 "Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy."  
-Pope Francis

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
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b> (also by appointment)		
Saturday	-	4.30pm
<b>EXPOSITION</b>		
Friday	-	7:30 pm — 8:30 pm
Saturday	-	4pm — 4:45pm

Ministry 10th & 11th Mar 2018	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
<b>Acolytes / SS</b>	Greg Driver	Minh, Luke	Gary Cartmer	Graeme Dorahy
<b>EMHC</b>	Volunteers	Sophia, Monica		Marguerite Derrig
<b>Readers</b>	Saab Family	Lappen Family Wendy Lou	Ronnie, Louise	Joan, Jean
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Mary & Rachel			Angeline Selvaraj
<b>Music</b>	Michele	Norma	Kim	Kim
Ministry 17th & 18th Mar 2018 (3rd Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
<b>Acolytes / SS</b>	Greg Driver	Earl, Michael B	Tony Oscuro	Michael E. Norman
<b>EMHC</b>	Rosie Gould	Henrietta, Gail		Marguerite Derrig
<b>Readers</b>	Fernandes Family	Minh, Anne Lo	Br Michael, Cettina	<b>Family Mass</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Kelly & Delaney			

Please arrange for a replacement if you are unable to serve in your ministry - Michael Fernandes 0437517758

**In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop - 2018 National Pilgrimage**  
The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. **Commence in Melbourne 23 October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3 November 2018. COST EX SYDNEY:** \$3,230.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** \$700.00 For further info, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au).

**CHOCOLATE PASCHAL LAMBS** - Its that time of the year again! Chocolate Paschal Lambs are now available for purchase from the Parish Office. They are priced at \$8 each. White chocolate lambs are also available. To place your order please contact the Parish Office on 9546 2605 or email at [admin@materdei-straphael.org.au](mailto:admin@materdei-straphael.org.au).

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	423.20	218.50
Second: loose	252.95	298.40
Envelopes	340.00	785.00

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Principal: Mrs. Annette McKenzie

**Confirmation 2018**  
**Mater Dei - Wed 16.May @ 6PM**  
**St Raphael's - Thurs 14.Jun @ 7PM**  
Information Night at Mater Dei - 21. Mar @ 6PM

**Home Rosary St Raphael Monday 7:30PM**  
LENTEN BREAK  
**Home Rosary Mater Dei**  
13-3-2018 Cheddar St Nursing Home  
Cheddar St, Blakehurst 11:00AM  
20-3-2018 Caterina and Greg Colubriale  
68 Hatfield St, Blakehurst 8:00 PM





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MD and SR Parishes Calendar 2018		
21-03-18	Info Night for Confirmation @ 6PM	MD Hall
22-03-18	SR Pastoral Council Meeting @ 7PM	SR Church

**RCIA Wed 14th MAR'18 at 7:30PM "Sacrament of Reconciliation"** at St Raphael's Meeting Hall. Please contact **Graeme Dorahy** on 95466032

Hyacinth had been teaching her three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after Hyacinth, the lines from the prayer. Finally, Caitlin decided to go solo. Her parents listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail. Amen."


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

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B **BULLETIN** 11th Mar 2018

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cf. Is 66:10-11 Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**First Reading:** 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23 After seventy years, the Israelites are released to rebuild the temple.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 136. R. v.6 **Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!**

- By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. (R.)
- For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)
- O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! (R.)
- O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R.)


**Second Reading:** Eph 2:4-10 Salvation is not earned but a gift from God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Jn 3:16 Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!


**Gospel:** Jn 3:14-21 Jesus converses with Nicodemus.

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf. Jn 9: 11,38 The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw & I believed in God.

Catholic Church at Mater Dei, Blakehurst warmly welcomes **Ashton Marley Andrade** (son of Jerry & Alexis Rene) into it's family & community **Congratulations !!**



**The Stations of the Cross**  
Every Friday  
7pm Mater Dei Church  
7pm St. Raphael's Church followed by the Holy Hour from 7.30pm - 8.30pm




**Reflection** @ Fr Michael Tate  
How does God picture us? St Paul reveals one of God's favourite ways of regarding us. 'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to live it.' Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working in, whether it be oils or crayon, so too God respects us as human beings with free will. Which is why His works of art don't always look the way He intended! Now, if one has a work of art in the house, a picture or print that means a lot to you, or perhaps the first sketch by a child, do you put it in the darkest corner of the room? Or do you allow just enough light to fall on it so as to reveal how terrific it is, why it gives you pleasure? Of course, the latter. Now, if you and I are God's work of art, God wants exactly the same. He wants us to be revealed in the light. What sort of light? Christ our Light. Of course, it might be necessary for the Light to dispel some darkness, some shadow dimension of our lives. In this regard Christ is a healing Light, but this is so that he might illuminate us in a way which more clearly reveals the love which the Divine Artist has for His creation. We might take a moment to pray for the courage to expose ourselves to Christ's healing light this Lent to be more beautifully illuminated at Easter.

**Have you thought? God in popular culture** Think for a moment of the last time you saw or heard a reference to God on a television program, in a song, or some other popular medium. Chances are, the reference was one of a judging, vengeful, punishing God. This sort of image plays particularly well with a modern audience. It's easier to dismiss God as irrelevant if we can paint God in that sort of image. TV sitcoms do it particularly well with thunderclaps, bolts of lightning and booming, disapproving voices from above. It's much harder to dismiss a God of love who will go to extremes to demonstrate that love.


Easter 2018	Mater Dei Church	St Raphael's Church
<b>Holy Thursday 29-03-2018</b>	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
<b>Good Friday 30-03-2018</b>	Reconciliation 9:30AM - 12PM	-
	Stations of the Cross 10:00AM	-
	The Lord's Passion 3:00 PM	The Lord's Passion 3:00 PM
<b>Holy Saturday 31-03-2018</b>	6:15 PM	7:30 PM
<b>Easter Sunday 01-04-18</b>	10:00 AM	8:30 AM

**Welcome Sister Maria Pineda!**  
Have you ever wanted to share your faith with someone you feel needs the message of the Gospel? **Sister Maria Pineda** a Verbum Dei missionary, Evangelizes through music. Fruit of her own prayer and work with youth. *Please support her in her mission and may her music inspire you in your faith.*



**Wednesday 21.3.2018 @ 7 PM - Reconciliation for all before Easter**  
**St Patrick's Day Mass** - All are welcome to join with Bishop Terry Brady to celebrate the Annual Feast Day Mass for St Patrick at 10.00am - 17 March, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

There'll be morning tea after the 10:00am Mass at Mater Dei Church Hall. All are welcome!!



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