



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.

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

20 SEPTEMBER 2026

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Parish Directory

St. Michael's Church - 58 Orwell Street, South Blacktown &
St. Patrick's Church - 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown.

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Parish Team:

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Assistant Priests: Fr Stephen Onyekwere, Fr Tom Green

Deacon: Rev. John Cinya

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Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

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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)

Prayer for our Blacktown Parish Project

Heavenly Father,
 author of all that is good,
 inspiration of all that is holy.

Hear our prayers for our new church, to
 be dedicated to the patronage of the
 Mother of God, Mary, Queen of the Family.

Through her intercession, send forth
 your Holy Spirit on all those you have
 chosen to be instruments in this work,
 so that our new church may be for your
 greater glory,
 for the sanctification of your faithful
 and for the good of the whole people
 of Blacktown.

Guide the beginning of this work,
 direct its progress
 and draw it to a fruitful completion.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

**Mary, Queen of the Family,
 pray for us.**

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

The complaining workers in today's Gospel assumed they were near the top of some unspoken hierarchy. They thought they deserved more than some of their co-workers. If we think of the earth as God's great vineyard, we can see obvious parallels today. Nations can think they deserve more than their less developed neighbours; perhaps because their economies have been industrialised longer. People can assume they are right to own multiple properties while others remain homeless; perhaps because they inherited or worked hard for them.

But we Christians are called to work in the vineyard for its good, and for the good of all, not merely ourselves. 'The way humanity treats the environment influences the way it treats itself, and vice versa', declared Pope Benedict XVI in the encyclical Caritas in Veritate, reminding us that justice for others and good stewardship of our world are intimately connected. During this Season of Creation, we might ask ourselves: How can we tend the vineyard into which God has sent us? Do we attend to the needs of our fellow workers, especially refugees and immigrants who have only recently arrived?

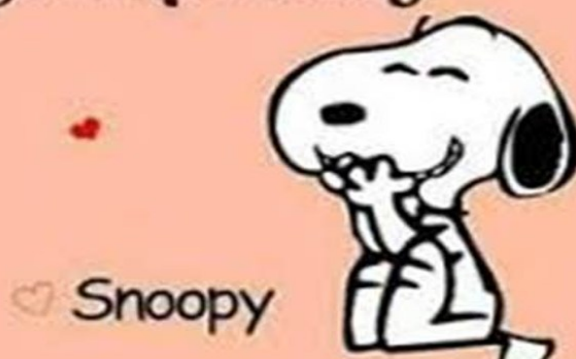
Annual African Mass 2026: Next Sunday 27 September

The African Catholic communities of the Diocese of Parramatta, in collaboration with the Diocesan Office for Migrant Chaplaincies and the Nigerian and Ghanaian Chaplaincies, warmly invite you to the African Mass 2026.

Sunday 27 September from 1pm–5pm at Mary Queen of the Family Parish (St Patrick's Church),

51–59 Allawah Street, Blacktown, for a vibrant celebration of faith, culture and community. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided following Mass. All are welcome.

A giggle a day,
 keeps the
 grumps away!



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

R ~ The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:20-24. 27

For me to live is Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: See Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Psalm 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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SAVE THE DATE: ACOLYTE TRAINING With Fr Tom and Fr Stephen

Thursday 24 September
St. Patrick's Church
6pm-8pm

Saturday 26 September
St. Michael's Church
3pm-5pm

All MQOF Acolytes are asked to attend.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Barbara Gazzard, Shamus McKeown,
Rita Croning, Cora Printer, Angelina Clavano,
Fr Clement Akoro, Fr Harry Kennedy,

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Susan Perry McCarthy, Angelino Castelino
Richard Lopresti

DECEASED

Policarpio and Lourdes Martinez
Emile Wehbe, John Camilleri, Rico Sy,
Milagros Baguio, Mark Lemuel Uvero

SICK

Janita, Mile Kalac (5 weeks), Charles Derek Williams,
Karma Chabcaul

THANKSGIVING

The Cast and Company of Be The Witness

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Please use the envelopes and give them to the priests or parish office.

Jesuit Refugee Service Food Drive

19th – 27th
September

St. Michael's and
St. Patrick's Churches



Jesuit Refugee Food Collection List

Cooking oil (750 ml)

Long life milk (1 L)

Dried Lentils (1kg)

Canned Tuna (Plain)

Canned Tomatoes

Canned Kidney Beans

Dried Chickpeas

Canned Condensed Milk

Canned Coconut Milk

Canned Vegetables or Fruit

Sweet Biscuits

Savoury Snacks

Dried Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Instant Noodles

Sugar

Salt

Instant Coffee

Black Tea

ESSENTIAL ITEMS

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Dishwashing liquid

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Hair Conditioner

Soap

Deodorant

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Razors

Shaving Cream

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THE SACRAMENTS / MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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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. To arrange receiving of the sacraments, please contact the Parish Office on **9622 1125** or after office hours number **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!



Contact: Noemi Romero on 0475 798 770.
Meeting Time and Venue: Tuesdays, 10am-12pm in the Sid Mosely Room, St. Michael's and Fridays from 10am-12pm at the Cardinal Clancy Room, St. Patrick's Church.

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!

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

MQOF MEN'S GROUP



Contact: Trevor Brewty, 0429 777 518
Meeting Time and Venue: Every 2nd & 4th Fridays, 8pm-9.30pm in the Cardinal Clancy Room, St. Patrick's.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (Blacktown Conference)



Contact: Deborah Squire, 0449 113 162
Meeting Time and Venue: Every 2nd Wednesday, 7pm-8pm. Next meeting -22 July

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>

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance

will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, in November 2026.

You are now invited to consider registering your child for reception of the Sacrament.

Children aged 7 years and above and who are baptised Catholics can apply.

There will be a COMPULSORY PARENTS INFORMATION SESSION at St Patrick's Church on Tuesday 20th October at 7pm or Friday 23 October at 9am.

You must attend one of these sessions where the program will be explained and where you will be able to pick up the Child's Activity Book for this sacrament.

The enrolment cut-off date is Sunday 11th October 2026.

URL <https://forms.gle/xVgBhbAfBd5uZoLj7>



or QR code.

Alternatively, you will find a link on the parish website – www.mqofblacktown.org.au

St. Michael's Children's Liturgy Group presents

CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday 26 September
2pm-7pm

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To register, call Grace on 0410 501 647.



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EXHIBITION

Monday 28 September 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Tuesday 29 September 8:00am – 8:00 pm
Wednesday 30 September 8:00am–12:00 pm



THE RELIC

The Major Pilgrim Relic will be housed in
the Chapel for personal prayer and
veneration throughout the visit.

Blacktown Parish Project Update Information Sessions

Sat 4 October after 5.30pm Mass at St Pat's

Sun 11 October after 9.30am Mass at St Michael's

Sun 18 October after 10am Mass at St Pat's

Design Consultation Session

Sat 7 November – 2pm to 4pm MPA

Would you like to help Fr Ed?

We are looking for individuals who would like to help transport Fr Ed to and from his home in Holy Family Services, Marayong for the 10am Mass on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. If you can help, please contact Jill at the Parish on 9622 1125. Thank you.



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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.

You can also send your offerings/donations thru bank transfer:

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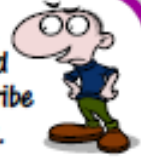
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus teaches that in the kingdom of God, those who are treated as least in this world will be come first. What kind of people are the 'last' in our world today?

Jesus also says that in the kingdom of God, those who put themselves first in this world will be the last. Circle the words that describe someone who always puts themselves first.



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JEALOUS



GENEROUS

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FINISH



**COMPLETE THE
TEXT MAZE**

"Everyone who is now
first will be last!"