

"He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart"
- St. Faustina

MASS TIMES		Ministry 22 & 23rd Apr 2017 (4th Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	Mater Dei		5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Saturday	6.15pm		Greg Driver	Luke / Minh	Bro Michael	Graeme, Onsi
Sunday	10.00am					
Tuesday	8.00am					
Wednesday	8.00am					
Thursday	-					
Friday	8.00am					
RECONCILIATION: (also by appointment)						
Saturday	-	4.30pm				
EXPOSITION						
Friday	-	7:30 pm — 8:30 pm				
Saturday	-	4pm — 4:45pm				

Please Pray for:
Recently Deceased: Mary Mullins, Mary Goss, Eric Fox, Francesco Daniele, Anne Woodward, Jack Bornshin, Derek Alvares, Lynne Beard, William Thomas 'Bill' Clark, Sr Carol Pedersen (RSC), Mario Vaccarella, Carmela Patane, Fr Andrew Quinn, Sylvia Wood, Robyn Mattern, Roger Eisworthy
Also pray for: George Beater, John Beater, Vincente Lac Do, Natale Pelle, Hong Nguyen, Members of Kursar Family, Jose Oliveira, Fernando, Conсейsao, Jose, Maria, Albine Alvarez, Sam Greco, Domenico Portolesi, Tony Gonsalez, Maria Angeles, All souls in Purgatory
Mass Offered: Jeffrey George Bishop, Mary El Khouri & Karam El Khouri, Elias Hadad
Sick: Peter Trayhurn, Tony Ostojic, Tim Birch, John Viera, Adriana, Brian & Barbara Waterman, Paul McCann, Mary Foar, Maria Turiano, Zora Jurcevic, Kate Paulis, Michael Higgins, Ian Crawford, George & Therese Mir, Sydney Yenson, Joanne McRea, Sue McDermott, Residents of Cheddar Street Nursing Home

Home Rosary St Raphael Monday 7:30pm
 01-5-17 Richard & Sofie Sakhem
 5 Belmont Ave, San Souci
 08-5-17 Teresa & Gail Dawson
 38/344 West Botany St, Brighton Le Sands
Home Rosary Mater Dei
 25-4-17 Catarina and Greg Colubriale
 68 Hatfield St Blakehurst 8-00 P.M.
 2-5-17 Rita and Michael Mazza
 7 Crawford St Blakehurst 8-00. P.M.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	771.45	1639.00
Second: loose	721.65	2116.95
Envelopes	475.00	2025.00



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You are welcome to an Assembly hosted by Sydney Alliance. The assembly will be attended by the NSW Planning & Housing Minister, Anthony Roberts MP.
The Minister has the power to make affordable housing a reality in NSW.
Sydney Alliance Assembly on Affordable Housing & Public Transport
May 4th, 6:30pm-8:15pm
Venue: Eastwood Uniting Church, 14-16 Lakeside Rd, Eastwood
 Note: venue is within walking distance of station. We ask each participant to bring a note donation for dinner

This weekend the Catholic Church of Mater Dei, Blakehurst welcomes into the family
Charlotte Collison
 (daughter of Louise & Paul)
Congratulations to the parents!

Red Lamp A little boy was listening to a long and excessively boring sermon in church. Suddenly, the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?"

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Parishes of Mater Dei Blakehurst &

Second Sunday of Easter - **St Raphael's South Hurstville**
 (Divine Mercy Sunday) - Year A **BULLETIN** 23rd April 2017

Entrance Antiphon: 1 Pt 2:2
 Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47
 Life of the early disciples.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

(R) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

- Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
- I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Pt 1:3-9
 Current trials lead to rejoicing when Christ again appears.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 20:29
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31
 Doubting Thomas.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Jn 20:27
 Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia

REFLECTION

The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them. © Dianne Bergant CSS

Please remember **FR ISIDORE** in your prayers as he celebrates **38th Anniversary of his Ordination!**
 God bless you Fr Isidore.

In war and hardship we are exposed to the best and worst of humanity. As we celebrate ANZAC day, let's remember the selflessness and sacrifice of those who gave their lives for our country ... we remember our brave hearts while enjoying the fruits of the ANZAC spirit of sacrifice.

ANZAC Day Mass at
 Mater Dei Church 8 AM St Raphael's Church 9AM

ANZAC Day Eve Mass of Remembrance - 5:30pm, St Mary's Cathedral Sydney All are welcome to join with Archbishop Fisher as we celebrate the Annual ANZAC Day Eve Mass of Remembrance at 5:30pm on Monday 24 April. This special service is to remember all those who have served and those who continue to serve our country.

Mater Dei & St Raphael's Parish Calendar 2017		
11-05-17	MD Pastoral Council Meeting	MD Hall
31-05-17	MD Confirmation @7pm (Wednesday)	MD Church
01-06-17	SR Confirmation @ 7pm (Thursday)	SR Church
08-06-17	SR Pastoral Council Meeting	SR Hall

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