



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 MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR A)

7 JUNE 2026

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 (except during Lent)

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals & Anointing of the Sick by appointment.

Congratulations to those children making their First Holy Communion this weekend.

The Body and Blood of Christ

"I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, she/he shall live forever."

John 6, 51-58

The three readings selected for our Eucharistic Liturgy complement one another very nicely. The first is from the Book of Deuteronomy, written several centuries after Moses had led the Israelite People out of slavery in Egypt but designed by its author to remind the people of his time that the Exodus experience of their ancestors was also an integral part of their religious faith and life. The Exodus event for Jewish people is foundational to their religion, life and culture. People of every race and culture can repeat stories of events that have similar significance to their lives and cultures. The writer of Deuteronomy set out to remind the people of his era that Moses had directed the people he had led out of slavery to remember and make sure not to forget that, when they thought they had been tricked by God to flee from Egypt and its Pharaoh only to die of starvation in the desert, God had stayed faithful to them by guiding them by day and night and miraculously providing them with food from the sky and water from a rock. Every one of us who has been through a Catholic Elementary School knows how God provided Moses and his people with manna from heaven. What we were not told was that manna was a Hebrew word of complaint invented by the very first people to discover and collect it. It literally meant "What's this stuff?" However, in time, the Hebrew people Moses was leading came to place their faith in the God who had been guiding and caring for them throughout their forty years of ordeal in the desert. The writer of Deuteronomy was reminding his audience that, like their ancestors, they, too, were being guided and nourished by God.

Today's gospel-reading from John gives us an account, in highly figurative and symbolic language typical of John, of how Jesus was offering his audience His very self, the bread of eternal life and nourishment that would lead them into union with God. Yet, they were unable to see beyond their craving for a free supply of the kind of bread they were accustomed to eating every day. Jesus was really inviting those in front of him to open themselves to receive him, the gift his Father was offering the world and, by doing so, to become, themselves, bread for the life of that world. In effect, Jesus was offering them an invitation to participate in a new Exodus, a journey through the kind of suffering that would eventually be visited on him.

This offer from Jesus is challenging for us, too. For we, too, have to come to learn that, to participate meaningfully in the Eucharist we celebrate when we gather each Sunday around the table of the altar, we are being invited to become bread broken and wine poured out for the nourishment of our world.

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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 (all hours): 02 9622 1125

Website: www.mqofblacktown.org.au Email: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

Parish Team:

Parish Priest: Fr. Wim Hoekstra

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Deacon: Rev. John Cinya

Finance Officer: Sarah Canete-Damole Email: accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au

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Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

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Parish Pastoral Council:

Chairperson: Vince Tabone; Deputy Chairperson: Daniel Mangabat; Secretary: Eva Cheetley Asst Secretary: Helena Vea Members: Don DeMello, Erica Luiz, Fran Satchell, Josh Carr, Marian Asiegbu, Savita Surendra, Trevor Brewty, Fr Wim Hoekstra, Fr Tom Green, Fr Stephen Onyekwere & Deacon John Cinya.

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Patrician Brothers College: Phone: 8811 0300

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

Aged Care Facilities:

Opal Nursing Home (37 Kildare Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148) P : 9852 9600

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

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In today's second reading from Corinthians, we hear how Paul told the members of the neophyte Christian community of Corinth how their participating in the celebration of Eucharist was not only a time to reflect on Jesus' offer of himself as living bread for a needy world but a committing of themselves to imitate him in self-giving. It is a communion with him in being bread broken and given for others. That is as challenging for us as it was for the Christians of Corinth. The challenge for us and for the Christians of Corinth parallels the challenge experienced by the people who heard the words of Jesus recorded by John in today's gospel-reading.

Let's now take some time for a closer reflection on the significance for us of today's celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ. Many of us will recall the days when we were urged to participate on the afternoon of the Feast of Corpus Christi in a Diocesan Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, which culminated in Benediction or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We were rarely told that the procession in which we participated was also a symbol of the Exodus journey of the Hebrew people out of slavery from Egypt. Today's gospel-reading is a central contribution to our understanding of both today's celebration and the Eucharist itself. The reading, from John's "Bread of Life Discourse" in chapter 6 of his Gospel opens with a direct, unqualified statement from Jesus to the crowd around him: "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6: 51) To ensure that his audience did not misunderstand him, Jesus proceeded to add: "My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He/she who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him/her... anyone who eats this bread will live for ever."

Late in the Second Century, St Irenaeus, a Greek Bishop who had evangelised much of the southern part of France and who was noted for his assertion: "The glory of God is a human being fully alive.", underlined the truth that the Eucharist is the seed of eternal life that will come to fruition on the last day, when he said: "Our bodies, when they receive the Eucharist are no longer corruptible, having the hope of resurrection to eternal life" (Irenaeus in Against Heresies, IV.18.5). Our participation in the Eucharist is not about receiving some magical formula but rather being nourished and fortified to live as followers of Jesus, living our lives in imitation of the way in which he lived. Our participation in the Eucharist becomes an invitation to become bread for our world and nourishment for those in need. As the late Frank Moloney SDB put it in the title of his classic on the topic of Eucharist: A Body Broken for a Broken People (Darton, Longman and Todd, UK 2015).

In other words, for us to participate authentically in the Eucharist calls from us a commitment to be other Christs, spending our lives in the loving service, care and nourishment of others. The challenge of the Eucharist is not merely about spending time in adoration and private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, though that is a good practice. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to let ourselves be broken and poured out for others. By doing so, we participate in the Paschal mystery, in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus..

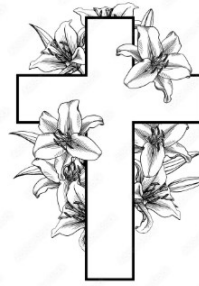
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Funeral Notices

Anthony Micallef
Monday 15 June 2026
11am, St. Patrick's Church

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Mary Vella
Thursday 18 June 2026
10.30am, St. Patrick's Church

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Carmelo Caruana, Ennio de Luca, Mary Vella,
Maria Louisa Gamboa
Marlene Aquilina, Msgr Frank Coorey, Vincent Gauchi,
Anthony Micallef

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Carol De Lima, Jerry Simotas, Loretta D'Cruz,
Monique de Chasteigner, Liz McMahon, Anthony Spiteri,
Joseph Azzopardi, Josephina Sagarbarria, Lucia Rubbo

DECEASED

Elias Safadi, Eusebio Sampong, Bertha Johnstone,
Anthick & Maryjane Simon, Aloysius & Hilda Coutintro, Percy
Plascencia

SICK

Patricia Sampong Hildred, Sam Cassar

THANKSGIVING

Joshua Carr, Edrea Carr (birthdays),
The Most Holy Trinity (thanksgiving)
Felisa Nicdao, Josefina Nicdao (birthdays),
Eva Marie Naranjos (safe trip)

**Mass intentions are no longer available online.
Please use the envelopes and give to the priests.**

MQOF Gifts and Talents—Stewardship Card

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another"

Our second reading today talks about using gifts and talents to build up the Body of Christ. So at its meeting on Thursday, the Pastoral Council agreed to ask parishioners to nominate their gifts and talents to help our parish "to live as a faithful and committed Catholic community", where we encounter Christ.

So we've set up a "Stewardship Card" via a Google Form and invite all parishioners to nominate the areas where they can offer their time and talents to build up the Body of Christ—our community here at MQOF.

Please use the QR code to access this form, and help us help you



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST — YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf Psalm 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12

R ~ Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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*A little boy forgot his lines in a Sunday School presentation.
His mother, sitting in the front row to prompt him, gestured
and formed the words silently with her lips, but it didn't help.
Her son's memory was blank. Finally she leaned forward and
whispered the cue, "I am the light of the world." The child
beamed and with great feeling and a loud, clear voice said,
"My mother is the light of the world."*

Blacktown Parish Project – Expressions of Interest

Following our first parish community consultation and the commencement of Phase 2 of the Blacktown Parish Project, we will soon be inviting Expressions of Interest from parishioners and community members who would like to contribute to the next stage of the journey.

Phase 2 focuses on the development of the project business case and will help shape the long-term vision, feasibility and planning for the future of our parish community and facilities.

While parishioners involved in this next stage will not be required to undertake the technical business case work itself, we are seeking community representatives to participate in three key subcommittees:

- Design, Development & Construction Subcommittee
- Finance Subcommittee
- Philanthropy, Communications & Engagement Subcommittee

These subcommittees will work alongside the Parish Priest, Diocese and professional advisers to ensure the voice and perspectives of the parish community continue to be paramount throughout the process.

In addition, we are seeking parishioners interested in joining a broader Parish Working Group, which will support communication and feedback between the parish community and the subcommittee representatives.

We warmly encourage parishioners with relevant experience, professional expertise, or a strong commitment to the life and future of the parish to consider expressing interest.

This is an important opportunity to contribute to a project grounded in mission, stewardship and the future needs of our parish community.



Please use the QR code to register or the Project link on our Parish website where the EOI link is posted.

EOIs will close in about 3 weeks time.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!

Come join us on 19-21 June 2026 at the Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mt. Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW.

Book online at: www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419.

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

CHRIST'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GROUP



Contact: Jane Cauchi, 0433 173 177
Meeting Time and Venue: Fridays, 9.30am
 Sid Moseley Centre, St. Michael's Church
 All are welcome!



Love arts and crafts? Join us on every Tuesday, 10am -12pm in the Sid Mosely Room, St. Michael's and Fridays 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.

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) President: Steve Attard.
Meeting Time and Venue: Every Thursday, 9am-10.30am 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—CENACLE



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—MARY'S PANTRY

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

Baptism

If you wish your child to be baptised here at MQOF Parish, please contact the parish office. If this is your first child, you will need to attend a Baptism workshop. For more information, please call the Parish Office or visit our website:

<https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/#baptism>

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

Please pray for the children who are preparing for first communion and their parents and families.

First communions are included in the following Masses:

This weekend: 5.30pm Sat Jun 6 (SP),
 9.30am Sun Jun 7 (SM),

Next weekend:

Sun 14 Jun 10.00am (SP), 2.00pm (SP) & 5.30pm (SP).
 There is also a special first communion Mass on sun 14 Jun at 12noon at St Patrick's.

Sacrament of Confirmation

will be celebrated in September.

Registration for this sacrament will open on Friday 3 July

Sacrament of Penance

Will be celebrated in November

Registration for this sacrament will open Friday 25 September



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Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

We urge you to consider assisting the liturgical ministry of the parish by registering for these.

The Liturgical Ministry Course will recommence in September 2026.

PLEASE NOTE: Courses will be held on Mondays at 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown (1-5 Marion St, Blacktown).

Compulsory Introductory Session (one session)

- Monday 7 September

Ministers of the Word (two sessions)

- Monday 14 September
- Monday 21 September

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (two sessions)

- Monday 12 October
- Monday 19 October

Communion to the Sick and Dying (one session)

- Monday 26 October

Ministers at the Altar (one session)

- Monday 9 November

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Sponsorship and donations to support the work are welcome.

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In 2028, Australia will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress, an extraordinary global encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Pilgrims from around the world will come together in worship, reflection, and celebration, united by a shared faith and a mission to carry Christ into the world. The Congress invites anyone who would like to show support by volunteering in any of these three areas:

- Liturgical and Pastoral
- Operations
- Hospitality and Engagement



To register your interest, visit: <https://eucharist28.org/volunteer> or scan the QR code.

Culture Project Ministry Training Ministry Training in Love & Life

The Ministry Training in Love & Life (MTLL) course is run by The Culture Project, to help young adults discover the Church's vision of relationships. MTLL is a place to unpack what makes for great relationships, be merciful with ourselves, pursue the love that we really want, and learn to share this message with our friends/peers in a way they can understand.

It's a 6 week program for young adults (18-35), beginning 1st June on Monday evenings (7:00 - 9:30pm) at St. Aidan's Parish Centre, Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill.

For more information, you can message us on instagram @thecultureprojectaustralia, using the QR code or



Santo Niño de Cebu Novena Mass

Holy Spirit Parish , St. Clair warmly invite you to attend this special Novena Mass. Devotees are encouraged to bring their Santo Niño statues for blessing. Refreshments to follow after.

Santo Niño de Cebu Novena Mass
Date: Friday, 19 June 2026
Time: 7:30 PM
Venue: Holy Spirit Parish, 5 Todd Row, St Clair NSW 2759

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Setting up a one-time or recurring donation/Planned Giving is quick and easy. Just go to: www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations.

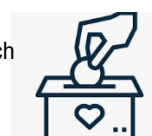
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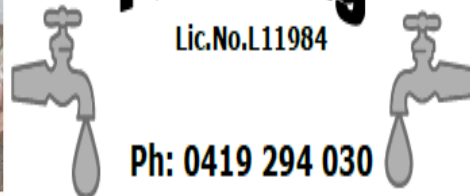
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Whoever eats this bread will live forever

The Body and Blood of Christ, Year A

During Mass we share in a sacred meal called the Eucharist, which means 'to give thanks'. In the chalice, write down some things which we can be thankful for. In the bread, draw a picture of your family sharing a special meal.



Can you work out which two of these pictures are the same?



Dear Lord,

Amen.

Write a prayer of thanksgiving to God that you can say before every meal.

