



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, 28 Oct 2018: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

COURAGE...GET UP!

While I have long been a staunch republican, I can't help but admire Prince Harry and his wife Meagan. Their seeming drought-breaking visit saw a rain drenched Harry speaking at Dubbo of the courage of rural Australians. So many current issues were conflated in that speech: courage in rural communities, courage among participants of the Invictus Games and the courage of those who seek help for mental health issues. Gone was the traditional English stiff upper lip as Harry said it is OK to seek help - "I did!"

Today Mark introduces us to Bartimaeus, the blind beggar. He was an outcast, one to be scolded because by virtue of his blindness he would be seen to be a sinner. Jesus challenged his followers to seek out Bartimaeus and "call him here", a challenge that remains for disciples. He then calls Bartimaeus to have courage ordering him to "get up".

As I sit writing this week, I am in the midst of the Nagle College senior's retreat at Stanwell Tops. One hundred and fifteen young women. One component of the retreat involves working through the Plenary Council process that some parishioners have already shared. It has been a privilege to sit with articulate young women and listen to their responses to the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time." Their responses are being recorded and reflections will continue with students and staffs in all our schools over coming months.

Last Monday we saw the apology to those people who told with great courage, their story of sexual abuse in institutions across Australia, many of them Church run. With courage they found their voice and left many of us without words. The impact of these events has left its mark on the young Nagle voices I have been listening to and their view of the Church.

Both the Gospel this weekend and the experience of sharing in the early stages of the Plenary Council process, calls me to challenge you to make the best of the opportunities for engaging in the process of the Plenary Council. As the Lord said to Bartimaeus, "COURAGE...GET UP!"

- Fr Peter

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PARISH TEAM

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Parish Team Meetings each Monday from 1.00 - 2.00pm

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LITURGY TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

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
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YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING: JER 31:7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 125. R. V.3

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING: HEB 5:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mk 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

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M 29 Oct: Eph 4:32 - 5:8; Lk 13:10-17
T 30 Oct: Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21
W 31 Oct: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30
Th 1 Nov: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12
F 2 Nov: Of the day
S 3 Nov: Phil 1:18-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11
S 4 Nov: Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34

Daily Readings



Frankly Speaking...

"It is worthwhile to live as a family, that a society grows strong, grows in goodness, grows in beauty and truly grows if it is built on the foundation of the family."

- Pope Francis



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Timothy Acourt-McCarty, Susannah Garnica, Beryl Stott, Pedro Obar Morales, Severo Juan, Bernard (Ted) Bartley, Lucci Ricaud.

Special Intentions: Audilia Saldivar, Rex Scott, Gladys Scott, Najia Elkhoury, Joey Elkhoury, 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, Sofie De Bono

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.

Deepest Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Betty Russell, who passed away last weekend. Betty was a member of the parish community over many years and the other half of Jean and Betty's Bus Trips.

Her funeral Mass will be at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown on Monday 29th October at 1pm.



It is with much sadness that we announce the death of Christine Price, former long-serving Parish Secretary at St Michael's, where she had worked for 23 years before retiring on 28 June 2013. Christine died last Wednesday, 24 October, after a two year battle with cancer. Throughout this time, she kept positive and enjoyed the very short retirement with her family and friends.

Christine's funeral will be on the 8th November at 10.30am in the West Chapel at Pinegrove Cemetery.

May Betty & Christine be welcomed into God's loving kingdom.



St Vincent de Paul Society PANTRY DONATIONS

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

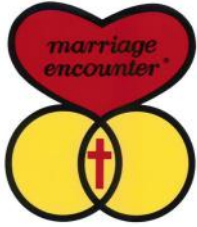
Biscuits, Tinned fish(tuna, salmon), Tinned meat (corned beef, ham), Pasta sauce
Your donations can be left in the baskets at the church doors.

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.



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

Central Deanery Mass

Sunday, 25 Nov, 5:30pm

Mary Queen of the Family Parish

51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown

The youth of the Central Deanery of the Diocese of Parramatta invites everyone for a Youth Mass lead by Fr Paul Marshal at Blacktown. There will be fellowship with supper provided after the mass. All youth from the Central Deanery are encouraged to participate in various roles for mass (e.g. readers, musicians, singers, actors, servers, ushers, and welcomers). If you would like to participate in the mass or to express interest in attending, please contact Franchesca Tenedora on 0432 417 833 or ftenedora@gmail.com or scan the QR code below.



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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.

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

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

MASS TIMES

FRIDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER 2018

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
8 AM

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH
9 AM & 7:30 PM

St Michael's Church: 58 Orwell Street Blacktown
St Patrick's Church: 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown



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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.

WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF YOU?

Parish Consultations:

Tuesday 20th November 7pm - MPA

Wednesday 21st November 10am @ the Parish Office

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...

Break Open the Word

2019 Break Open the Word is now available. Please comment or leave a message at the Parish Office to order your copy. Cost is \$10 per book.

Break Open the Word is a great resource for Readers to prepare to Proclaim the Word each week. It explains the readings as well as assists with pronunciation. It is also a great resource for Music Groups in the preparation of their songs for Mass to link in with readings.

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.

Call Jean for more information on 99203401 or 0425251754

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



Jesus showed his love for all people by welcoming the poor and the sick. What were some of the wonderful things he did? Circle the correct answers.

- PERFORMED MIRACLES**
- HURT PEOPLES FEELINGS**
- HEALED THE SICK**
- FED THE HUNGRY**
- SAID MEAN THINGS**
- WELCOMED EVERYBODY**
- TOLD LIES**
- SET A GOOD EXAMPLE TO OTHERS**

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress: **Thirsting for Justice!** 18th - 30th March 2019. Coordinated by Lisa Bright.

Information Night : Monday 5th November, 7.30pm
St Patrick's Church 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown
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lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au
Come along to find out more about this exciting and
faith-filled pilgrimage!



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