

"By contemplating God, who became a child, radiating light from the humility of the crib, we can also become witnesses to humility, tenderness and goodness." - 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
RECONCILIATION: (also by appointment)		
Saturday	-	4.30pm
EXPOSITION		
Friday	-	7:30 pm —8:30 pm
Saturday	-	4pm —4:45pm

**Please Pray for:**  
**Recently Deceased:** Anna Jaimal, Ian Gould  
**Also pray for:** Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Mass Offered:** Giuseppe Didio, Natale Pelle, Rita Ciappare, Lina Cuchere, Mladen & Boris Pancer, Otto & Maria Mundwell, Elias Haddad, Jeffrey Bishop

**Sick:** Loga Padiachey, Savi Tuling, Marie Zammit, Jimmy Milhem, Susie Zhang, Mary Le Grand, Ian Crawford, Agnes Peluso, Marisa Mundweil, George Mir, Athena Emmanouilidis, Joan Kervin, Bernadette Petersen, Dawn Edwards, Shirley Barbuto, Edna Edwards, Pavo Bosnjak, Betty Swinbourne, Tim Birch, Sue Mc Dermott, Barbara Waterman, Brian Waterman, Mabel Griffith, Moya Smyth, Adriana, Dianne Edwards

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	406.20	666.15
Second: loose	242.50	486.80
Envelopes	421.50	485.00


Ministry 29th & 30th Dec 2018 (5th Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Greg Driver	Norman, Michael F	Volunteer	Graeme
<b>EMHC</b>	Susi Fabbro	Kathy, Rosemary, Florence		Marguerite Der-rig
<b>Readers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Nina Milazzo
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No liturgy until Feb 2			
<b>Music</b>	CD Music	Norma	Kim	Kim
Ministry 5th & 6th Jan 2019 (1st Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Greg Driver	Max	Tony Oscuro	Paul Watson
<b>EMHC</b>	Susi Fabbro	Annie, Rosie		Marguerite Der-rig
<b>Readers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Sonia Magpilly Frances Oscuro	Gail, Angela, Luisa
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No liturgy until Feb 2			
Please arrange for a replacement if you are unable to serve in your ministry - M Fernandes 0437 517 758				

**NEW YEAR MASS TIMINGS 2019**  
**TUESDAY, 1ST JANUARY**  
**One mass only**  
**Mater Dei 9:00 AM**

**POWERPOINT OPERATOR**



We require Powerpoint operators for the weekend masses at Mater Dei Church. It would be good if we can have a roster as the Acolytes or the Choir members have to juggle with their roles.

If you are happy to help, please contact Michael Fernandes 0437 517 758 or mc@materdei-straphael.org.au



**THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY SAFE-GUARDING OFFICE NOTICE**

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on ph 02 9390 5812. **Please see the church notice board for letter on National Redress Scheme from the**

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**Catechist Required:** Please contact the Parish Office on 9546 2605 if you are able to help teach Catechism for half an hour during school term at our local Public Schools. All support and training shall be provided.

Mater Dei & St Raphael's Parish Calendar 2019		
01-01-19	New Year Day mass 9.00am	MD Church
06-02-19	SR Council Meeting 7:00pm	SR Church
21-02-19	MD Council Meeting 7:00pm	MD Church

**Utter Compatibility**

"Henry, dear, we've been going together for fifteen years. Don't you think its time we were married?"

"Yep, but who on earth would have either of us?"



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*Parishes of Mater Dei Blakehurst & St Raphael's South Hurstville*  
 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Year C  
 BULLETIN 30th Dec 2018

**Entrance Antiphon:** Lk 2:16  
 The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

**First Reading:** 1 Sm 1:20-22. 24-28  
 Hannah gives thanks for the birth of Samuel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 83:2-3. 5-6. 9-10. R. v.5  
 (R.) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

- How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. (R.)
- They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. (R.)
- O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. (R.)

**Second Reading:** 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24  
 We are children of God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Acts 16:14  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Lk 2:41-52  
 Jesus is found in the Temple.

**Communion Antiphon:** Bar 3:38  
 Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

**Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

Forget the tinselly sentimentality of most depictions of the Holy Family. This Gospel is real life. Anyone who has temporarily lost their child in a crowd knows the stabbing pain of uncertainty and fear. Even more real, and occurring more often, is the adolescent impatience of Jesus: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?'

Every parent, bewildered and saddened by the growing up and the growing distance of a son or daughter, knows what Mary and Joseph must have felt.

By the time Mary and Joseph found Jesus, he had found the words to express his unique identity. In this little scene so full of pathos and heartbreak, we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospels: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?'

What was his 'Father's business' which was so engaging for Jesus? To draw every human being into the same family relationship as He enjoys.

But did you note that it is our privilege to celebrate this realisation as a community? Only Jesus can say 'My Father'. We say 'Our Father'. We enter into the grace of intimate relationship with God, not as an atomised individual, but as a person within a society of baptised Christians – the Church.

We could take a moment to pray for the integrity which will enable us to express this sense of identity in the unfolding of our lives. We can pray also for those saddened or bewildered by our following of the One who taught us to pray 'Our Father'.

**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 our God" (Micah 6:8)