



IGNITE CONFERENCE
BRISBANE | 24-27 SEPTEMBER 2015

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Thank you for your support in promoting the Ignite Conference!

1.

Ignite Conference 2015: "One"

24-27 September 2015

Mueller Performing Arts Centre, Rothwell (Redcliffe, Brisbane)

The Ignite Conference is a national contemporary Catholic youth conference held annually in Brisbane for adults, high schoolers and children. The conference includes live bands and some of Australia's leading Catholic speakers with sessions on topics such as leadership, justice, creative arts, mission, culture and prayer.

Keynote speakers this year include Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Bishop Peter Comensoli, Steve Allgeyer & Stephen Lenahan (Life Teen, USA), Sr Anastasia Reeves OP, Fr Bony Abraham MGL, Patrick Keady, NET Ministries and more, plus music led by emmanuelworship.

Brochures available from (your contact / school office / back of church / etc), or contact the Ignite Youth office on 07 3217 5199, email info@igniteconference.com.au.

Full information, videos and registration online at www.igniteconference.com.au.

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Jude - Saint or Judas was one of the apostles of Christ. He was also known as Lebbaeus or Thaddaeus (Matt: 10:3 Mark 3:18). He was not the Judas who betrayed Christ. Only one glimpse of him appears in the Gospels, through a question addressed to Jesus. When Christ told the apostles that He would go unto His Father but that He would later manifest Himself to those who loved Him, Judas asked Jesus how He would manifest Himself (John 14:22), Jesus then answered that the Father would send the Comforter, or Holy Spirit in his name.

St. Jude is the Patron Saint of Hope and impossible causes. He preached the Gospel with great passion, often in the most difficult circumstances.

Through his intercession to Jesus on our behalf, St Jude takes us into his continuing care. He welcomes our prayers of gratitude to God, our petitions for strength and help, and offers hope for every intention.

St. Jude is traditionally depicted carrying the image of Jesus in his hand.

St. Jude died a martyr's death for his unwavering faith. His body was later brought to Rome and placed in a crypt under St. Peter's Basilica.

His feast day is generally celebrated as the feast of Saints Simon and Jude on October 28th.

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Parishes of

**Mater Dei Blakehurst &
St Raphaels**

The Ascension of the Lord Year B

BULLETIN

17th May, 2015

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm : Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R.

v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:

a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,

great king over all the earth. **(R.)**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**

God is king of all the earth.

Sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations;

God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 16:15-20

Communion antiphon:

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Reflection: By Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the whole of creation, not just us.

Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation. We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord's glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards 'the fullness of him who fills the whole creation'.

At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord's glorified body. The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest's role in Our Lord's creative real anticipation of the end of time.

We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord's absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos.

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)

**ROME PILGRIMAGE TOUR
- 3 JUNE 2015 DEPARTURE.**

There are some vacancies still available on the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney's Rome Pilgrimage Tour which departs on 03 June 2015. The 7-night tour package includes return economy airfares, accommodation at Domus Australia, all breakfasts and dinners, and all tours including admission. For full details go to www.romepilgrimages.com or phone 1800 819 156.

*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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MASS TIMES this week		
	Mater Dei	St. Raphaels
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
 18-05-2015 John & Mary
 24 William St, South Hurstville
25/5 Norman & Florence Yeson
Mater Dei Parish - Tuesdays
 19.5.15 Nives Care
 33 Church St, Blakehurst. 8.00 P.M
 26-5-15 Grace and Bill Baladi
 138 Kyle Pde, Kyle Bay. 11.00 A.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: Edward Zacaroploulos, Fr Adrian Horgan, Neil McGloin, Patrick Symon, Simon Mitchell, Daryl Hancock, Philomena Danaher, Martin Breeb, 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: Joanne McRea, Sue McDermott, Maria Lefroy, Andreas Grannakouras, Jack & Sylvia Wood, Brian Waterman Sr Vianney Hatton, Damien & Rosemary Caruana, Neuyen, T Houng, Maria Milic,

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

Dress: Christmas colours

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 Rosie Gould 0412 573 472
 Jackie El-Zoghbi 0425 281 417

RSVP: 3rd July 2015

Mater Dei Contact Numbers
 Marguerite Derrig 0420 523 592
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Sunday 10.00am @ Mater Dei

31/05/2015

Thanksgiving & Farwell Mass for

Br Joe Cassar



and for

the Society of Christian Doctrine.

For the years of service to our parish, our schools & our community.

Please join us for morning tea after 10.00am Mass

PS. If you would like to make a donation for a gift for our Br. Joe you are most welcome.

Contact parish the office or you can take an envelope and place it on the collection plate.

Parish Children wishing to receive the sacraments of reconciliation, First Holy communion and Confirmation should contact parish office:



RECONCILIATION

Enrollment:

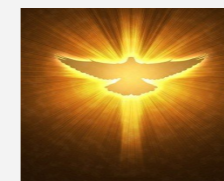
24th May 2015



First Communion

Enrollment:

22nd July 2015



Enrollment: 2015

Commenced

Downpour - Pentecost Youth Rally – Sat, 23 May 2015. Join with hundreds as we celebrate Pentecost 2015 and pray for Sydney! This awesome night will feature worship by Steve Angrisano (USA), Gary and Natasha Pinto (Melbourne) and Stephen Kirk (Canberra) with a dynamic preaching by Fr Chris Ryan MGL. A night not to be missed!! Tickets and information available online at downpoursydney.com.

Catholic Adult Education Centre New Courses for 2015 (Term Two April – June) – Courses include The Eucharist (New) & Moral Life in Christ from 20 April – 8 June, Monday evenings with Dr Peter John McGregor; Knowing and Living with Creation (New), one day intensive 18 May with Dr Peter John McGregor; and Maronite History (New) 20 April – 25 May, Monday evenings with Peter El Khouri. With the exception of Maronite History, all courses will be held at The Catholic Centre, Keating St, Lidcombe. Enquiries – (02) 9646 9010 or study@caec.com.au.

There will be a third collection this weekend for the people of Nepal hit by devastating earthquakes: Please donate generously for this noble cause.

Give online to Caritas at <http://www.caritas.org.au>

Telephone Caritas toll free on 1800 024 413 to record your donation

The resource materials named in the Sydney Morning Herald article, dated 6 May 2015, are not used in Catholic Special Education (SRE) classes in public schools.

The Catholic Church uses authorised SRE curricula with age appropriate and publicly available materials. Archdiocese of Sydney SRE teachers (catechists) use the Christ our Light and Life curriculum, which is the official text for catechetical instruction for children receiving Catholic Special Religious Education in public schools: see page 2 of any COLAL student activity book and Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur on the first page of the Teacher's Manuals.

Our volunteer SRE teachers are instructed to advise students to discuss complex issues with their families. Any "hot button" issues that are contentious in the public school environment are not part of the Catholic SRE curriculum material.

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Principal: Mrs Annette McKenzie

ADULT FAITH FORMATION 2015. St Teresa of Avila

2: Bishop David Walker DD, Emeritus Bishop of

the Diocese of Broken Bay, will deliver teachings

on St Teresa of Avila. St Teresa, a Doctor of the

Church, has come to be recognised as one of the

great teachers of how to journey to God. Come

and join us in exploring the richness of St Teresa's

wisdom. All are welcome! The venue for all

courses will be The Centre for Christian Spirituality,

14 Frances St, Randwick. St Teresa of Avila 2:

The Interior Castle. Dates: Wednesdays: 29

April, 6 & 13 May 2015, 7.00 – 8.30pm. Course

Cost: \$25. To register: <http://trybooking.com/>

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Both Churches have a hearing loop installed: switch your hearing aid to "T-coil".