

FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - 19th November 2017 : "Blessed are the open hands that embrace the Poor ... They are the hands that bring hope." — 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: Robert Michele Atala, Maria Nguyen thi Tuat, Mary Foar, Joseph Hin, Nick Soldas, Fr Vincent Paul Coleman SJ, Orlando Casas, Fr John Michael George, Veronica Louise Eather, Nicholas Saldanha, Vahriga Margarian, Annie Costi, Frank Falzon, Loretto Walter, Kath D'Arcy, Thelma Dillon, John Viera, Sue Kasparian, Valentine Kamadevan, Mary Sakr

Also pray for: Members of the family of Kursar, Antuloy, Vlahov, Pancer, Cukrov, Mundweil, All souls in Purgatory, David Murphy, Tom Harrington, Members of the Bonacci family and Oscuro family, Frank Toohey, Eileen McGloin, Fr Greg Weaver, Margaret Moran

Mass Offered : Jeffrey George Bishop, Mary El Khouri & Karam El Khouri

Sick: Therese Mir, George Mir, Joan Kervin, Dawn Edwards, Edna Edwards, Penny, Jeanette McGloin, Pavo Bosnjak, Steven McGrath, Sr Vianney Hatton SBS, Steven McGrath, Violet Brooks, Betty Swinbourne, Sue McDermott, Tony Ostojic, Tim Birch, John Viera, Adriana, Brian Waterman, Barbara Waterman

Home Rosary St Raphael Monday 7:30PM
 20-11-17 Michael & Monica Fernandez
 165 St Georges Pde, Sth Hurstville
 27-11-17 Ralph & Grace Monserrat
 5 / 77-79 Flora St, Kirrawee

Home Rosary Mater Dei 8:00PM
 21-11-17 Joan and Peter Hansen
 7 Parkside Dr, Kogarah Bay
 28-11-17 Josie and Denis Kocina
 45 Townson St, Blakehurst

Ministry 18th & 19th Nov 2017 (3rd Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
Acolytes / SS	Greg Driver	Earl, Michael B	Ray Low	Michael Eather
EMHC	Rosie Gould	Henrietta Prego Gail Dawson		Marguerite Derrig
Readers	Fernandes Family	Anne Lo Pat Bates	Br Michael Cettina Raiti	Family Mass
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers		
Children's Liturgy	Kelly & Delaney			Family Mass
Music	Niko	Norma	Kim	Marion

Ministry 25th & 26th Nov 2017 (4th Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
Acolytes / SS	Greg Driver		Br Michael	Graeme/Luke
EMHC	Susi Fabbro	No Mass at SR. Combined Parishes Christmas Mass instead at Mater Dei Church at 10am		Volunteers
Readers	Carl Pavia George Saab		Maureen Wells Caterina Colubriale	Lucy Mitry, Phil Monaghan, Minh
Altar Servers	Volunteers			
Children's Liturgy	Mary & Rachel			

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

November Mass Envelopes If you would like to offer Mass for the Holy Souls of your loved ones during November, you can pick the envelope kept in the foyer of the Church. Kindly write the names clearly. The names appear in the *Book of Remembrance* kept near the Altar.

Sincere thanks to the parishioners who gave so generously to the **Mission Appeal**. The total amount raised: **\$2093.20**.

Shelly and her husband usually sat in the back of the church, but this time they moved up to the front to be sure to hear the Scripture reading. They sat beside a longtime church member who cheerfully said, "Good to have ya with us! Where y'all from?" Taken by surprise, Shelly mumbled, "The back."

RCIA Wed 22nd NOV '17 at 7:30PM "Eucharist" in St Raphael's Meeting Room. For enquiries please contact **Graeme Dorahy** on 95466032.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	563.45	213.45
Second: loose	407.60	284.30
Envelopes	405.00	425.00

Mater Dei and St Raphael's Parishes Calendar 2017		
23-11-17	SR Pastoral Council Meeting 7PM	SR Hall
26-11-17	Combined Christmas Mass & Celebration	MDChurch
12-12-17	Mass at Blakehurst Aged Care @ 2:30PM	20 Cheddar St
13-12-17	Mass at Bay Nursing Home	Bay St

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A Memorial Mass to honour and pray for all those who have died in the St George Public & Private Hospitals will be celebrated at **St Gabriel's Parish Church, Stoney Creek Rd, Bexley** at 7pm on **Tuesday 21st Nov, 2017**. The Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Gabriel Ballawig, the Chaplain. Off-street parking is available. Supper will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass. Please bring a plate of finger-food to share.



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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

BULLETIN 19th Nov 2017

Entrance Antiphon: Jer 29:11,12,14
 The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading: Prv31:10-13,19-20,30-31
 A worthy wife is invaluable.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5.R. v.1
(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.
 1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R.)**

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Thes 5:1-6
 You are children of the light.

Gospel Acclamation : Jn 15:4. 5
 Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel : Mt 25:14-30
 Parable of the rich man, going on a journey.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 72:28
 To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Congratulations
Rosie Gould
 on the launch of your book today -
"An Ornament to the District - The founding of St Raphael's Church, South Hurstville"
 - A Book by Rosie Gould.
 May the Lord bless you always!

"The Inaugural Mater Dei and Saint Raphael's Combined Christmas Mass and Luncheon" is on **Sunday the 26th of November** from **10:00 AM** at **Mater Dei Church**. The 8.30am Mass at St Raphael's Church for that Sunday is cancelled. **We welcome all Parishioners to the 10.00am Mater Dei Mass and to the celebrations thereafter.**

REFLECTION
 God's plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible.

In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of omission – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me. As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar:
 'There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in stillness and in miseries.'
 The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries.
 We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: 'Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your Master's happiness.'
 @ Fr Michael Tate

Living the Gospel – Bring forth the Kingdom. Like the original audience of Matthew's gospel, we can sometimes rely too much on God to bring about the Kingdom in our world. Like the lazy servant in the gospel, we can fall into the trap of handing the world back to God in exactly the same condition that we received it. We have to make a difference in the world! We are called to change the world and bring it closer to the realisation of the Kingdom. The only way that we can do that it is to live our lives as if the Kingdom is already here.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has invited all to attend a **Mass in the Domain on Saturday, 9 December** for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.
To allow all to attend, the Archbishop has cancelled Vigil Masses in the Archdiocese on that day.
 The Mass at 6.30pm will follow an afternoon of concerts and festivities beginning at 4pm. A special App has been released this week with information about the Festival. Please download it for FREE at www.xt3.com/acyf2017/apps/

A special invitation to spend the day with the Lord as Father Hugh Thomas (Redemptorist Priest) helps us to Understand the issues facing Marriage, Family and Children.
Date: Saturday 25th November
Start: 8.45am, Mass: 9am, Finish: 3pm.
Location: Saint Raphael's Parish Hall, 82 George Street, Hurstville South
 Coffee, tea and juice will be supplied on the day.
Please bring along something to share for morning tea and a sandwich for lunch.
 For further info please contact **Gary and Ronnie Cartmer on 0418 781 777**

Thank You
 To the children in the Public Schools and their families for attending the "Mass & Gathering" on 16/11/17 at Mater Dei. Special thanks to our Catechists for generously sharing their time and talents in this noble work of formation.
"It takes a big heart to help shape little minds."

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"to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8)