

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

'How to live the Year of Mercy'

Date: Saturday 13th February

Start: 8.45am, **Mass:** 9am, **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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAYS 2016 at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. Tel: 9653 1159. Sundays: 21 February, 15 May, 21 August and 20 November. Arrival: 10am for 10:30am. Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. Conclusion: around 3pm. Books and CDs are available for sale, BYO picnic lunch, tea and coffee provided. Self-catering overnight accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry on 0438 282 318. Enquires: Ann Bergman: anniebergman@hotmail.com or 9498 2625

The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration." (Pope Saint John Paul II, Dominicae Cenae) **Our Lady of Fatima Caringbah** will be holding **Eucharistic Adoration** as part of the First Saturday Devotions from 6am Saturday morning 6th February to 6pm Sunday Night 7th February. Please consider coming and spending an hour to pray for the World, your family and your Parish in the lead up to Lent.

QUICK DETAILS: 6am Feb 6 – 6pm Feb 7. Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church: 389 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah, 2229

A Big Welcome

To all our children at the schools of Mater Dei and St Raphael's for 2016. We pray and hope that you enjoy your year here with your teachers and friends. Education is a big canvas which you can paint with your knowledge, talent and hard work. We wish you the very best!

On one of his Apostolic Journey to a school Pope Francis told the children to have dreams, and "not lose the hope of a better world with greater possibilities." "Wherever there are dreams," he said, "there is joy and Jesus is always present."

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land.



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Immaculate Heart
of Mary Pray for us.



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.

Catholics Included in Australia Day Honours

An inspirational group of Catholic religious and clergy, teachers, academics and volunteers have been recognised in this year's Australia Day Honours for their contribution and service to fellow Australians at home and abroad.



The 8th of December 2015 marked the beginning of the Holy Year of Mercy, an Extraordinary Jubilee Year called for by Pope Francis, which will conclude on 20 November 2016, the

Solemnity of Christ the King. The Catholic tradition of practicing a Holy Year began with Pope Boniface VIII in 1300, and since 1475 an Ordinary Jubilee has been celebrated every 25 years in order to allow each generation to experience at least one during their lifetime.



Parishes of Mater Dei Blakehurst &

St Raphael's South Hurstville

Fourth Sunday in

Ordinary Time—Year C

BULLETIN

31st January 2016

Entrance Antiphon : Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading: Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

Jeremiah is given his mission and promised protection.

Responsorial Psalm : Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. (R.)
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. (R.)
4. My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

Second Reading : 1 Cor 12:31–13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13 Love is patient....

Gospel Acclamation : Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

Gospel : Lk 4:21-30

No prophet gains acceptance in his own land.

Communion antiphon: Cf. Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Reflection

Nazara was a village of 300-400 people and it had a small town mentality. The inhabitants were enraged when Jesus found good precedent for extending his saving mission to foreigners outside the community of the Chosen People. Jesus embodied the boundary-breaking nature of God's grace.

Many Christians recite the old formula: 'No salvation outside the Church.' But we Catholics believe that, by responding to God's (often anonymous) grace, a person can lead a good life which prepares them for heavenly glory.

This means that the billions around the world who will never hear the Gospel, or who hear it distorted through the megaphone of an alien culture, can be saved. There is no limit/boundary to the Merciful God's finding a way into the hearts of all human beings.

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for our graced privilege of being members of the Church, nourished within it by the Sacraments and the Gospel, but whose boundaries can never circumscribe the mercy of God.

- Fr Michael Tate

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation true faith may ever increase. Through Christ our Lord.



Next Sunday's Readings

Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year C

Is 6:1-8

Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

1 Cor 15:1-11

Lk 5:1-11

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
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
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EXPOSITION (St. Raphael Church)

Friday	-	8pm- 9pm
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Saturday	From	4pm
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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.

Bible Reading—Men's Group
 Thursdays 8PM- 9PM @St Raphael's School Hall
 All are invited. **Contact:** Carl Pavia 0418 672 394

Home Rosary
2-2-16 Josie and Denis Kocina 8-00 P M
 45 Townson Street Blakehurst.
9-2-16 Cheddar Street Nursing Home 11- 00 A.M
 Cheddar Street Blakehurst
16-2-16 Marquerite & Denis Derrig 8-00 P M
 32 Waratah St, Kyle Bay.
23-2-16 Nives Care 8-00 PM
 33 Church Street , Blakehurst.
St Raphael's:
 Hosts are required for family rosary

Please Pray for: 
Recently Deceased: Anne O'Brien, Ivan Tata-rovic, Barney Pereghy, Richard Adamiak, June Scutts, Charles Harold Morgan, Jeff Bishop, Les Altham, Ellen Green, Tan Cheng Hoon, Matthew Lo, Margaret Mary Maude, Michael William O'Sullivan, Joaquim Maria Jose

Also pray for: Kathleen Barter, Henry Yenson, Joseph McGloin, Helen Weaver & Ron, Antoine Selvaraj, Iris Rose Kirkwood, Melita Formosa, Eddy Stapleton, Ron Brooks, Francine Kidd, Biaggio Signorelli, Sandra Cesarano, Vincenzo Di Marco, Tina & Giuseppe Capobianco, Pasquale Briglia, Jose Oliveira


Sick: Zora Jurcevic, Kate Paulis, Billy Mascarenhas, Mario Borean, Michael Higgins, Sam Crawford, George & Therese Mir, Sidney Yenson, Joanne McRea, Sue McDermott, Maria Lefroy, Andreas Grannakouras, Residents of Cheddar Street Nursing Home

New Parishioners, visitors:
 Come along and make yourself known to Fr Isidore, our parish priest. He will be delighted to meet you.
Sick List: If you know any sick people you would like parishioners to pray for, contact the parish office.
Mater Dei Piety Stall: Located at the back of the church. Between the Garage and the Kennedy Centre.

Baptisms and Weddings
 You are very welcome to talk to the Parish Priest, but by appointment only. Please do not set firm dates until you have spoken to the priest. Preparation is essential, for both.
Visitation of the sick and infirm
 If you know of someone who is sick and would like a priest to visit them, and receive the sacraments of the Blessings of the sick, or the anointing of the sick, please let the Parish Office know, with name, address and phone number, if possible. Also if they would like to receive the Eucharist regularly in the home.



THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY
 PULPIT POINTS SUNDAY 31st JANUARY 2016

- Parish gives Fr Briffa a big 'thank you'
- Jubilation as Dominicans mark 800 years
- Almighty stoush exposes divisions in Alberta
- Taiwan elects first Catholic vice president
- Archbishop Fisher moves into rehab
- Ethicist, CWL leader among Catholics in Australia Day honours
- It's official: women are in the rite

 This weekend we welcome **Sophia McDonnell** and **Claudia McDonnell** into the family of the Catholic Church at Mater Dei. Congratulations to their parents Rory & Yvette.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	386.25	239.30
Second: loose	260.80	390.70
Envelopes	335.00	517.00

Mater Dei Parish needs a Youth Ministry Coordinator. This will give the candidate an opportunity to visit Poland for the WYD 2016. For more details contact the Parish Ministry Coordinator Michael Fernandes 0437 517 758

 **Late for a seminar and unable to find parking, I pulled into a spot behind a church. It was only after I'd gotten out of the car that I spotted this sign : "No parking. Forgiveness is our business, but don't make it harder than it already is."**


LENTEN NOTICES

- Lent starts on February 10.** We hope some of you would be interested in joining a Lenten Group. There is a possibility of a group on Wednesday or Thursday evening from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. If you are interested in joining or leading this or another group, or offering your home as a venue, please record details on the sheet at the side entrance of the church or email admin@materdei-straphael.org.au; please include a phone number and/or email address.
- We'll provide final details on February 6/7 so that you can make a commitment to join if you wish to do so. Lenten program books and DVDs will be provided to the host.
- Father plans on saying mass at people's homes during the Lenten season. Those of you who are interested please contact the parish office. This mass is for family and friends in their neighbourhood. Evening around 7:30pm. Wednesdays or Thursdays to fit into fathers calendar.
- If you could please bring last year's Palm Sunday palms so that we can burn and use the ash for Ash Wednesday Service. Please place them in the basket near the side entrance of the Church.
- Stations of the Cross on Fridays - Mater Dei - 7pm St. Raphael - 7:30pm followed by adoration**



Ministry 30th & 31st Jan (5th Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
		5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V
Acolytes / SS	Greg	Bro. Ben	Gary Cartmer	Graeme Dorahy
EMHC	Shirley / Ellen	Kathy / Henrietta / Sophia		Marguerite
Readers	Lovat Family	Crosby Family	Anne-Marie / Fiona D	Debra Amerio / Trish Alonso
Ministry 6th & 7th Feb (1st Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
		5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V
Acolytes / SS	Greg	Max	Acolyte reqd	Paul Watson
EMHC	Moya / Ellen	Annie / Rosie		Marguerite
Readers	McCluskey / McKenzie	Yenson family	Sonia M / Trevor H	Gail A/Angela H/ Luisa G
Altar Servers	Altar	Servers required	Tiana / Bianca	
Music		Julia	Kim	Marion
Children's Liturgy Leader	Mary Pereira/ Anna Cindric/Kelly & Delaney Efrimidis			Angelo D 31/1 Joumana 7/2
Power Point Operators	Volunteers	Chris Wong	Adam / Tiana / Bro. Michael/Ray	Michael Eather / Trevor

Remember to arrange for a replacement if you are unable to serve in your ministry. Please contact Michael Fernandes 0437 517 758 if there is an error in this table.

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St. Raphael Primary School: (02) 95464898
 Principal: Mrs. Annette McKenzie

Mater Dei Pastoral Council requires new members. Registration forms will be handed out at the Mass. A member of the Pastoral Council will be speaking at Mass. Next meeting is on **18/02/2016** at **7:00PM**

Mater Dei and St Raphael's Parishes Calendar 2016		
10/02/16	Ash Wednesday	-
18/02/16	MD Pastoral Council Meeting	MD Parish
25/02/16	SR Pastoral Council Meeting	SR Parish
20/03/16	Palm Sunday	-
24/03/16	Maundy Thursday	-
25/03/16	Good Friday	-
26/03/16	Easter Vigil	-
27/03/16	Easter Sunday	-

 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.