

# **Parish Finance Council Report** **for the 2021-2022 Financial Year**

**Presented by Michael Zerafa**  
Chairman - MQOF Finance Council

**Annual General Meeting (AGM)**  
Sunday, 25 September 2022

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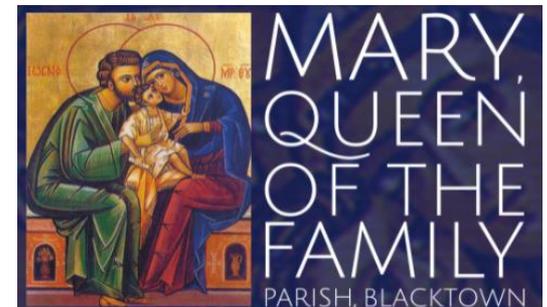
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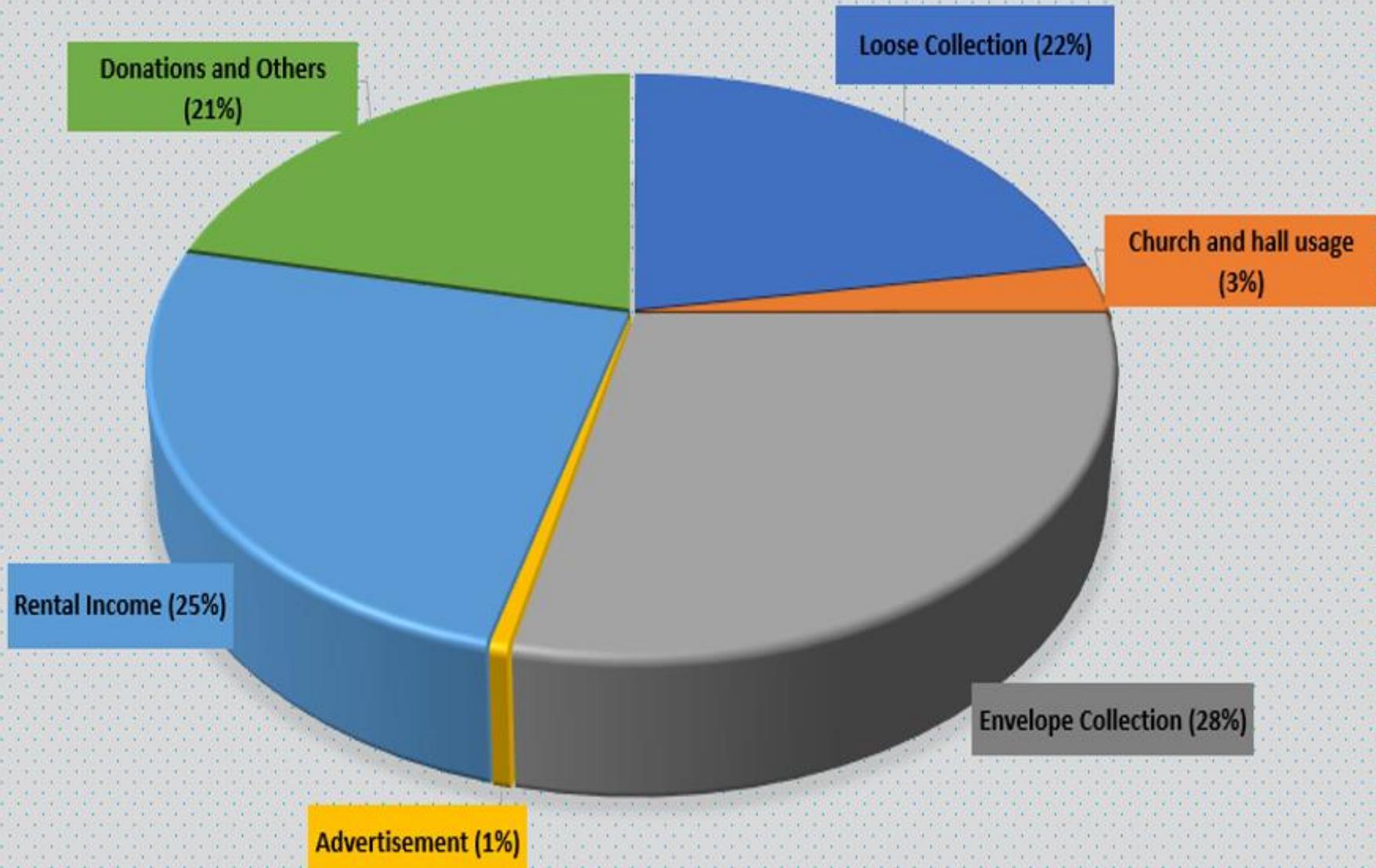
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## OPERATING INCOME FOR FY 2021 - 2022

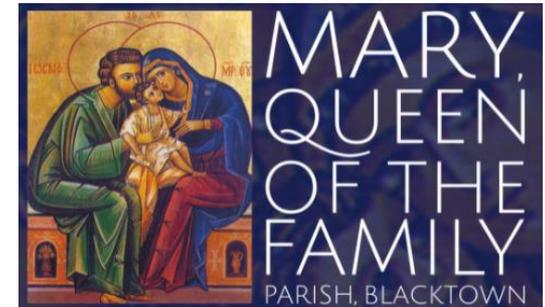


# OPERATING INCOME - Financial Year Comparison

Category	2021-2022	%	2020-2021	%
Loose Collection	\$ 123,210	22	\$ 151,760	25
Planned Giving / Envelope Collections	<u>\$ 156,948</u> \$ 280,158 Total	28	<u>\$ 153,472</u> \$ 305,232 Total	25
Rental Income	\$ 135,643	25	\$ 133,377	22
Government Grants, Donations & Others	\$ 118,041	21	\$ 157,455	26
Church and Hall usage	\$ 14,400	3	\$ 13,590	2
Advertisements	\$ 2,823	1	\$ 3,600	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 551,065</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$ 613,254</b>	<b>100</b>

# Income for the 2021-2022 Financial Year

Collection	2021-2022	2020-2021	Up / Down \$
First Collection	\$ 28,832	\$ 29,675	\$ 843 Down
Second Collection	\$ 280,158	\$ 305,232	\$ 25,074 Down
Average First Collection amount per week	\$ 554	\$ 571	\$ 17 Down
Average Second Collection amount per week	\$ 5,388	\$ 5,870	\$ 482 Down



# Special Collections

Let us care for those who have cared for us through their lifetime of service



CLERGY SUPPORT  
FOUNDATION

Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal supporting our retired and sick clergy

**DONATE NOW**

## BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

# Love your neighbours as God loves you

And support those who are isolated or have nowhere to turn



“Your compassionate gift will enable Catholic Care to provide welcoming places for everyone in our community to come for support, information, acceptance, or to connect with others and feel loved.”

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta



Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal  
[yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)



## CARITAS ~ PROJECT COMPASSION



Fourth Sunday of Lent  
26 & 27 March



**Rosalie 44**, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her reintegrate into society.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope *For All Future Generations*.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ~ WINTER APPEAL



This weekend our parish will be supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children. Your support this Winter will help provide emergency accommodation, financial support, as well as material assistance to help families like Leah and Charlotte start again. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. At all weekend Masses a third collection will be taken for this appeal. Thank you for your on going support and generosity.



# EMERGENCY Ukraine Appeal

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to people in Ukraine.

**DONATE TODAY**  
[www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine)  
1800 024 413 toll free



# Income for the Financial Year 2021-2022

## Special Collections

Special Collection	2021-2022	2020-2021
Catholic Mission	\$ 2,200	\$ 899
Bishop's Father's Day Appeal	\$ 4,300	\$ 1,355
Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,200
Bishop's Christmas Appeal	\$ 850	\$ 797
St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal	\$ 2,800	\$ 1,200

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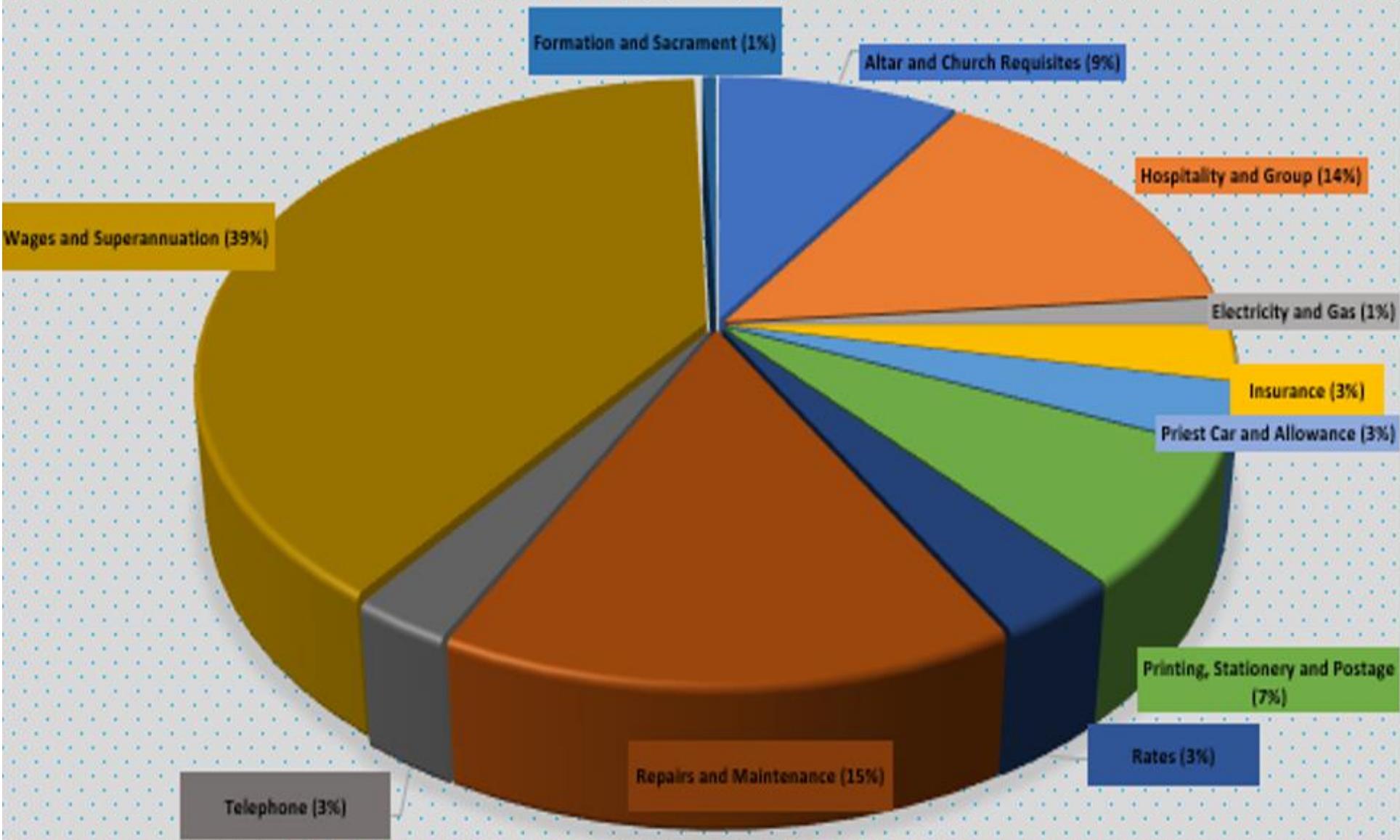


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# OPERATING EXPENSES FOR FY 2021 - 2022



# Operating Expenses - Financial Year Comparison

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Wages & Superannuation	\$ 191,254		39	\$ 171,202		33
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 74,622		15	\$ 134,300		25
Altar & Church Requisites	\$ 44,066		9	\$ 48,362		9
Hospitality, Security, Loan Interest & other Grouped Expenses	\$ 70,199		14	\$ 27,728 Incorrect		5
Insurance	\$ 14,645		3	\$ 41,888		7
Printing, Stationery & Postage	\$ 35,456		7	\$ 37,759		7
Priest Cars & Allowance	\$ 16,502		3	\$ 30,343		6
Rates	\$ 15,919		3	\$ 16,703		3
Electricity & Gas	\$ 7,024		1	\$ 10,788		2
Telephone	\$ 13,011		3	\$ 8,193		2
Formation & Sacrament	\$ 2,540		1	\$ 3,603		1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 485,238</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>\$ 530,869 Incorrect</b>		<b>100</b>

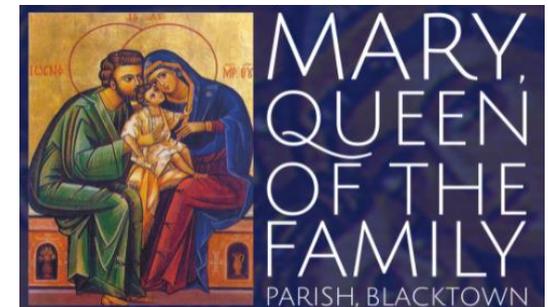
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# Expenses for the 2021-2022 Financial Year

Our top 5 expenses (excluding staff costs) were:

Expense	2021-2022	2020-2021
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# Some interesting parish statistics / financial facts

	2021-2022	2020-2021
Mass attendance numbers (per Mass)	400-500	300-400
Number of families in the parish	452	440
Number of parishioners/families who currently participate in Planned Giving (PG):		
- via Credit Card/Bank account deduction:	80	75
- via Envelopes	397 (registered) 240 (active givers)	387 (registered) 290 (active givers)
Average weekly amount given through Planned Giving	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,900
Average amount donated via our Tap and Go Terminals each week	\$ 500	\$ 300
Income generated through Piety Stores (to 30 June)	\$ 9,200	\$ 6,030
Income generated through votive candles (to 30 June)	\$ 6,500	\$ 4,200
Income required by the parish each month in order to meet our expenses/obligations	\$ 45,000	\$ 48,000

# MQOF INVESTMENT PROPERTIES



**157 Reservoir Road, South Blacktown**



**Orwell Street, South Blacktown**



**64 Orwell Street, South Blacktown**



**Orwell Street, South Blacktown**

# MQOF INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)



**26 Hereward Hwy, Blacktown**



**61 Allawah Street, Blacktown**



**151 Reservoir Rd, Blacktown**

# MQOF INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	2021-2022	2020-2021
Number of Investment Properties	9	9
Valued at	\$ 10.5m	\$ 7.9m
Number of properties currently leased	7 (64 Orwell St and 151 Reservoir Rd are both currently vacant – see below)	9
Rental income generated for the parish over the financial year (net of expenses)	\$ 135,643	\$ 132,000



## OFFICE SPACE / RETREAT VENUE FOR RENT

Our parish currently has a venue for rent that may be used for office space or a retreat venue for a small parish or religious group.

To inquire please contact Sarah or Ged at the Parish Office on (02) 9622 1125 or [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au).



# Update on MQOF Investment Properties

- The FC met with the Diocesan Property and Projects/Development Managers in February to discuss property related matters at length, after having proposed to **sell off 157 Reservoir Rd** and to **develop properties at both 62 & 64 Orwell St** in conjunction with a Property Developer - for capital and income generating purposes.
- We were advised that all 3 properties were part of the same lot (as for SMC and the schools) and were **zoned for worship and educational purposes only**.
- Attempts to re-zone, sub-divide and to sell these properties would be very complicated, timely, costly and unlikely to succeed.
- Our only option was to maintain these dwellings as rental properties, bearing in mind ongoing maintenance costs due to their condition.
- If these existing dwellings were to be knocked down it would be unlikely that we'd be able to rebuild or develop them as private rental properties (for income generating purposes) due to zoning.
- This proposal was deemed not feasible and was quashed by the FC.

## **Update on MQOF Investment Properties (Continued)**

- We moved to look at our **stand alone properties** with the aim to sell one and to use the proceeds to fix the rooves of both churches properly and to pay off our loan.
- Properties at **26 Hereward Hwy** and **61 Allawah St** were considered.
- The sale of **61 Allawah St** was ruled out due to its proximity to SPC and due to its existing use by the parish community.
- The sale of **26 Hereward Hwy** was proposed (despite its potential future value due to its proximity to the Blacktown medical precinct) and was put to the Diocese (Bishop Vincent).
- Major leakage/damage to the SPC roof in March 2022 exacerbated our need for funds, and so, the FC met with the Bishop and others from the Diocese, in early April.
- The proposal to sell this property was denied by the Diocese. Other ways to finance the roof repairs were suggested/discussed and are to be further investigated.

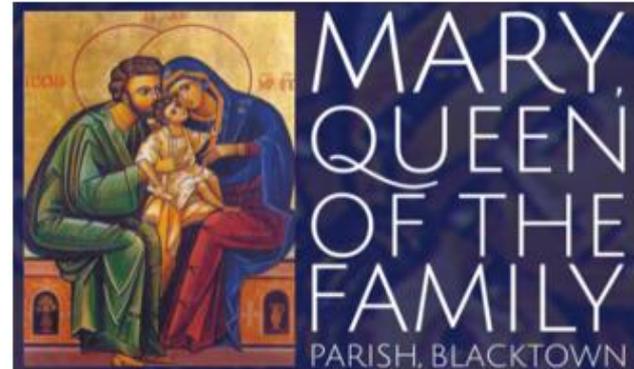
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- The **former SMC Presbytery** is being rented out to students and transients, generating \$1,200 per month of income. It will also be used to accommodate visiting priests due to a lack of space at the SPC Presbytery.
- It has been difficult to secure a tenant for **151 Reservoir Rd** which was previously leased by Marist, as it can only be used for education or worship purposes under zoning regulations. It would make a good 'Retreat' space. Its availability is being advertised within the Diocese and in our bulletin.
- It was deemed highly unlikely that **this property, or the property at 157 Reservoir Rd** (which both adjoin St Michael's School) would be purchased by the school for expansion purposes.
- In a late development, there are expressions of interest in the property at **157 Reservoir Rd** but, the details of this will not be disclosed at this point.

# As at 30 June (Year)

	2022	2021
Our bank account balance was	\$ 238,887 CR	\$ 202,088 CR
Our outstanding loan balance was	\$ 221,407 DR	\$ 261,283 DR
Our current monthly loan repayments are	\$ 3,323	\$ 3,323
Our remaining loan term is	5.5 years	7 years
Our debt to the Parramatta Catholic Foundation (PCF)* was	\$ 67,743	\$ 45,364

\* This liability may possibly be reduced by the Diocese.



# PLANNED GIVING (PG) CAMPAIGNS 2021-2022

## PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Setting up a one-time or recurring donation/Planned Giving is quick and easy. Just go to: [www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au/donations). You can also send your offerings/donations thru bank transfer:

### FIRST COLLECTION: For the Diocesan Clergy

Account Name: Diocesan Clergy  
Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 4265  
Reference: 6004 - Donor's Name

### SECOND COLLECTION: For the Parish

Account Name: Blacktown Catholic Church  
Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 0000 0677  
Reference: 6004 - Donor's name

If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Sarah at [accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:accounts@mqofblacktown.org.au). Thank you so much for your continued support of our parish. We are grateful!



## OTHER WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE ON LINE



You can also support the parish by using our **Tap & Go Machine**. The machine is set at \$10, to donate more than \$10 simply tap your credit card as many times as you like. It also accepts Apple Pay, Google Pay and Pay Wave.

All contributions go to the maintenance and development of the Parish as does the second collection at weekend Masses.

**Planned Giving (Direct Debit or Credit Card)** is also an option if you wish to do cashless donation to the parish, forms are available in the foyer and on our parish website or contact the parish office on 9622 1125.



## REGULAR PARISH PLANNED GIVING FORM

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Title \*

First Name \*  Last Name \*

Home Address \*

Address

Postcode

Phone no (incl area code) \*

Country Number \*

Mobile Number \*

Email Address \*

My Pledge (I understand that I may miss offering at anytime should I so desire)

**First Collection (Weekly)**

Please tick the amount you wish to:

\$100  \$150  \$200  \$250  \$300  Other

Please tick the frequency:

Week  Fortnight  Monthly  Halfly

**Second Collection (Period)**

Please tick the amount you wish to:

\$100  \$150  \$200  \$250  \$300  Other

Please tick the frequency:

Week  Fortnight  Monthly  Halfly

Please indicate which method you wish to use:

Please debit my credit card as per the 'MyPledge' (This is indicated on the form, card details below)

Please provide for planned giving envelope

**Credit Card Details**

Card Type:

VISA  MASTERCARD

Card Number

Expiry Date

Security Code

Name on Card \*

Your Signature \*

Date \*

I understand



Thank you to our generous prize donors.  
We really appreciate your support...



## **Planned Giving (PG) Campaigns over 2021-2022**

- A major Planned Giving (PG) Campaign organised for **June 2021** did not proceed as we went into lockdown that same launch weekend.
- Masses re-commenced in **Nov 2021**. On the weekend of **27-28 Nov** a video that was prepared by the FC was shown at all Masses, welcoming parishioners back to church, and encouraging them to take up, or to increase their PG, given that collections were down during lockdown.
- A PG Campaign planned for **March-April 2022** was postponed until after Easter. This campaign was to include the opportunity for parishioners to win up to 3 prizes (donated by Blacktown Workers, Club Blacktown and by two anonymous parishioners). Thank you!
- The PG Campaign that was to finally take place during **May 2022** was quashed and changed to the **'Raise the Roof' Appeal**.
- There were monthly draws for the 3 prizes over 3 consecutive months.
- Thank you to everyone who gave and 'Congratulations' to the winners!
- **Please consider joining up to PG if you don't already participate, and, please consider increasing your PG contributions modestly, if you do.**

# UPDATE ON THE SPC ROOF ISSUE



# UPDATE on the SPC roof issue

- We have had ongoing issues with the SPC roof for many years.
- Constant rain and storms saw major damage occur to the roof **in March 2022**, including to both the Sacristy and Presbytery.
- The damage was inspected, impacted areas were cordoned off and gyprock was removed from sections of the ceiling to make it safe.
- Thankfully, Holy Week Masses were able to proceed and other Masses have continued to this day, uninterrupted.
- The Diocese are aware of the roof situation and Fr Regie, Sarah and representatives from both the FC & PPC have met with Bishop Vincent and others from the Diocese, to discuss the issue.
- Ongoing monitoring, inspections and repairs to the roof have continued in the interim to keep things safe for all.
- Some engineers and architects (known to Sarah through St Clair parish) offered their services to us, to both inspect the roof and building, and to come up with a proposal as to how best to repair, or re-build the roof.
- MQOF parishioners, Ray Francica and Charbel Aboumelhem have also been providing their assistance and expertise.

## **UPDATE on the SPC roof issue (Continued)**

- These services are being provided to us pro-bono (free of charge) and, for this, we are extremely grateful.
- We have met as a sub-committee with the architect.
- There are basically three options for repairing the roof:
  - laying down a new membrane and improving the guttering and downpipes;
  - laying a new galvanised iron roof over parts of the existing roof after making some modifications to the existing sky lights, guttering and downpipes; or
  - building a completely new roof over the church.
- We have ruled out options 1 and 3 and are pursuing option 2.
- Once the plans/scope of work for option 2 are provided to us we will seek contractors to submit their quotations, as to the cost.
- Once this is known, the Clergy Team and FC will liaise with our parish community. It will also be discussed with the Diocese.
- The FC and Diocese have discussed a number of options as to how the cost of these repairs might possibly be funded (as it will be a very expensive exercise).
- One option is to increase our loan.
- There will be further discussions and consultation on this aspect.
- Over-arching all of this is that, plans to possibly build a new Cathedral in Blacktown, in the future, have not necessarily been ruled out by the Diocese.

# RAISE THE ROOF APPEAL

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## RAISE THE ROOF APPEAL - NEW ROOF FOR ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Store your riches in Heaven, help us RAISE THE ROOF of St Patrick's Church.

As of the 15th of September 2022, donations received is **\$50,234** We thank the parishioners who have shared their treasure to our Raise the Roof Appeal. We are praying that more will respond generously to our appeal because it's only through your continued support that we can make the roof of the House of our God rebuilt!

### HOW TO DONATE:

1. Scan the QR code to donate or logon to the following link <https://www.mqofblacktown.org/make-a-donation-or-payment/>  
Please type 'Raise the Roof' or just 'Roof' in the description field when making the donation.
2. Fill in the red 'Raise the Roof' donation form we have placed at the doors of each church authorising us to debit your  
Credit card or bank account and then, drop this into the collection bags or to the parish office; or
3. Simply place your cash donation in an envelope marked 'Raise the Roof' together with your name and contact details and drop this into collection bags or to the parish office.
4. Set up a new Planned Giving or increase your current one via Credit Card or Direct Debit from bank account (this form is available in the foyer)



If you have any questions or, if you can assist or support us in any way, due to your expertise or background, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 9622 1126.



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## RAISE THE ROOF

A Roof in God's House awaits you and these close to your heart...

As members of our faith family, you are invited to donate any amount to Mary Queen of the Family Parish to help "Raise The Roof" of St Patrick's Church Blacktown. Your gift will be a comforting and lasting legacy for generations of faithful to come, called to worship and give glory to God at Mary Queen of the Family Blacktown.

FOR CREDIT CARD AND DIRECT DEBIT GIVING ONLY

How would like to donate:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and return to Mary Queen of the Family Parish - 21-29 Atkinson Street Blacktown NSW 2148 or place in the collection boxes in the church.

I have made an online payment to Mary Queen of the Family Parish. (<https://www.mqofblacktown.org/make-donation-payment>)

Please arrange Direct Debit to my bank account. (They will be contacted by parish staff for account details.)

Please debit my Credit Card. (Please complete details below.)

CREDIT CARD DETAILS: AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

CARD TYPE:  Mastercard  Visa

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Expiry Date:   /

Name on Card:  Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

You God reward you for your generosity! Your donation will be acknowledged by placing your name on a plaque together with all other donors (unless advice otherwise) which will be displayed in the church. Please note your donation to this appeal is NOT tax deductible.

## THANK YOU

### Thank You from the MQOF Flower Ministry.

Through your generosity, we raised a total of \$780.00 from the Father's Day Bake Sale which will go towards the Raise the Roof Appeal.

Our thanks also to all who contributed baked goods and helped on the day.



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# UPDATE on the 'Raise the Roof' Appeal

- This appeal was kicked off in **May 2022** despite us not knowing how much it would ultimately cost to repair, or rebuild, the SPC roof.
- Parishioners have been able to contribute to this appeal using the dedicated (credit card or bank account) deduction form, using the giving envelopes, and now, via our new CBA Tap & Go devices.
- **As at 19/09/2022 we have raised a total of \$51,483.**
- Thank you to all parishioners who have donated to date.
- We will keep you informed of our progress.
- Funds raised at the Parish Fiesta on Sunday, 21 August were put towards this appeal.
- Funds raised through our Parish Golf Day, to be held on Friday, 14 October will also go towards this appeal.
- Thank you to other ministries who have helped fund raise for this cause through raffles & the Father's Day Cake Bake, for example.
- We will continue to run with this campaign and will look at other ways we can fundraise. Please let us know if you have any great ideas.

# RAISE THE ROOF APPEAL - PARISH GOLF DAY 2022

# GOLF DAY 2022



MARY,  
QUEEN  
OF THE  
FAMILY  
PARISH, BLACKTOWN

Presents

Raise the Roof!



Golf Day

## FUNDRAISER

to benefit

St. Patrick's Church ~ Raise the Roof Appeal.

Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club

86 Stonecutters Dr, Colebee NSW 2761

Friday 14th October 2022 At 7.00am

\$520.00  
4 Person Team or  
Single Entry \$130.00

18 Holes ~ Ambrose  
Team Event.  
Breakfast & Lunch  
Provided

Green Fees & Shared  
Cart Provided.  
VARIOUS PRIZES  
TO BE WON!

Hole Sponsors Needed!

\$650.00 with 4 players or \$200.00 with out players.

To Register call Parish Office or email

[admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)

**HURRY REGISTER NOW! ONLY 12 TEAM SPOTS REMAINING!**



We need items to use for raffles, lucky door prizes and for Silent Auctions on the day. Please donate any unused, unwanted items you may have around your home, over the coming weeks. Donated items can be left at the Parish Office or in the boxes provided at our church foyers.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support!

ALL DONATIONS MUST BE  
SUBMITTED BY  
30TH SEPTEMBER 2022.



# SOLAR PANELS – SMC & SPC



# Update on the installation of solar panels at both churches

- Last year AC was installed at SMC at a cost of **\$13,000**.
- To offset the AC running costs, **15 kw solar panels** were installed on the SMC roof in February at a cost of **\$8,600** (negotiated down from \$10k by Sarah). These have been paid for.
- The installation of the solar panels at SMC has had a **positive impact** on our power bills.
- Last year, a decision was made not to install new AC or to upgrade the existing split AC system at SPC.
- We were considering installing up to 25kw of solar panels on the SPC roof once the roofing issue was resolved but, the roofing experts we are dealing with have suggested against doing this.

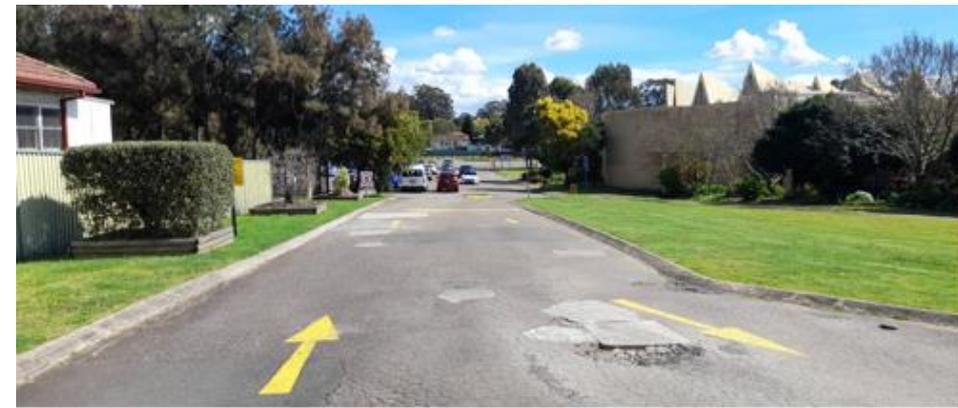


St. Michael's Church, South Blacktown



St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown

# THE SPC & SMC CAR PARKS



# Update on our church car parks

- We sought quotes on the cost of fully re-surfacing and re-line marking both car parks.
- The quote for restoring the SPC driveway and car park was \$160,446.
- The quote for restoring the SMC driveway and car park was \$68,902.
- **That's a total of almost \$230,000\* for both car parks.**
- We're awaiting the outcome of a Government Grant application we've submitted towards this work. The grant decision is due in December.
- If we're not successful or, if we don't get a substantial amount, we will seek a quote for just restoring the worst sections of both car parks.
- In the meantime we are working in conjunction with both schools (who are major users of both car parks) to repair pot holes, as soon as possible, after they surface.

\* Both quotes have now lapsed and are subject to increase.

## **Maintenance matters in the pipeline or proposed at SPC (excluding the roof issue)**

- The Sacristy is being relocated to near the Cardinal Clancy Room (due to water damage issues in the existing Sacristy). Most of this cost (painting/refurbishment) is being covered under our insurance claim.
- Planned changes/renovations to the altar space/sanctuary.
- Changes to the internal configuration of the Presbytery to make it comply with safe-guarding requirements.
- Refurbishment of the Cardinal Clancy Room to make it a formal training and meeting room, including the installation of a TV screen.
- The installation of CCTV in designated areas.
- Entrance doors may need replacing eventually (quote \$35,930).

**Note:** Most of these undertakings are currently on hold until such time as the roof issue is resolved.

# MAINTENANCE MATTERS IN THE PIPELINE AT SMC



# Maintenance matters in the pipeline or proposed at SMC

- All church entry doors are to be repaired and repainted.
- Some roof repairs (which were picked up by the engineers whilst installing the solar panels) will be carried out. **Note:** The solar panels are helping to provide protection in the interim.
- Guttering needs to be replaced and down-pipes enlarged, both around the church and in front of the Sid Mosely Centre. **Note:** The gutters have been cleaned in the interim.
- The 'Garden of Remembrance' fence will be replaced.
- Consideration is being given to expand the size of the SMC Piety Store or to move it into the Sid Mosely Centre.
- Improvements have been made to the nature strip and garden along Orwell Street.



# REPAIRS TO ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

## WE NEED HELP!

The church of St. Michaels is now approaching 42 years old and is desperately in need of some repairs such as:

1. Replacement of rusty roof gutters and installing leaf guards.
2. Modification to existing downpipes and installation of additional two.
3. Prepare and paint entrance doors.
4. Repair to rust parts of roof and associated work.
5. Replacement of the existing rusty fence including gates to the Memorial Garden.
6. Repair of St Michael's Carpark potholes.

If anyone can assist in obtaining materials and or provide labour it would be greatly appreciated.

Please call Sarah in the office on 9622 1125 if you can assist.

# GOVERNMENT GRANTS

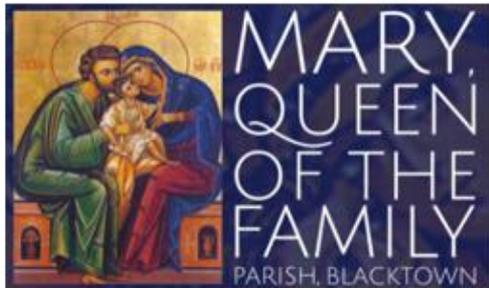


# Update on Government Grants

- During the second lockdown we again received **Job-Keeper payments** through to **December 2021**.
- A **Community Grant of \$5,000** was used to purchase **3 new laptops** for the Parish Office.
- We applied for a **Community Building Program (CBP22) Grant** (of \$5.5k to \$150k) in **June 22**. If granted, funds will be used for the restoration of both our car parks. A decision is due in December 2022.
- We'll be applying for a **NSW Government Community and Small Business Fund (CCTV Fund) Grant** which provides free CCTV packages of up to **\$5k**.
- The **Filipino Chaplaincy** received a Community Grant of **\$5k** this year.
- We are currently applying for a **Volunteer Grant** of between **\$1k to \$5k** through the office of Ed Husic, Federal Member for Chifley.
- We will continue to look out for potential grants we may qualify for.

**Note:** During lockdown, the parish received part reimbursement of **pastoral expenses** from the Diocese due to falls in collection revenue.

# Update on our Sister Parish - St Anthony de Padua Parish, Nissan Island, Bougainville, PNG



## **UPDATE on our Sister Parish**

- I'm pleased to advise that **we donated \$5,000 to our sister parish** earlier this year, of which \$3,000 came from the Christmas Gala held in December and the other \$2,000, from an anonymous parishioner.
- **Thank you to the Fundraising Committee** and all parishioners who were involved in organising and running last year's **Christmas Gala** event. Your efforts and hard work are very much appreciated.
- We plan to **dedicate a weekend (or two) per year to our Sister Parish** at which there will be an update on what's going on there and the status of repairs to their own church.
- The presentation will include photos or a video (if we're able to obtain one from them).
- **And, we'll have a bucket/door collection at the end of each Mass to raise further funds for them.**

**Our Parish Events** – Thank you to the many individuals who generously gave of their talents and time in organising and assisting with these events and to all who attended them, for their financial support.

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Thursday 19th August - 7:00pm  
Mary in the Scapular presented by: St. Andrew's Parish

Adoration of the Most Sacred Sacrament from 7:00-8:00pm St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown

Day One: Friday, 20th August - 7:00pm  
Adoration of the Most Sacred Sacrament at 6:00pm St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Blacktown  
Sponsoring Group: Parish Pastoral Council

Day Two: Saturday, 21st August - 5:00pm  
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Blacktown  
Sponsoring Group: Parish Pastoral Council

Day Three: Sunday, 22nd August - 5:00pm  
St. Michael's Catholic Church, Blacktown  
Sponsoring Group: MQOF Youth Ministry

Day Four: Monday, 23rd August - 5:00pm  
St. Michael's Catholic Church, Blacktown  
Sponsoring Group: Ladies of Mary, St. Michael's Church

Day Five: Tuesday, 24th August - 7:00pm  
St. Michael's Catholic Church, Blacktown  
Sponsoring Group: RMA Study Group

Day Six: Wednesday, 25th August - 7:00pm  
St. Michael's Catholic Church, Blacktown  
Sponsoring Group: Rosary Group

Day Seven: Thursday, 26th August - 7:00pm  
St. Michael's Catholic Church, Blacktown  
Sponsoring Group: St. Michael's Community

Day Eight: Friday, 27th August - 7:00pm  
Adoration of the Most Sacred Sacrament at 6:00pm St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Blacktown  
Sponsoring Group: Sacred Justice Group

Day Nine: Saturday, 28th August - 5:00pm  
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Blacktown  
Sponsoring Group: Filipino Chaplaincy

*Joint Day Programme*

Sunday, 21st August - 10:00am  
Solenne Mass celebrated by: Most Reverend Vincent Long Vice-Nepos of the Canon Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown

10:00am Egan, Leach & Fellowship St. Patrick's School Grounds

10:30am Welcoming & Carping of the Cate By Bishop Vincent & Fr. Roger

10:45am Presentation & Entertainment

11:00am Performance 1: Empower Youth Band

11:30am Suffer Down & Condemnation

11:45am Performance 2: St. Patrick's Primary School

12:00pm Performance 3: Sacred Community

12:45pm Performance 4: Transfiguration

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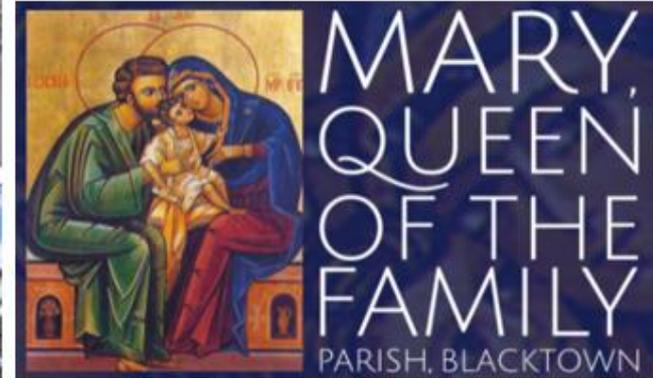


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- to Sarah, for your hard work, dedication and prudent management of the parish finances and expenses;**
- to Ged, Blake and our parish office administration staff, for your amazing efforts and hard work;**
- to all who assist and minister in the parish in any capacity and especially to our Collectors; and**
- last but not least, thank you, to all members of the FC for your ongoing support, advice and dedication.**



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