



# St. Patrick's Parish Blacktown

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**18th July 2010**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year C**

### Parish Team

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Parish Priest  
**Fr Joseph Thomas**  
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### Co-ordinators

**Catechists:** Mrs Colleen McCunnie  
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**Sacramental Program:** Mrs Claudette Cheetham  
**Archives:** Mrs M. Geraghty  
**Choir Rehearsal:** 7.00 pm Thursday  
**Ground & Maintenance:** Don McKechnie

### Weekly Mass Times:

Mon - Sat 9.00am  
**First Friday Mass:**  
6.30am & 9.00am **St Pat's,**  
8am & 7.30pm **Mass St Michael's Sth Blacktown**  
**Blacktown Hospital Mass Times:**  
Thursday 10am, Friday 9.30am  
Saturday Vigil Mass 7pm  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Saturdays 9.30am - 10am

### Weekend Mass Times:

**Saturday:** Vigil 5.30pm  
**Sunday:** 7am, 8.30am, 10am,  
5.30pm (Youth Mass)  
**Mass for the Sick:** 9.00am  
2nd Saturday of the month

### Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals

by appointment.  
Please contact office for details

### Office Closure

Mon - Fri: 1- 2pm (**Lunch**)

### Contacts

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## LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD.....

I am told that several decades ago there was a young boy with the name Peter who lived in Blacktown. He was one of the McGraths. In time, he went off to join a religious order and was ordained a priest. In time, he became a man passionate about Christian community and eventually founded the **Passionist Family Groups**. The rest is history.

*This weekend we welcome Peter Kennedy who will be speaking with us on that movement.*

In the late nineteen sixties and early seventies, members of the Passionist community of St. Ives, NSW, Australia, developed a team ministry for youth formation and adult education. A group of lay people collaborated in this team Ministry. When the Passionists, in 1972, assumed pastoral care of the new tiny parish of St. Anthony in the Fields, Terrey Hills, Fr. Peter McGrath C.P. became its first Pastor and once again these lay people supported him.

Out of this nucleus, the little parish attracted an extraordinary number of people of all walks of life and spiritual needs. In 1973, Fr. Peter gathered small groups of families to support and love each other. This was also a response to preserve the community spirit. From the heart of St. Anthony in the Fields came the Passionist Family Group Movement.

From the very beginning, the lay people were the backbone of this Movement. In 1983, Fr. Peter and his lay team were asked to introduce the Family Groups into Castle Hill, a large parish in Sydney. In the years that have followed, the Movement has grown dramatically. Under the guidance of Fr. Peter, in collaboration with other Passionists and a growing lay leadership, the Movement was established in other parishes in Australia - first in Sydney, then in country New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and South Australia.

In 1988 history repeated itself. The Movement was invited into a little country parish of Paeroa in New Zealand. Once again, the Movement grew exponentially. With a dynamic combination of lay and Passionist workers, led by Fr. Brian Traynor C.P., the Passionist Family Groups became the largest Parish Movement throughout the country.

In the nineties, Passionist Family Groups reached the USA, significantly beginning in a maximum security prison at Dallas Pa. Family Groups followed within parishes in the States of Maine and Pennsylvania, as well as in the countries of England, Ireland and Scotland. As of September 2008, there are approximately 3,100 Passionist Family Groups in over 420 parishes, with a total membership in excess of 100,000 people.

*Father Peter McGrath cp (Founder) (accessed from [www.pfgm.org](http://www.pfgm.org))*

I suspect this young man Peter learned the value of community not just from the McGrath family but also from the great community of Blacktown. **The local boy made good is the story of a man who made good for others and the Church community.**

*Fr Peter*

## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God himself is my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will offer you a willing sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.

### FIRST READING: **Genesis 18:1-10**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Ps 14:2-5**

#### **R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue. R.

He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. R.

He who keeps his pledge come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. R.

### SECOND READING: **Colossians 1:24-28**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.  
**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: **Luke 10:38-42**

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord keeps in our minds the wonderful things he has done. He is compassion and love; he always provides for his faithful.

**Mass for the soul of the following:** Francesco Ray, Raoul Sto Domingo, Carmen Soriano, Anatolia Corpin, Uy Lin Suy, Enrique Platon, Willie Schlieper, Sasiano Corpin, Tess Burn, Apolonio & Sofia Doldol, Stanley Stokes, Joaquin Sumera, Carl Bartley, The Schembri family, P. Camilleri, Maggie Fernandes, Edgardo Clemente, Paulina Clemente, the abandoned souls and all souls in purgatory.

**Prayer for the sick:** Teresa McCann, Brian Lees, Terry Nolan, John Molloy, Robert Miles, Pauline Chappius, Tito Gutierrez, Joyce Vella, Richard Ormell, Kerry Bush, Peggy Giddey, Kim Baker, Naomi Petrie, Mary Toohey, Coral McLean, Santo Passarello, Frank Vella, Greg Hogan, Jose Joey Israel

**Recently Deceased:** Lucia Kintanar

#### **Daily Readings**

19th Jul: Mt 12:38-42; 20th Jul: Mt 12:46-50;  
21st Jul: Mt 13:1-9; 22nd Jul: John 20:1-2, 11-18;  
23rd Jul: Mt 13:18-23; 24th Jul: Mt 13:24-30

***Bishop Anthony's Visit* - last chance to have your say on the Bishop's questionnaire. Questions are available in the foyer or go to [www.stpatricksparish.org.au](http://www.stpatricksparish.org.au) to answer online.**



### *Sunday 8th August Family Mass*

Your family is invited to join your Parish family for this Mass which will have a special focus on families.

Also, children and their families who were part of the Sacramental Process in 2009 are especially invited to attend.

**ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO BRING A PLATE TO SHARE FOR MORNING TEA!**

### **BOB THE BUILDER IS MOVING IN AT ST PATS.**

On Monday builders will be working transporting part of the unused presbytery space into offices for the Emmaus Ministry. They will be working in the North/East corner of the property. It is estimated that the work will take some eight weeks.

*Fr Peter*

### **LITURGY ROSTER**

Attention Senior Ministers, Junior Servers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers - the new Liturgy roster is now available in the working sacristy. For those for whom we have an email address, the Liturgy Roster was sent to you on Friday 16 July. The roster will also be available on our website as from next weekend.

### **Kindergarten Enrolments 2011 - St Patrick's Parish Primary School**

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2011 are now being accepted for St Patrick's Primary School. Parents are reminded that they need to submit an enrolment form for siblings and new students. If you know anyone who has a child eligible to commence Kindergarten in 2011, please ask them to collect an enrolment form and submit it to the school office.

### Pious Goods Store

...is opened after every mass on the weekend. Lots of beautiful gifts & ideas for that special occasion. New Large family Bibles are now available. Also gifts for Holy Communion and Confirmation.

### SACRAMENTAL PROCESS ...

**Sunday 25th July:** Parents only session for children preparing to receive Communion

**Monday 26th July:** Parents only session for children preparing to receive Communion

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

**Housie ... Held every Saturday evening, in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.40pm. Come along and join in the fun!**

Visit [www.stpatricksparish.org.au](http://www.stpatricksparish.org.au) for information on happenings in our parish.  
Check out the website for the Parramatta Diocese at [www.parra.catholic.org.au](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au)

**The Legion of Mary ...** meets every Wednesday at 7.00pm in the **St Patrick's Dining Room**. Your support is welcome and all are invited. If people would like to have the statue of Our Lady in their homes please leave your name & contact details

### SANTA MARIJA FESTA

**At St. Patrick's Church Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2010**

Procession march at 4pm on the church grounds with Our Lady Queen of Peace band till 5.00pm. Mass: 5.30pm with J & C choir  
After mass with O.L.Q.P. NSW Maltese Band and the J & C choir will perform in the Parish Hall together with Vince Bezzina.  
Pastizzi sandwiches, steak sandwiches and drinks will be on sale. Afterwards light refreshments will be served for the choir and the band.



## BETTY AND JEAN'S BUS TRIP

**Tuesday August 10th  
A DOZEN ROSES**

pick up **EARLY START** at 8.30am at Church.

Includes morning tea, talk and tour,  
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*Price \$48 per person.*

For more information please ring Jean on 9920 3401  
or mobile 0425 251 754.

### LOST PROPERTY

A silver wedding ring, engraved 29.06.05 has been found near the choir area last weekend. Could you please contact the office during office hours on 9622 1125.

### Envelope 23 & 212

Could the person with envelope 23 please contact the office on 9622 1125 as soon as possible.

Thank you, your assistance is appreciated in this matter.

### Planned Giving Envelopes

The Planned Giving Envelopes are another way of helping the parish to budget and meet the cost of running the parish. There are still sets of envelopes to be collected.

It is costly to have these envelopes posted so as a way to help the parish, if you do live in the same street as those who haven't picked their envelopes would you be kind enough to put it in their letterbox. Or if you know of anyone who hasn't picked up their envelope could you let them know. Thank you for your help.

*The Parish Team*

### ST PATRICK'S FAMILY GROUPS

The motto for Family Groups is "*A FAMILY FOR ALL*" because anyone and everyone is welcome to belong: young or old, married, single, separated or divorced. Family Groups are like an extended family. A Family Group gets together once a month for a low cost social event so that people can get to know one another and gradually develop supportive relationships with each other. They help everyone live the basic Christian message that we love one another in the everyday circumstances of our lives. Family Groups can help to continue to build a strong caring parish community here at St Patrick's. This weekend Peter Kennedy from the Family Group Office will be speaking at mass to introduce Family Groups as an opportunity for our parish.

### Formation in Liturgical Ministry

Courses are being offered to those interested in becoming Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

**Introduction to Liturgical Ministry** 11 and 16 August  
(*must do this before other courses*)

**Ministry of the Word** 30 August and 6 September  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** 13 and 20 September

All courses are held at the Parramatta Institute for Mission  
1-5 Marion St Blacktown from 7.00pm-9.00pm  
Please call the Parish Office 9622 1125 if you would like to attend.

### NO PARKING PLEASE

Please remember that there are NO STOPPING signs on one side of the Bus bay in front of the Church (Allawah St). This means no one should park there at any time. Cars parked there are subject to parking fines, block other cars in and leave no room for emergency vehicles. It would also be appreciated if cars are not parked on the grass at the front of the Church. Thank you.

*Thank you ...*

Rhonda McKechnie would like to thank Fr Peter and the parishioners of St Patricks for their care and support on the recent death of her mother, Olga Faunt. Your prayers and friendship is very much appreciated.

### LOAVES AND FISHES NEEDS YOUR HELP...

This week we would appreciate your help in providing the following food items for people in need: Raw Sugar, Tinned Tomatoes, Long Life Milk and Tinned Mixed Vegetables.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### St Patrick's P&F Bargain Buyers Shopping Day 29<sup>th</sup> August 2010

Come along and enjoy a day of bargain shopping at factory outlets and warehouses. Bring along family, friends, neighbours and workmates.

### HUGE SAVINGS! FUN TO BE HAD BY ALL!

Bus will depart approx. 7.30am from school  
and return around 6.30pm

Cost \$48 includes: Sausage sizzle for morning tea  
and a buffet lunch

For more information contact Leigh Miller 0424 231 080.

### Mary MacKillop Place - Feast Day Celebrations Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2010

Pedestrian entry to Mary MacKillop Place on 8<sup>th</sup> August will be via  
80 William Street, North Sydney  
(Wheelchair access via Museum gates, 7 Mount Street)

**Masses will be celebrated outdoors on Glenroy Green:  
9 am, 11 am, 1 pm & 3 pm**

Chapel open for private prayer & visits to Mary MacKillop's Tomb:  
8.30am-5pm Museum open (*free admission*): 8.30 am – 5 pm  
Mary MacKillop memorabilia, Ethica Peruvian products & light refreshments will be on sale in the grounds of Mary MacKillop Place.

For accommodation: [www.marymackillopplace.org.au](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au) or  
[www.anderledylodge.org.au](http://www.anderledylodge.org.au)

## OUR WIDER COMMUNITY ...

### SINGING STREETS CHOIR WORKSHOP

If the streets of Blacktown could sing, what stories would they tell? If you chose songs that say something about your neighbourhood, what would they be?

A series of vocal workshops will be led by Linda Marr, acclaimed a cappella and world music artist. The workshops will establish community vocal ensembles. They will culminate in the Singing Streets performance in 2011, a series of street performances in each Blacktown ward, presenting songs of meaning to participants.

Dates: Monday evenings 2 August- 20 September,  
6:30pm- 8pm. Cost: \$10 per class or \$60 for the entire course

*Bookings are essential for all workshops, places are limited. For bookings, program information or to join the mailing list visit our website or call BAC on 9839 6558. Please note: Classes and workshops will not be offered if insufficient enrolments are received.*

### Mass for priests' 60<sup>th</sup> anniversaries

Bishop Manning will be the principal celebrant at a Mass for Fr Eric Burton, Fr Les Campion, Fr David Scott, Fr Stan Campbell and Fr John Walsh who are celebrating 60 years of priesthood. Saturday 24 July at 11am in Christ the King Church, 10 Statham Ave, North Rocks. A reception will follow. For catering, please let the parish know if you will be attending tel (02) 9871 8710, [ctk.nrocks@bigpond.com](mailto:ctk.nrocks@bigpond.com).

### Auditions for *MacKillop* the musical

A nationwide search is on for actors for this new Australian musical. In addition to the important role of Mary, the producer is looking for Mary's parents, brothers and sisters, as well as younger actors to the play children in the numerous schools she established. The cast list also requires three priests, two bishops and a pope, including someone to play Fr Tenison Woods. MACKILLOP will be staged in October 2010 in Sydney and Melbourne and will include a cast of 60-80 actors plus a live orchestra. Auditions are being held at the BXVI Young Adult Centre (235 Devonshire St, Surry Hills). More info at: [www.mackillop.info](http://www.mackillop.info)

### Theology on Tap: 19 July

Fr Stan Fortuna and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal from New York who were in Sydney for WYD08 are coming back and will be speaking and performing at TOT. Their mission is to serve the poor and evangelise through teaching & preaching the Gospel. Starts 6.30pm at PJ Gallagher's Irish Pub, 74 Church St, Parramatta. \$10 steaks before 7pm. TOT is for young adults 18-35. Details: [www.theologyontap.com.au](http://www.theologyontap.com.au)

### Parramatta Institute for Mission

#### Presents a day of training of Pastoral Care Volunteers

On Saturday 30 October 2010, 9am - 4.30pm

**Presenter: Dominic Arcamone**

*Manager of Mission & Pastoral Services, Catholic Health Australia*  
Course components include:

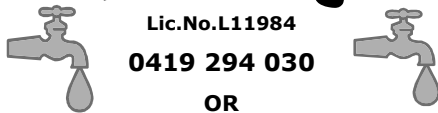
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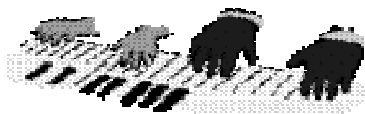
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