One bright little girl replied, "Because church?"

And why is it necessary to be quiet in Mass, children, as they were on the way to Australia be granted harmony, justice the love of Mary Help of Christians.

Under her protection may the Lord you place deep in our hearts wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.

Pray for us. Pray for us.

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RECONCILIATION: (also by appointment)
Saturday 4.30pm

EXPOSITION
Saturday from 4.00pm

Legions of Mary
MD - Meets 10am every Monday morning in the Piety Stall at Mater Dei.
St R’s Rosary and Meeting every Friday at 9:30 am downstairs in the Hall.
St Vincent de Paul Society
Meets second Tuesday of each month in the Kennedy Centre at Mater Dei at 7.30 pm.

HOME ROSARY
St Raphael’s Parish: Lent Break.
Resume after Easter - Mondays 7.30pm
Mater Dei Parish - Tuesdays 17th March - Nine Cane 33Church St., Blakehurst 8pm
24th March - Agnes Peluso 1/52 Connell Point ALL WELCOME

Catechism of the Catholic Church
Theology of the Family
The topic this week is “Importance of Prayer” 7.30pm at St Raphael’s on this Wednesday 11th. All welcome.

To our 9th RETREAT DAY
Please come along as the theme will be on ‘‘How to prepare well for Holy Week’’
Father Hugh Thomas C.Ss.R
Date: Saturday 28th March
Start: 8.45am Finish: 3pm
Location: St Raphael’s Parish Hall, 84 George Street Hurstville South.
Coffee, Tea & Soft Drinks will be supplied on the day.
Please bring along something to share for the greater glory of God. All the assistance will be provided by clergy, religious and Church employees.

 please pray for the work of this Council which has been set up as part of the Church’s response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Please pray especially, too, for the victims of child sexual abuse by degenerate religious and Church employees.

St Vincent de Paul Society:
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Both Churches have a hearing loop installed: switch your hearing aid to “T-call”.

FUNCTIONAL LENT

BAPTISM

We welcome Ezio Tomini & Isabel Elasi who will be Baptised this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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Lent Prepare Pray

Lent 2015 Digital Lent Calendar And App.
Let social media help your journey through Lent. The Xt3 digital Lent Calendar and App is now available with videos, reflections and podcasts. Visit www.xt3.com/lent or download the free App by searching for “xt3 Lent” in the Google Play or App store.

The Benedict XVI Retreat Centre now offers a series of fun, innovative facilitated activity programs to complement and enrich any group retreat. Whether you are looking for adventure, team building, opportunities for reflection or simply to have fun with your group, our specially trained facilitators can tailor a program to meet your needs and budget. Activities include flying fox, archery, bushwalking, leadership challenge, communications challenge, camp craft, environmental programs and more. Contact Danielle Puhlmann on (02) 4572 2899 / email danie lle.puhlmann@sydneycatholic.org to find out more or visit www.benedictxvictencentre.org.

24 Hours for the Lord, Fri 13th – Sat 14th March In response to Pope Francis’ Lenten call to participate in 24 hours of Adoration and Reconciliation on St Raphael’s Parish Hall from 8pm on Saturday 13th and Saturday 14th March, St Mary’s Cathedral will make the “Lady Chapel” available from midday on Friday 13th March until midday on Saturday 14th March. Continuous Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout this time except for Mass times (1:10pm & 5:30pm Friday, 9am Saturday). The 24 Hours will culminate with the regular Saturday midday Mass.

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We are very much in need of Catechist helpers to help and support Catechists in the State School classrooms.
No special knowledge, skills or experience is required. If you wish to be part of this fulfilling ministry please contact Cath Cullen on 9546-2487