



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

St Patrick's Parish Blacktown

Ministry Directory 2011

*"The body is a unit,
though it is made up of many parts;
and though all its parts are many,
they form one body.
So it is with Christ."*

1 Corinthians 12:12

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Role: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of Christian formation offered to those who seek to become members of the Catholic Church.

Activities: Meet regularly for faith formation.

Who can join: The RCIA is primarily intended for adults who are unbaptised and preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Contact: Parish Office: 9622 1125

MUSIC MINISTRY

Role: To lead the congregation in music at Parish Liturgies.

Activities: Singing Mass Parts and Hymns during the Mass.

Who can join: There are a number of groups in the parish.

African Choir: Christine Lamwaka: 0413 096 210 (rehearsals Fri 6.30-8.30pm)

Kid's Choir: For children or young people ages, 6 to 16 years old

Neng Pasigna - 0408480311; Jose Israel -0401567447;

Deanne Besterwitch - 0404457115 (rehearsals 3rd & 5th Sat 11am-1pm)

Shepherd's Choir: Elvie: 9622 2993 Jessie: 8840 8006

10am Choir: Kathleen Willings: 9622 7535 (rehearsals Thur 7pm)

PADDY'S CAFÉ

Role: To meet fellow parishioners for a chat and a cup of tea/coffee.

Activities: Meet monthly on second Wednesday of the month after 9am Mass til about 10.30ish

Who can join: Anyone who would like to chat and meet others.

Contact: Diana Beacroft: 9626 1631

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Role: The PPC's role is to promote the Church's mission and share in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the faith community.

Who can join: The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) consists of members of the Parish Team and Parishioners, selected through a process of discernment. The term of membership is two years.

Contact: Parish Office: 9622 1125

PIOUS GOODS STALL

Role: Our religious goods stall selling religious items.

Activities: Volunteers staff the stall before and after all Masses.

Who can join: Volunteers are rostered on to staff the stall at particular times.

Contact: Pat Regan via the Parish Office: 9622 1125

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Role: To support and facilitate families in preparing their children receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. If anyone would like to help in the Sacramental Process, we will be more than happy to give you the necessary preparation.

Activities: Please ring Parish Office for dates and time.

Who can join: Baptised Children in State and Catholic Schools Yr 3-6. If you would like to be a part of the Sacramental team, contact the Parish Office.

Contact: Claudette Cheetham: 9622 1125

SENIOR SERVERS

Role: To serve the priest and the parish family by helping him during the liturgy. **Activities:** To serve during the Mass they participate in.

Who can join: Anyone over 16 years who has completed the appropriate formation and approved by the Parish Priest.

Contact: Parish Office: 9622 1125

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Role: To promote issues of 'Social Justice' within the Parish community.

Activities: Monthly meeting Thursdays 7.30pm

Who can join: Any member of the parish with an interest in social justice issues.

Contact: Parish Office: 9622 1125

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Role: The Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

Activities: Fortnightly meetings on Monday 5pm, followed by visits to clients in need of assistance.

Who can join: People over the age of 18 years.

Contact: Deacon Owen Rogers: 9622 1125

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Role: To engage youth and young adults in all areas of the parish and to journey with young people in their spirituality.

Activities:

Vita Youth Group (Yrs. 7-10): 2nd Sunday of the month 6.30pm - 8pm

St Pat's Café (Yrs. 11-12): Last Wednesday of the month 3.30pm-5pm

Talking Faith Dinners (over 18): 4th Sunday of the month 6.30pm

World Youth Day Volunteer Program (every 3 years)

All ministries in the parish; Weekly Youth Mass Sunday 5.30pm

Who can join: Call the parish office to find out what activity suits your age group and gifts and talents.

Contact: Parish Office: 9622 1125

YOUTH BAND

Role: To lead the congregation at the weekly Sunday 5.30pm Youth Mass.

Activities: Rehearsals at 3.30pm each Sunday afternoon, then weekly Mass at 5.30pm.

Who can join: Anyone who identifies as youth.

Contact: Matthew Tjen: 0423 929 195

In the case any of these phone numbers may not be attended, please contact the parish office on 9622 1125 or email admin@stpatricksparish.org.au

ALTAR SERVERS

Role: To serve the priest and the parish family by helping him during the liturgy.

Activities: To serve during the Mass they participate in.

Who can join: Children who have made their first Communion to age 16.

Contact: Parish Office: 9622 1125

ALTAR SOCIETY

Role: To launder and repair the cloths used for daily Mass and keep the sanctuary area tidy.

Activities: Laundering, repairing and cleaning based on a weekly roster.

Who can join: Any member of the parish.

Contact: Parish Office: 9622 1125

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Role: To assist the Christian growth of children through enjoyable learning experiences introducing them to God's word and the love of Jesus Christ.

Activities: Hearing the word of God, discussions, connecting our experiences with the message of the Gospel and a fun worksheet!

We gather at the 10am Mass fortnightly.

Who can join: Girls and Boys 5 years -15 years can attend. Anyone 16 years and over can be a leader.

Contact: Alexandra Clark: 043101880

CATECHISTS

Role: To share the word of God with students in State schools.

Activities: To teach scripture in State Schools for 30-40 minute sessions from a programme approved by the local Bishop. Classes are at various times on Thursdays from 9.15 am start to 12.50 pm finish depending which ever school and age group is being taught. We have teachers and classroom assistants training is available and free.

Who can join: Anyone from 16 years who has received their Sacraments of Initiation and approved by Parish Priest.

Contact: Parish Office 9622 1125

CHURCH CLEANING

Role: To clean the Church and its foyers.

Activities: Vacuum the carpeted areas of the Church, clean the seats and tidy the foyers. Ensure the church is generally clean.

Who can join: Anyone who has time to lend a hand.

Contact: Parish Office: 9622 1125

COUNTERS

Role: To count the weekly parish collections.

Who can join: All volunteers for the ministry of counting are approached by the Parish Priest and/or parish team.

Contact: Parish Office: 9622 1125

DATA VIDEO PROJECTION

Role: To provide overhead projection of prayers & notices during Sunday Masses and major feast days thereby engaging the congregation present to fully participate in the proceedings and prayers.

Activities: Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm; Sunday Masses 7am, 8.30am, 10am. Occasional meetings to discuss problems & improvements to the ministry.

Who can join: Membership open to anyone who knows how to use a computer. Knowledge of Microsoft Power Point while handy is not necessary.

Contact: Charles Sant: 9920 5690 Email: csant01@yahoo.com.au or Parish Office: 9622 1125

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Role: To assist the Priest with the distribution of communion at Parish Liturgies.

Activities: Ministers are rostered on to serve at Masses over a weekend. Ministers also may visit the sick and distribute communion.

Who can join: Anyone over 16 years who has completed the applicable Communion course & approved by the Parish Priest.

Contact: Parish Office: 9622 1125

FAMILY GROUPS

Role: To provide social, non religious gatherings with friends and new acquaintances from St. Patricks' Parish in a warm, caring atmosphere.

Activities: Barbecues, picnics, lunch/dinner at McDonalds, clubs homes.

Whatever the groups decide and not to be expensive.

Who can join: Open to all families, couples and especially people living on their own who would like to meet fellow parishioners.

Contact: Diana & Michael Beacroft: 9626 1631

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Role: To help the parish priest in the administration of the goods of the parish.

Who can join: All volunteers for the Finance Committee are appointed by the Parish Priest.

Contact: Chairperson: Frank Saliba c/o Parish Office: 9622 1125

FORMATION TEAM

Role: To provide an ongoing education of personal enrichment through the life of the parish and by the promotion of courses at the Institute for Mission.

Activities: Yearly Lenten programs, regular formation and reflection evenings for various ministry groups.

Who can join: Anyone who has a desire to serve and have the opportunity to be involved.

Contact: Parish Office: 9622 1125

GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE TEAM

Role: Maintain the grounds, & gardens, clean windows & doors of the church, clean courtyards and any special requests made by the Parish Priest.

Activities: Activities as above; first Saturday morning at the change of season, i.e. Summer, Autumn, Winter & Spring, usually from 8:00am to 11:00am

Who can join: Anyone and everyone.

Contact: Don McKechnie - 0409 813 643

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Role: The Social Committee provides opportunities for every member of St Patrick's Parish to meet and connect with fellow parishioners in a social environment.

Activities: The following activities occur weekly: Meet And Greet before every Mass (hand out Parish Bulletin and welcome parishioners)

Other activities to be advised e.g. special morning teas

Who can join: Anyone of any age is very welcome.

Contact: Sandra Baker: 96711263

LECTIO DIVINA

Role: Lectio Divina is the ancient tradition of prayerful meditation on the scripture.

Activities: Monday 7.30pm - 9pm in the Parish Dining Room

Who can join: Anyone wishing to pray with the Scriptures.

Contact: Charles Sant: 9920 5690 Email: csant01@yahoo.com.au

LEGION OF MARY

Role: The object of the Legion of Mary is the Glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active works.

Activities: Weekly meetings at 7pm every Wednesday for 1.5hrs in the parish dining room. 2 hours active work per week. Junior Legion of Mary meet on Saturdays.

Who can join: Open to all practicing Catholics. Seniors above 18 & Juniors below 18.

Contact: President - Anthony Lee: 0412 936 488

LITURGY TEAM

Role: To prepare the church for major liturgical celebrations.

Activities: Weekly upkeep of the devotional corridor, attendance of meetings for major feasts and celebrations, preparation of church with banners etc for liturgical seasons.

Who can join: Anyone who has a passion for liturgy.

Contact: Parish Office: 9622 1125

LOAVES AND FISHES

Role: A volunteer outreach service providing food packages to people in need in the Blacktown area.

Activities: Open 10am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday (except public holidays)

Who can join: Anyone who would like to volunteer a few hours a week to assist people in need.

Contact: Kathleen Willings: 9622 7535

MINISTERS OF THE WORD (Readers)

Role: To proclaim the Word of the Lord at Parish Liturgies.

Activities: You will join others on a roster for the Mass time you choose to proclaim the word.

Who can join: Anyone 14 years and over who feels confident and called to proclaim the word and received the appropriate formation.

Contact: Parish Office: 9622 1125

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

Role: An opportunity for those who have suffered the death of a loved one to be with others who have also experienced great loss. It is also a time to be sensitive listeners.

Activities: Gathering at 9.30am, 3rd Wednesday each month in parish hall.

Who can join: Anyone who is experiencing loss.

Contact: The Parish Office: 9622 1125

MORNING TEA TEAM

Role: To provide a relaxed venue for parishioners to catch up with fellow parishioners.

Activities: Morning Tea every Sunday after 10am Mass (It is hope that this can be extended to other times)

Who can join: Individual /pair/ or family / group who is/are willing to host morning tea after 10am Mass every Sunday. Commitment is to make themselves available to set up in the dining room & be ready to receive parishioners at the end of the 10 am Mass as well as tidy up the dining room after. Hosts also provide milk and biscuits to supplement muffins donated by Muffin Break.

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