

"Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can." - Mary MacKillop

MASS TIMES		
	Mater Dei	St. Raphael
Saturday	6.15pm	5.00pm
Sunday	10.00am	8.30am
Tuesday	8.00am	-
Wednesday	8.00am	-
Thursday	-	9.15am
Friday	8.00am	9.00am
RECONCILIATION: (also by appointment)		
Saturday	-	4.30pm
EXPOSITION		
Friday	-	7:30 pm — 8:30 pm
Saturday	-	4pm — 4:45pm

Please Pray for:

Also pray for: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary: Giuseppi Maurici

Mass Offered: Elias Haddad, Jeffrey Bishop

Sick: Betty Awit, Stephen Martin, Gladys Michael Brian Wilkes, Jack Tuling, Saras Deena, Dr Mark Carlton, Diane Edwards, Linda Church, Alberto Viera, Kylie Lynch, Mick Vujosevu

Sunday Morning Games - 4th August
Play, socialise and have fun today from 10AM - 12PM at St Raphael's Church Hall. Gold Coin Donation. Coffee/tea/biscuits will be provided. All are welcome

RCIA On Wed 7th Aug, 2019 at 7:30PM
'Why become a Catholic'
Venue: St Raphael's Meeting Room.
All are welcome. For queries, please call Graeme Dorahy on 95466032.

There'll be morning tea this Sunday after the 8:30 AM Mass at St Raphael's Church Hall and the 10:00 AM Mass at Mater Dei Church Hall. All parishioners & visitors are welcome.



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Ministry 3rd & 4th Aug (1st Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Max, Michael B	Tony Oscuro	Paul Watson
EMHC	Susi Fabbro	Annie, Rosie		Marguerite Derrig
Readers	Lovat Family	Yenson Family	Volunteer Frances Oscuro	Gail, Angela, Luisa Galea
Children's Liturgy				Mary Clare
Music	Eddie & Cecilia	Norma	Kim	Normalita
Ministry 10th & 11th Aug (2nd Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Minh Nguyen	Volunteer	Graeme Dorahy
EMHC	Josie El Zoghbi	Sophia, Monica		Marguerite Derrig
Readers	Pavia Family	Volunteer Wendy Lau	Volunteers	Nina Milazzo Jean Dorahy
Children's Liturgy				Diana Baladi

Please arrange for a replacement if you are unable to serve - Michael Fernandes 0437 517 758

Position Vacant: Justice and Peace Office, Archdiocese of Sydney - Applications are invited for the full time role of Research & Project Officer, part of the Justice & Peace Office located at the Polding Centre, Sydney. For further information, the advertisement and position description for this role can be viewed at <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/sydney-nsw-full-time-research-and-project-officer-sydney/>

Mary MacKillop Parish Appeals brings life to "the poorest and most neglected parts of God's vineyard". The envelopes shall be placed on the pews next weekend. To make a donation use the envelope provided -no postage required-or you may call 02 8912 2777 or access website www.marymackilloptoday.org.au

Home Rosary St Raphael (7:30PM)

05-08-19	St George Deanery Prayer Group Ministry for the Sick St Bernadette Church, 10 Argyle St, CARLTON	
12-08-19	Richard & Alumita Mar 19 Rickard Rd, Sth Hurstville	
06-08-19	Nives Care 33 Church St, Blakehurst	8:00PM
13-08-19	Cheddar St, Nursing Home Cheddar St, Blakehurst	11:00AM

Roger, the local police/school liaison officer was near a Primary School on an official visit when Mary, age 6, approached him. 'Are you a policeman?' Mary asked. 'Yes,' answered Roger smiling. 'My mum said if I was ever in trouble then I ought to ask a policeman for help. Is that true?' 'Of course,' said Roger. 'Then will you please tie my shoelace?' said Mary.



Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your Parish. To become a regular contributor please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office or place it on the Collection Plate. You could also send us an email at admin@materdei-straphael.org.au

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Parishes of Mater Dei Blakehurst & St Raphael's South Hurstville

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time - Year C BULLETIN 4th Aug 2019

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 69:2,6
O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23
All things are vanity.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading: Col 3:1-5, 9-11
Set your heart on the greater things.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 5:3
Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel : Lk 12:13-21
Parable of the rich man with a good harvest.

Communion Antiphon : Wis 16:20
You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

REFLECTION

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!

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Have you thought? – Greed is good! In the 1987 movie, *Wall Street*, the corporate raider, Gordon Gekko, famously declares: 'Greed is good! Greed is right! Greed works! ... Greed – for life, for money, for love, knowledge – has marked the upward surge of mankind!' Whilst the depiction was intended to parody and critique corporate behaviour of the 1980s, in many ways it came to define it instead. In the intervening decades, little has changed. The pursuit of more and more wealth and the ludicrous sums paid to corporate CEOs are exactly the imagery Jesus would use today for his parable.

SAINT OF THE WEEK - St Mary MacKillop was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne, in 1842, the eldest child of Scottish immigrants. In 1861 she moved to the small town of Penola in South Australia, where she met Fr Julian Tenison Woods. Together they established Australia's first free Catholic school. In 1866 she co-founded Australia's first religious order, the Sisters of St Joseph, and took a vow of poverty. Soon there were 17 schools under her care, but Mary's refusal to abide by the rules of the Bishop in Adelaide led to her excommunication from the church. She was accepted back a year later and eventually shown respect by the Bishops for her work with the poor. Mary was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1995, as a result of a woman who was cured of leukaemia in 1961 after a group offered prayers to Sister Mary. She was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI on 17 October 2010 and is now known as St Mary of the Cross.

Charitable Works Fund - Parish Appeal - 3/4 August - Please support the Appeal this weekend. Your contributions will help many of the important works across the Archdiocese of Sydney, including providing family counselling, sharing the gospel to youth, forming our seminarians, outreach to aboriginal communities and support for our Catholic deaf community.

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