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Pentecost Retreat Saturday 23rd May, 2015

Come and join us for a day retreat 9am to 5pm at 74 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery. There will be talks based on the Word of God, time for personal reflection and sharing. Please contact Verbum Dei Missionaries if you have any questions on 9313 7099 or email

verbumdeisydney@gmail.com

Retreat Day for Divorced Women

Women who have experienced the pain of divorce are warmly invited to a Day of Reflection and Prayer on Saturday, 2nd of May, at Marymount Mercy Centre, 36 David Rd, Castle Hill, from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. The day will be led by Bishop Terry Brady and Sr Lydia Allen RSM and will include talks, Mass, the sacrament of reconciliation, and time for fellowship and support. Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided. Cost: \$10. Please direct registrations and inquiries to Silvana at the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8403 or LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org.

Immaculate Heart of Mary



Lord you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians.

Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.

Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Mater Dei Blakehurst St Raphaels

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BULLETIN

26th April 2015

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia

First Reading:

Acts 4:8-12

Responsorial Psalm :

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner-stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. (R.)

will thank you for you have given
answer and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

I will thank you for you have given

Answer and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 10:11-18

Communion antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Reflection: By Fr Michael Tate

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheep-fold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to his voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

UNITED IN FAITH, GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT NOURISHED BY THE EUCHARIST, COMMITTED TO PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL. WE STRIVE TO LIVE AS GOD ASKS

"to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8)

MASS TIMES this week		
	Mater Dei	St.Raphael's
Saturday	6.15pm	5.00pm
Sunday	10.00am	8.30am
Tuesday	8.00am	
Wednesday	8.00am	
Thursday		9.15am
Friday	8am	9.00am
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 7.30pm
 27-04-2015 No Rosary
 04-05-2015 Tony & Maggie
 6 Scenic Cres, Connells Pt

Mater Dei Parish - Tuesdays
 28-4-15
 Joan and Jim Roach
 15 Heath Rd.
 Blakehurst. 8.00P.M

ALL WELCOME

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 dergy, religious and Church



Please Pray for

† **Deceased:** Rachele Calvitto, Baxter Derrig, Clarice Dorany, Domenico Cardillo, Betty Peipman, Fr Brendan Shiel, Baden Barter, Ron Masson, Souham Wehbe, Garry Stewart, Julia & Monica Mullens, Natale Pelle,

Sick: Brian Waterman Sr Vianney Hatton, Damien & Rosemary Caruana, Neuyen, T Houng, Maria Milic,

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	StR	MD
First	512	230
Second: loose	322	312
Envelopes	424	1326

Mater Dei Parish and St Raphael's Parish
 Invite you to their annual Parish Dinner

Christmas in July

Friday, 24th July 2015

7pm for 7:30pm start

Doltone House

223 Belgrave Esplanade, Sylvania Waters

Cost: \$75 per person

Includes 3 course meal,

beer wine and soft drinks, coffee/Tea

DJ Included

A MASS will be held to Celebrate

the

*Founder of the Society of
 Christian Doctrine*



**In the Chapel, 3 Bunyala St Carrs
 Park**

30th April at 7.30pm Rosary

Followed by Mass at 8.00pm

Fr Hugh

Please contact Br Joe for Details

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR
 VOCATIONS.**

Next Sunday, 26 April is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated this day as World Day of Prayer for Vocations also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. On this annual worldwide event, the Church invites you to ask for God's blessings that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocation and to pray especially for those God is calling to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

ANZAC Centenary Commemoration

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
 the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
 and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
 and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. *Revelation*
 7.16,17 NRSV

The landing of allied forces at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915 led to one of the bloodiest battles of the First World War. Australian and New Zealand forces joined together for the first time, and a new word entered the language: ANZAC. Remembering that so many died, we honour the bravery and determination of the men at Gallipoli.

The memory of what became known as The Great War is with us as a warning and an encouragement. We are warned that war involves suffering and death; we are encouraged by the spirit of national pride shown by the soldiers we remember this ANZAC Day.

As the flags of Australia and New Zealand have been presented with the flag of Turkey in a sign of the reconciliation of old enemies, let us renew our commitment to the causes of justice and peace throughout the world.

We keep silence as we come into the presence of God.

Silence

*Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne:
 loving-kindness and faithfulness attend your presence.*

Psalm 89.14

Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

God of love and liberty,

we bring our thanks today for the peace and security we enjoy.

We remember those, whom in time of war faithfully served their countries,

for their families, and for ourselves in this present time.

*Make us zealous for peace,
 and hasten the day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation*

neither learn war any more;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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