-10:30AM



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Jesus sends out his followers

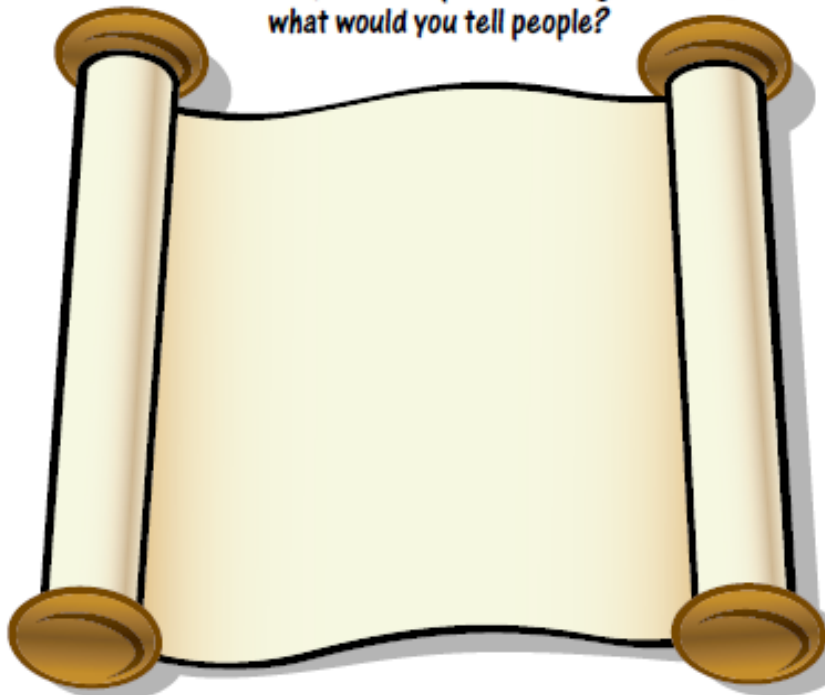


14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Jesus sent his disciples out two by two. Who would you have taken as your partner to go on such a journey? Draw yourself and that person spreading the good news to the people below.



If Jesus sent you out to proclaim his good news, what would you tell people?



Unscramble the tiles below to find out what Jesus told his disciples to say when they entered people's homes.

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