



MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH, BLACKTOWN

Our Parish Mission Statement

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish is a welcoming, diverse, multicultural, Catholic community. We seek: to live, teach and share the joy of the Gospel; to grow as disciples of Jesus through prayer, witness and action and to respond to the needs of the family in the Blacktown community and beyond.

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.

Sunday, 21 Oct 2018: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

TEAM JESUS

Sociologists speak of a growing *strong man movement* increasing in many parts of the world. While it is exemplified in figures like Donald Trump, it is also reflected in leadership in Russia and the Philippines, not to mention China which now has a president for life. These so called *strong men*, with their massive egos, have difficulty working with others, especially women, and most often act as autocrats or even dictators.

This weekend Mark presents us with the somewhat ego driven James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who are clamouring for position and status. They want plum positions, left and right of the Lord in eternity. Jesus reminds them that with glory, comes the cross. This they say they accept. However that is not enough to ensure the granting of their request.

Being part of 'Team Jesus' is not characterised by honours, titles and status. Jesus says *this is not to happen among you*. Rather it is marked by a spirit of service and humility.

This weekend we continue gatherings of discernment as we journey towards the Plenary Council of the Australian Catholic Church in 2020. In this journey there is no place for positions of honour. In stark contrast, it is a time for *listening with the ear of the heart*, as St Benedict said so many centuries ago.

There will be multiple opportunities to reflect, to listen to one another and have your say. It will be a journey of discernment as we listen together to what the Spirit is saying in this time and place.

While I have emphasised the importance of building a new culture for the future of our Australian Catholic community, one wise woman reminded me in the past week that there is much in our present experience of faith and church life that needs to be honoured and celebrated. Perhaps it is a time for bringing out of our treasuries things old and new!

The process of discernment that we are beginning is the very opposite of the *strong man* movement that we are seeing across the globe. Real strength is in deep listening to one another and what the Spirit is saying.

This is truly a moment of grace, a time to listen and speak as Team Jesus.

- Fr Peter

CONTACT US

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Confeggi
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Parish Assistant: Kaitlyn Vergano
Parish Team Meetings each Monday from 1.00 - 2.00pm

St Michael's Church
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Sunday 8.30am - 11.30am

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St Michael's
Mass 8:00am Mon, & Fri & 7.30pm Wed
Communion Service 8.00am Tues & Thurs
St Patrick's
Mass 9.00am Tues & Thurs & Sat
Communion Service 9.00am Mon, Wed, Fri
First Friday 7.30pm St Patrick's

SUNDAY MASSES

5.30pm Saturday Vigil (St Patrick's)
7.00am Sunday (St Patrick's)
8.00am Sunday (St Michael's)
9.30am Sunday (St Michael's)
10.00am Sunday (St Patrick's)
11.30 am 4th Sunday - Filipino Mass (St Michael's)
2:00pm - Sudanese Mass (St Patrick's)
3.30pm - Syro Malabar Mass (St Michael's)
5.30pm Sunday (St Patrick's)
6.00pm Sunday (St Michael's)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday 7.00pm—7.25pm (St Michael's)
Saturday 9.30am - 10.25am (St Patrick's)

Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday during 9.00am Mass (St Patrick's)
or by appointment contact Parish Office

HOLY HOUR:

6.30pm - 7.30pm Wednesday @ St Michael's
6.30pm - 7.30pm First Friday @ St Patrick's

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals

by appointment. Please contact office for details

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PARISH SCHOOLS

St Michael's Primary 9622 9910
St Patrick's Primary 8869 6000
Nagle College 8887 4501
Patrician Brothers College 9671 3000
Catholic Early Learning Centre 8814 8406
(St Michael's)

Institute for Mission 9831 4911
Fr Paul Roberts (Director)
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Diocesan Ministry Centre 8838 3460

Catholic Care 8822 2222
Blacktown@ccss.org.au



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YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING: IS 53:10-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. V.22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING: HEB 4:14-16

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mk 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

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M 22 Oct: Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21
T 23 Oct: Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38
W 24 Oct: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48
Th 25 Oct: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
F 26 Oct: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
S 27 Oct: Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9
S 28 Oct: Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Daily
Readings



Frankly Speaking...

"For as long as we are alive it is always possible to start over, all we have to do is let Jesus embrace us and forgive us."
- Pope Francis



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Consolacion .P. Estrada, Maria Panuccio, Helen Ulrych, James Lao Buy, Yves Ricard, Najia Elkhoury, Joey Elkhoury

Special Intentions: Loretta Vella, Johnes Aycardo, Joseph Elkhoury



We remember and pray for those who are ill at home or in hospital at this time, may they know the healing presence of Christ: Nancy Shami, Melanie Randa, Carlos Braithwaite, Lois Roy, Paul Clemson, Tony Clarke, Doreen Stanslaus, Dr Cherry Ann Wy, Michael Hiriwo, Charles Xuereb, Leo Iannuzzi, Baby George Vella, James Ryan, Terri Vance, Andrew Magers

If you would like to include in the bulletin the name of a loved one who is ill or you are going into hospital and would like to be anointed, please contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125 or email admin@mqofblacktown.org.au. You may also write your mass intention on the envelopes provided, indicating the time and date that you would like your intention to be offered.

Inviting All Altar Servers and their Families

Come along to our BBQ & Fun Day for Altar Servers and their families.
Sunday 4th November
11.30am - 2pm at the MPA at St Patrick's Primary School
Meet other Altar Servers and their families and have a great time!

Calling Acolytes & Adult Servers:

We'd love your help to be part of the BBQ and hospitality Team for this day.

RSVP 9622 1125 :: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

There will not be an 8.30am Mass on Wednesday 24th October at St Michael's Church. There will be Mass at 7.30pm at St Michael's Church or a Liturgy of the Word with Communion at 9am at St Patrick's Church.



St Vincent de Paul Society PANTRY DONATIONS

Can you help by donating the following food items to the Vinnies Pantry this week?

Biscuits, Tinned fish (tuna, salmon),

Tinned meat (corned beef, ham), Pasta sauce

Your donations can be left in the baskets at the church doors. When donating to Vinnies, please ensure that all food products are within the expiry date. Please remember that through this ministry we are helping people who are doing it tough and deserve good things.

Jean & Betty's Tours

Tuesday November 13, 2018

8.00am Pickup Greystanes

8.30am Pick up from St Patrick's Church

\$55 per person and includes coach travel, morning tea, entry to Trainworks museum and buffet lunch at Picton Bowling Club.

6-day far South Coach Tour

26-31 October 2018

\$950 per person twin share \$1250 single supplement
Cost of tour must be paid in full by 10th October 2018

Call Jean for more information on 99203401 or 0425251754.



WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF YOU?

If you can't attend the plenary session this weekend, look out for other upcoming opportunities or you can visit the Plenary Website at plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au to continue to have your say.

Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

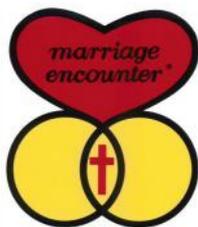


ONE MEAL IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

MQOF has joined with One Meal - It Makes a Difference to provide nutritious meals to people who are doing it tough in the Blacktown area.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Join a team of volunteers to prepare and serve food (once every 10-12 weeks) on a Saturday afternoon. There are opportunities for those who would prefer to prepare food and not attend the services (and vice versa). Please contact Terri Sebastian via the parish office (9622 1125) or 0466 418 809 to volunteer your services.



**This is my commandment:
Love one another as I have
loved you.**

The World Wide Marriage Encounter movement invites you to attend a weekend of discovery, growth and enrichment of your relationship. Whether you are newly wed or long married, Marriage Encounter will revitalise your love life. It is based on Catholic values but open to couples of any faith or little faith.

16th – 18th November at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Book online at www.wvme.org.au

Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 28 October

All married couples are warmly invited to the 'Celebrating the Journey' Mass at 11am on Sunday 28 October 2018. Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate this Mass of blessing at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta and warmly invites you to join him for a photo and light lunch in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Significant Wedding Anniversaries will be acknowledged with a certificate for 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and any year over 50 years. To register your attendance and number of family members attending please contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on email lmf@parracatholic.org or phone 02 8838 3460.

Please pray for our children and their families who begin their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend.

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES WHO HAVE PASSED ON THIS NOVEMBER

CROSSES

During November it is a tradition to remember and pray for our deceased parishioners, family members and friends. If you wish, you can write the names of loved ones on a purple cardboard cross.

Blank crosses are available at Church entrances and need to be returned by Sunday 21st October. These will be displayed in our Churches during November.



MASS OFFERINGS

November Mass Offering envelopes are available at both St Michael's and St Patrick's. We ask you to return them promptly to enable us to display them in folders which will be taken up in the Procession of Gifts and placed on the altar each Mass.

Liturgy Review

Please collect the summary sheet of Liturgical Practices from the Sacristy if you did not receive the notice via email.

If you are not receiving the ministry newsletter via email each week please email Lisa at lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au to be added to the mailing list.

Dear friends in ministry,

Last Saturday we had a very engaging meeting of the parish liturgy committee. Several points were made which we would like to endorse and communicate to you.

- We would like to thank you for your commitment to service in the community. Ministers are not mere volunteers who can opt in and opt out. Rather our commitment requires that if we cannot be present we need to organise with others to fulfil our ministry.
- If we find that you are not at Mass fifteen minutes before Mass begins and check-in with the Acolyte/ Adult Server for that Mass – and we understand that extraordinary things do happen – others will be asked to take up your ministry. This is to avoid last minute rushing at a time when we should be prayerfully beginning to celebrate the liturgy.
- Equally important is the need for lectors or readers to be prepared. It is a joy to hear the Word when it has been truly prepared.
- The fact the liturgy should flow not that it should be rushed. There are patterns of invitation and response that need to be honoured.
- To ensure a spirit of prayer and devotion in the flow of the liturgy, Eucharistic Ministers are asked to learn the numbers and places for the distribution of Holy Communion. Lengthy discussion, direction and pointing can be somewhat distraction.

Thank you again.

Fr Peter & Fr Luis



FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Need help registering for My Aged Care?

Some things can get a little harder to manage later in life, but with the right services and support you or your loved ones can remain living independently for longer. Catholic Healthcare will be hosting two free information sessions to introduce you to their services and assist you in accessing Home Care Packages from the Australian Government through My Aged Care. Come and join Catholic Healthcare for morning tea on **Tuesday 23rd October at 10am or alternatively on Wednesday 24th October at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Church. Registrations are not required.** For more information, call Catholic Healthcare on 1800 225 474

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