

Our Church Collections

The First Collection at Sunday Masses is taken up soon after the homily. This directly supports the priests of the Archdiocese who serve us. Their work includes the normal liturgical and pastoral services at our church, but often extends further as they offer their services to other parishes and schools in their time of need. Your generous support of our priests through the First Collection is appreciated.

The Second Collection at Sunday Masses supports the Parish in its financial commitments. These include:

- Repayment of Loans.
- Payment of Staff Salaries
- Administrative costs of the Office
- Diocesan Subsidies
- Pastoral, Sacramental and Educational expenses, Annual Grants to Charities beyond us

Supplementary Collections are taken up from time to time. These are taken up after communion and directed in full to the announced cause. These include:

- Diocesan Charitable Works Fund
- Disaster Relief
- Retired Priests Fund

Thanksgiving or Planned Giving are terms used across Australia. Begun in the 1950's, it is our way of being able to budget to pay our expenses in relationship to the promised level of giving from parishioners. Through their Annual Commitment, parishioners are invited where possible to contribute an amount equivalent to their first hour of work for the week. This contribution is made by either Debit Card or a weekly/monthly envelope contribution. The Debit Card option is becoming more popular and is more secure.



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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.

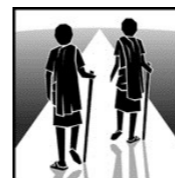
Under her protection may
Australia be granted harmony, justice
and peace. We ask this through Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Fulfilling International Mission for Skilled Volun- teers:

Communities in **East Timor, PNG, Kenya, Kiribati, Samoa and elsewhere** are asking for volunteers to **assist mentor local workers and so assist poverty reduction.**

They believe **this approach promotes self-reliant, sustainable development** and have asked Palms Australia to recruit, prepare and support those who volunteer.

More Information: Please contact christine@palms.org.au or call 02 95189551.



Fifteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time— Year B

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

BULLETIN

12th July 2015

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;

I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading: Am 7:12-15

Responsorial Psalm :

Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading: Eph 1:3-14

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 6: 7-13

Communion antiphon:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate:

As St Paul would have put it in terms of modern science, before the cosmos was big-banged into existence, before human creatures evolved over the aeons, before you were loved into existence through your parents, God conceived of you, 'God chose you in Christ'.

The universe was erupted into existence by Divine Ecstasy so that creatures might be drawn to evolve into human beings so that you, personally, might enjoy a wonderful destiny.

That destiny is to be an ensouled body totally transfigured by Divine Light, made radiant by Divine Energy, living through love in God's presence.

That is the Big Picture, the 'Very Big Picture'. Grasp that, or rather be grasped by that, and it will enable you to do things you would otherwise not risk doing. One way could be that portrayed in today's Gospel. Jesus could say to his missionary followers: "take no purse, no haversack" because they had an interior freedom from anxiety about the future, a freedom generated from knowing that they had been divinely loved even before time began.

You might take a moment to pray for the courage to make a generous response to the truth spoken directly to you by St Paul. 'Before the world was made, He chose you, chose you in Christ.'

*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		
	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	8.00am	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.

Please Remember to collect your planned giving envelopes

Home Rosary:
Mater Dei: Tuesdays 8.00pm
 14/07/2015 : Caterina & Greg Colubriale.
 68 Hatfield Street Blakehurst.
St Raphael's: Mondays 7.30pm
 13/07/2015 : Mick & Cathy Obrovac
 28 Whitfield Pde Hurstville Grove

Please Pray for:
 **Recently Deceased:** Nguyen Manh Wong Joseph, John Murphy, Robert Holt, JinDugganNeville Rumble, Sister Helen Leary, , Domenico Cardillo, Edward Zacaroploulos, Amerigo Di Cicco, Catherine Lin Siew Ngiik.
Sick: Mary Mullens, Joanne McRea, Sue McDermott, Maria Lefroy, Andreas Grannakouras, Jack & Sylvia Wood, Brian Waterman Sr Vianney Hatton, Neuyen, T Houng.

ARE YOU COMING TO THE COMBINED Parish DINNER DANCE: Please confirm your tables and pay at the parish office.

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

RSVP: 3rd July 2015

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RETREAT DAY ALL WELCOME

Father Hugh Thomas C.Ss.R will be giving a one day retreat on the following theme :-

God's gift of creation

Date: Saturday 15th August
Start : 8.45am **Finish :** 3pm
Location: Saint 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 morning tea and a sandwich for lunch.

Sunday 26 July:
 Next week is Vocations Week, dedicated to explore our role in society as Catholics, living out the words of Pope Francis: "This is the Church we all love, this is the Church I love: a mother who has the good of her children at heart and who is able to give her life for them. We must not forget, however, that the Church is not only the priests, or we bishops, no, she is all of us! The Church is all of us!"

Seminary Open Day: Sunday 9th August
 Men seeking an insight into seminary life and the vocation to the priesthood are invited to this event at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd. The program includes Sunday Mass, brunch, a talk and a guided tour as well as time to chat with seminarians.
Details: 9:00 am - 2:30 pm, Seminary of the Good Shepherd: 50-58 Abbotsford Rd Homebush NSW,
 Cost: Free, but registration essential. Enquiries/registration: vocations@sydneycatholic.org or 9307-8424.

Celebrating
 One Year to WYD with GRACEFEST! A night of Praise and Worship.
 This Year we are extremely excited to have our very own Archbishop Anthony give the catechesis on the WYD Theme "Mercy". Once again we will Adore our God and be led in worship by Stephen Kirk and the Graceband. Reconciliation will be available throughout the night provided by the priests that will accompany us on our WYD journey and NET will inspire us with testimonies and dramas.
 If you are thinking about/are excited/haven't even heard about WYD, then Gracefest is for you! Meet fellow pilgrims and begin the journey NOW! 31 July 2015, 7pm at St Joachim's Parish – 7 Mary Street, Lidcombe

CATHOLIC ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE, LIDCOMBE - COURSES ON THE BIBLE. "Join Kylie Cullen from the Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity as she helps us to Discover the Prophets and Open the New Testament." Tuesday, 14 July to 01 September 2014. Discovering the Prophets (6.30-8.00pm) and Opening the New Testament (8.15-9.45pm). \$110 for one course or \$200 for both courses. 3 Keating St Lidcombe. Enquiries – (02) 9646 9010, study@caec.com.au , www.caec.com.au .

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SCHOOLS:
Mater Dei Primary 9546-7298
 Principal: Mr Peter Cranney
St Raphael's Primary 9546-4898
 Principal: Mrs Annette McKenzie

Weekend retreat: Prayer and Memory
 Presenters: Fr Greg Homeming OCD and Mr Geoffrey Stumbles
 Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566
 When: July 31 – August 2
 Cost: \$220 (concessions apply)
 Phone: 02 8795 3400
 Email: retreats@carmelite.com
 www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Thankyou for your generous contribution to the Vinnes Winter appeal.

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

 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 clergy, religious and Church employees.

Friday Night Holy Hour Saint Raphael's




All welcome
 To come and spend a quiet hour before the Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament
 Friday night from 8pm to 9pm


Bible reading - Men's group. Thursday's 8pm to 9pm at St Raphael's School Hall.

All (men) Invited.

Contact: Carl Pavia 0418 672 394



NOAH's Ark



Q. Why did Noah have to punish and discipline the chickens on the Ark?
A. Because they were using "fowl" language.