



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.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

27 SEPTEMBER 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.

Twentieth-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy."
Philippians 2: 1-11

Then Jesus said to the chief priests and elders: "Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did."
Matthew 21: 28=32

The parable of the two sons, which is at the centre of the gospel-reading for this twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, expresses one of the recurrent themes in Matthew's Gospel, namely that doing God's will always trumps vocalising one's intention to do the will of God. Matthew has highlighted this most clearly in words he has attributed to Jesus himself. He quoted Jesus describing genuine discipleship in this way: 'It is not those who say to me "Lord, Lord" who will enter the kingdom of heaven but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven. When the day comes, many will say to me: "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, cast out demons in your name, work many miracles in your name?" Then I will tell them to their faces I have never known you;' (Matthew 7:21-23) A few chapters later, in responding to a man who had informed him that his mother and brothers had come looking for him, Jesus pointed to his disciples and announced: "Here are my mother and my brothers: Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven, he is my brother and sister and mother." (Matthew 12: 46-50). Furthermore, following one of the many verbal jousts he had with the religious leaders of his day, Jesus said to the crowd gathered around him: "The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach...Everything they do is done to attract attention..." (Matthew 23: 3-5)

Throughout history, there has been no shortage of religious figures whose eloquence has been impressive, but whose actions have not matched their words.

This is a theme that has found an echo in the vernacular of many cultures. We can all recall challenges that have been put to us by caring parents and grand-parents who countered our youthful rashness with wake-up calls like: "Be careful, for the road to hell is paved with good intentions!" or "Remember, for actions speak louder than words!" or "People lie, actions don't" or "You had better put your money where your mouth is!" or "I prefer to put my faith in what you do rather than in what you say!" Many of these expressions have become commonplace maxims and aphorisms.

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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

Assistant Priests: Fr Stephen Onyekwere, Fr Tom Green

Deacon: Rev. John Cinya

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

Parish Secretary: Jill Franco Email: jfranco@mqofblacktown.org.au

Sacramental Coordinator: Parish Team

Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

Catechist Coordinator: Sandra Baker

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.

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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Jesus made it clear that our actions for others, especially for those who are overlooked or harshly dealt with, are more effective than the good intentions we express.

In his first Letter to the Christians of Corinth, Paul echoed the words of Jesus, pointing out that words not matched by loving action are no better than gongs booming or cymbals clashing: "If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing" (1 Corinthians 13: 1) Complementing this, Matthew also attributed to Jesus the sound advice of the importance of not slipping into the trap of becoming people pleasers by making extravagant promises. Jesus simply said: "All you need say is 'yes' if you mean yes and 'no' if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one." (Matthew 5: 37).

When we look closely at the parable in today's gospel-reading, together with the challenge Jesus put to the chief priests and elders about their refusal to accept John's Baptism, we see that they follow closely upon Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the feast of Passover and in the days immediately before his arrest, torture and crucifixion. The religious leaders of the time did not accept John's baptism because they could not see that there was anything in their lives for which they had need to repent. Jesus confronted those religious leaders by telling them directly that prostitutes and tax-collectors had genuine self-knowledge that was well ahead of theirs. Jesus declared that those who had been labelled as public sinners knew that they could blame nobody but themselves for the disastrous failure of their own lives. They knew deep-down that the only one they could rely on was a merciful and forgiving God. They, like the son in the parable who changed his stance and did as his father asked, qualified themselves for entry into the kingdom of God by accepting their own need for God's help, compassion and mercy. The chief priests and elders did not even come close to that.

Jesus was God's grace, forgiveness and compassion in human flesh. Can we open ourselves to be transformed by him, knowing that he is our way to God?

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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.**

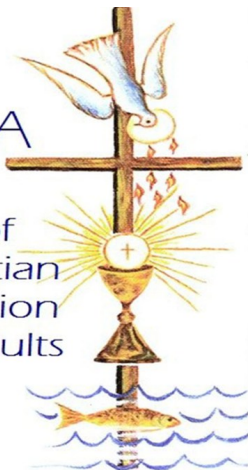


SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER: 9AM MASS TIME AND VENUE CHANGE

On Saturday 10th of October, the usual 9am morning Mass and Confessions at St Patrick's will take place at St Michael's Church instead, followed by the Public Rosary Rally to Our Lady and at 10.30am Mass to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of St Michael's Rosary Group.

RCIA

Rite of
Christian
Initiation
of Adults



Tuesday evenings

7pm-9pm

**Parish Office Meeting
Room**

**For more information,
contact the
Parish Office.**

**PUBLIC
ROSARY RALLY
to Our Lady**

On this day people all over
Australia will come out
to pray in public offering
rosary rallies to Our Lady
as a bouvier of spiritual rises.

**SATURDAY
10th OCTOBER 2026**

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

After the 9am Mass
followed by procession

Led by the
LEGION OF MARY
- ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH -

Let us come together in prayer,
with faith and hope, for our nation.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

R ~ Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf Psalm 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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Are you currently taking Communion to the sick and dying?

This includes those who are homebound, in hospital and or aged care facilities

Join the Office for Worship for a day of formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this ministry.

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER
9:30AM - 2PM
THE BISHOP BEDE HEATHER CENTRE,
1-5 Marian St, Blacktown
Morning tea and lunch provided

Register by 14 October at parrocatholic.org/events/ministry-of-communion-formation/ or contact the OFW team via OFW@parrocatholic.org or 0460 037 795

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Susan Perry McCarthy, Abelardo Gerona
Richard Lopresti, Michael Byun, Tae Im Jun, Matthew John Rothery

DECEASED

Fredisvinda Walker, Ricardo Sampang, Antoinette Angello,
Adriana & Matteo Scarpin, Milagros Baguio,
Clotilde Grech, Frank Cefai, Souls of priests in purgatory,
Josefina Nicdao

SICK

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

THANKSGIVING

The Cast and Company of Be The Witness

Mass intentions are no longer available online.
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)	Instant Coffee
Long life milk (1 L)	Black Tea
Dried Lentils (1kg)	
Canned Tuna (Plain)	ESSENTIAL ITEMS
Canned Tomatoes	Laundry liquid
Canned Kidney Beans	Dishwashing liquid
Dried Chickpeas	Shampoo
Canned Condensed Milk	Hair Conditioner
Canned Coconut Milk	Soap
Canned Vegetables or Fruit	Deodorant
Sweet Biscuits	Toothbrushes
Savoury Snacks	Toothpaste
Dried Pasta	Razors
Pasta Sauce	Shaving Cream
Instant Noodles	Nappies
Sugar	Incontinence Aids
Salt	Sanitary Pads

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. 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>



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BLACKTOWN PARISH PROJECT UPDATE SESSIONS

The first of the update sessions will be after the 5.30pm Mass next weekend (October 3) at St Pat's.

This session will last about an hour and will provide an update on the project.

Other sessions will be held on Sunday 11th October after morning tea following 9.30am Mass at St Michael's, and on Sunday 18th October following morning tea after the 10am Mass at St Patrick's.

The Design Consultation Session will be held on Saturday 7 November from 2pm to 4pm in the MPA at St Pat's.

HELP NEEDED!!!!

As part of the Blacktown Parish Project, the MQOF Working Group is developing a register of the assets of Mary Queen of the Family Parish, i.e. what is in St Patrick's and St Michael's Churches, and record of donations especially the provenance of statues, chalices, and anything that has been given to either Church, especially if in memory of a relative.

If you or your family donated something to either Church (including the old St Patrick's) could you please send this information to admin@mqofblacktown.org.au for the time being.

Thank you.



St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
will welcome the Major Pilgrim Relic
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reflection.

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Program details via the posters around the Church.

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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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.

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

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Account Name: Diocesan Clergy
Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950
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Do the right thing

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Make Good Choices

Jesus asks us to make good choices. Circle the good choices and cross out the poor choices.

When my bedroom needs tidying, I should...



- ... go outside and play
- ... put some of my things away
- ... play with my computer
- ... sort out my rubbish

When I accidentally bump into someone, I should...



- ... tell them it was their fault
- ... say "I'm sorry"
- ... ask them if they are okay
- ... run away quickly

When someone new joins our class, I should...



- ... invite them to come and play
- ... look at them, but not talk to them
- ... ignore them completely
- ... welcome them to our class



Jesus says it is better to have a change of heart than pretend to do what is right. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that you know is the right thing to do.



Find out what Jesus said to the pharisees using the words to fill in the blanks.

I tell you, _____ will _____
the _____ of God before you!
For when _____ the _____
showed you how to do _____,
you did not _____ him.

right **kingdom**
Baptist **believe**
sinners **John** **enter**