



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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

6 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.

Happy Father's Day



Heavenly Father, We thank You for the gift of fatherhood.
Today, we lift up all fathers, grandfathers and father figures.
Grant them wisdom to guide, patience to endure,
and strength to lead their families with unconditional love.
Bless their sacrifices, comfort those who are weary,
and let their legacy reflect Your grace.

St Joseph, patron saint of all fathers, pray for us !

Amen

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone...If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you...But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector."

Matthew 18: 15-20

Are we able to point to a human group or organisation that has not had to deal with conflict among its members? Every group we might name, from football teams, to quilting groups, to political factions, to parish communities and religious institutions, all have to deal with conflict at some time or other. In relatively recent times, management manuals and handbooks on business and political leadership have dedicated more and more space to the topic of conflict management. Even when Matthew wrote his Gospel, he saw the need to include advice on how a community of believers in Jesus and his Gospel might deal with resolving conflict that arose between its members. Today's gospel-reading is testimony to that. The principle on which Matthew's advice is based is that any conflict that arises in a community of believers is best dealt with at the lowest possible level. That now has the fancy name of subsidiarity, which is an expression that implies that there is no need to make an appeal to high authority as the first step in trying to resolve a conflict.

While Matthew's advice on conflict resolution and communal reconciliation is clear and relatively uncomplicated, our experience is that following it is not so easy. It would have already been familiar to Matthew's community because it echoes the law (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 (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

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Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

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of Moses. The greatest challenge for us is that we all have a tendency to hold tightly to the slights and hurts directed at us, be they real or imagined. We are inclined to want full mileage out of them. What's more is that we can find ourselves seeking support from those around us who, we believe, share our views, grievances and prejudices. That, of course, is a recipe for factional divisions that can infect groups and communities everywhere, even parish communities.

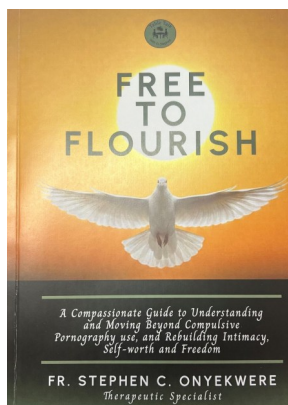
By claiming to be followers of Jesus, we state our preference for the law of love - love of God and love of neighbour. To insist on the attribution of blame to anyone who has hurt us is contrary to the law of love. As John reminded us in his First Letter, "Anyone who says 'I love God' and hates his/her brother or sister is a liar, since anyone who does not love the brother/sister whom he can see cannot love God, who he/she has never seen." (1 John 4: 20)

While Jesus began his teaching about the need for us all to pursue the way of reconciliation with and forgiveness of those who hurt us personally, he proceeded to address the issue of behaviour that undermines the common good and can end up causing a community to disintegrate. When one who is the cause of such harm and disintegration refuses to desist and heed the call of the community, Jesus suggested that he/she ought be treated as a pagan or tax-collector. Such a person has effectively excluded himself/herself from community membership and is in need of conversion or change of heart, but definitely not punishment or ostracism. In this context, it is essential that we remember that Jesus himself made a practice of finding time to share conversation and a meal with tax collectors and those labelled as public sinners. The apostle Matthew was a member of that group before his conversion and invitation to discipleship.

Today's first reading from Ezekiel gives us an insight into the vocation to which God called the prophet of that name. By virtue of our baptism we are all called to realise that discipleship of Jesus implies that there is a prophetic dimension to our lives, too. Prophets had a serious responsibility to speak the truth in love to their fellow citizens. In our first reading today, we learn how God had appointed Ezekiel to the role of watchman over his people. In a real sense it was a role to alert people to the dangers that excessive self-interest can bring them. Ezekiel was courageous enough to tell the people of Israel that the selfishness of individuals meant that they lost sight of the common good. On this very issue, history has repeated itself. We now live in a world in which the self-interest of the rich and powerful has led to the common good being overlooked and ignored. God warned Ezekiel that to remain silent in the face of such injustice would amount to tacit assent. Being true to Jesus and his Gospel makes no allowance for silence when rampant injustice is raging around us.

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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.**

Annual African Mass 2026: 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.

ACOLYTE TRAINING



**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 strongly encouraged to attend.

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Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards

Ph (02) 8838 3419

Email: safeguarding@parracatholic.org.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 118:137, 124
You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9
If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8
R ~ O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-10
Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 2 Corinthians 5:19
Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20
Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.'

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf Psalm 41:2-3
Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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from the Mary, Queen of the Family Flower Ministry for your generous support of our 2026 Father's Day Fundraiser which was held on 30 August. We raised approximately \$1500 through sales of raffle tickets, gifts, baked goods and plants. We are sincerely grateful to all who contributed to this event, both by way of donations, time, talents and assistance. A special thank you goes to the anonymous donors. The raffle was drawn on 2 September by Fr Wim Hoekstra at the Parish Office.

Congratulations to the winners of our four great prizes.

- 1st Prize** - \$100 Bunnings Gift Voucher won by Frances Perrigault - Green Ticket C86.
2nd Prize - \$50 Uniqlo Gift Voucher won by Ron Burgess - Yellow Ticket D04.
3rd Prize - Cooler Bag Hamper won by Joshua Carr - Blue Ticket B23.
4th Prize - Henkell Blanc de Blancs Sparkling Wine won by Agnes Garcia - Blue Ticket B29.

All winners have been notified.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patrick Bridge (Fr. Arthur's Father),
Fr Eugene Stockton, Bill Voges, Milka Bukvic, Flavio Varnier,
Andrea Tuazon, Georgette Farah

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Monique de Chasteigner, Louie Desa, Rodolfo T. Samson,
Susmi Treasa Sebastian, Rosaria Cantale, Mercedes Marilla,
Eliza Lewis, Stephen Monteiro, Alain Perrigault

DECEASED

Mary Mifsud, Felisa Nicdao, John Gibson, Arthur Bourlias,
Souls in Purgatory, Daniela Cantale, John Mitzi, Rex & Lorna Scott,
William Peppin, Gilbert de Chasteigner, Edward Xavier,
Souls of Spiteri & Gafa families, Michael & Frank Cefai,
Felix Canete, William D'Lima, Michael Cutajar & Sons.

SICK

Janita, Angelina Clavano, Claire Nguyen, Tony & Filomena,
Kate

THANKSGIVING

Monica Luong, Simon Family, Maria & Aurelia (Birthday)
Eva Maria Blesson (1st Birthday), Vindhya Kalloji

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PARISH GROUPS

CHRIST'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GROUP



Contact: Jane Cauchi, 0433 173 177
Meeting Time and Venue: Fridays, 9.30am
 Sid Mosley 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 Mosley 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.
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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>

Online Registrations for the Reconciliation program begin on Sept 25



Our Confirmation candidates will receive the Sacrament this Tuesday 8 September, 7pm in St. Patrick's Church.

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Talk to those who do wrong by you

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus wants us to be peacemakers

When someone does wrong things against me, I can be a peacemaker by....

When I do wrong things against someone, I can be a peacemaker by....



How did Jesus treat sinners?

Matthew was a tax collector and was disliked by many people. Jesus shared a meal with him and other sinners. Matthew became a disciple of Jesus. *Mt 9:9-13*

Draw Jesus sharing a meal with Matthew and his friends

A woman who had sinned was brought before Jesus. The pharisees wanted Jesus to condemn her, but instead Jesus forgave her sins. *Jn 8:2-11*

Write a short prayer asking God to forgive our sins

Dear Lord, _____

 _____ Amen.



If someone sins against you, speak to them and tell them what was wrong. If they listen to you, you will have won them back.

A rich man named Zaccheus climbed a tree to get a better view of Jesus. People became upset when Jesus decided to be a guest at Zaccheus' house, but Zaccheus was so happy he gave half his possessions to the poor. *Lk 19:1-10*

Draw Zaccheus in the sycamore tree