"LIFE OF LOVE" A FAMILY DAY FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville : 26th September 9.30am to 4.30pm There will be guided talks, time for personal reflection and opportunities for spiritual guidance from the missionaries. Children have a parallel program run at the same time as the parents. Cost $30 per adult, $15 for children (5-15years) and $80 for a family pass. Please contact Verbum Dei Missionaries (02) 9313 7099 or email verbumdeisydney@gmail.com<mailto:verbumdeisydney@gmail.com> if you are interested.

The Centre for Christian Spirituality: Adult Faith Formation 2015.

Bishop David Walker DD, Emeritus Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, will deliver a five week course on St John of the Cross' *Ascent of Mt Carmel* & *Dark Night of the Soul* in October/November 6459. St John of the Cross, a Doctor of the Church, is recognised as one of the great writers on the spiritual journey. Come and join us in exploring the insights of St John of the Cross. All are welcome!

St John of the Cross: *Ascent of Mt Carmel* & *Dark Night of the Soul*

Presented by Bishop David Walker at *The Centre for Christian Spirituality,* 14 Frances St Randwick.

Dates: Wednesday's 14,21,28 October & 4,11 November 2015, 7.00-8.30pm.

Course Cost: $50 Limited Spaces- Bookings Essential.

To register: http://trybooking.com/IVKR or Ph: 9398 2211

www.centreforchristianspirituality.com.au

St Gregory the Great - Pope and Doctor of the Church

Feast Day - September 3, Patron Saint of Teachers

St Gregory was born in Rome in approximately 540. He was the son of Gordianus, a wealthy senator, who became one of the seven deacons of Rome. Saint Gregory was well educated, learning grammar, rhetoric, the sciences, literature, and law, and excelling in all. In 574, Emperor Justin the Younger appointed him Chief Magistrate of Rome. After the death of his father he built six monasteries in Sicily and founded a seventh in his own house in Rome, which became the Benedictine Monastery of St. Andrew. Here he assumed the monastic habit in 575. In 590, St Gregory was chosen Pope by the unanimous consent of priests and people. He was the first pope to come from a monastic background. Known above all for his magnificent contributions to the liturgy of the Mass and Office, he is one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church. He died March 12, 604.

Prayer - God, You look upon your people with compassion and rule them with love. Through the intercession of Pope St, Gregory, give wisdom to the leaders of Your Church.

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Immaculate Heart of Mary

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.

Before you speak

T H I N K

T = is it true?
H = is t helpful?
I = is it inspiring?
N = is it necessary?
K = is it kind?

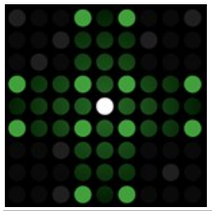
MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND.

Preparing for the vocation of marriage? Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Catholic Adult Education Centre.

Places still available for 07 & 08 November 2015. $230 per couple.

For more information, call 9646 9010 or go to www.caec.com.au<http://www.caec.com.au>.

A wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime.



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

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year B *BULLETIN* *20th September 2015*

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading: Wis 2:12, 17-20

Responsorial Psalm :

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)

2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. (R.)

3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

Second Reading : Jas 3:16 – 4:3

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel : Mk 9:30-37

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate:

Jesus was well aware of the constant temptation for the leaders amongst his followers to be conditioned by the surrounding social and political structures. So, when he became aware that his disciples were disputing 'who is the greatest', he decided to teach them a lesson by engaging in some counter-cultural street theatre.

Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of the crowd and beckoned him into the middle of his group of disciples. This was not because of some sentimental idea that all kids are little innocents, but because in his society, children were absolutely at the bottom of the social scale. Jesus moved an utter nobody from the margins of society to the centre, challenging his disciples to change their perspective.

This challenge is made to all of us. We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dis-located like indigenous communities or asylum seekers, and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ.

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)

Communion antiphon:

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Prayer after communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord,
those you renew with this Sacrament,
that we may come to possess your redemption
both in mystery and in the manner of our life.
Through Christ our Lord.

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 (St. Raphael Church)		
Friday		8pm- 9pm
Saturday	From	4pm

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.

Thursday's 8pm to 9pm at St Raphael's School Hall. All Invited. Contact: Carl 0418 672 394

HOME ROSARY:

Mater Dei Parish -Tuesdays
22/09/15 Josie and Denis Kocina
45 Townson Street Blakehurst. **8-00 P.M.**
29/09/15 Jenny and Mark Longo
298 Connells Point Road Connells Pt. **8-00PM**
St Raphael's Parish – Mondays 7.30pm
21/09/2015 : Minh & Helen Nguyen
135 West St South Hurstville
28/09/2015 : Ellen Marks
29 Pleasant Way Blakehurst
ALL WELCOME

Please Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Marian Louise Mitchell, Mary-Anne Harrington, Albine Alvarez, Gaetano Savoca, Margaret Maguire, John Borgers, Marie Bartels, Kathleen Morgan, Henry Phaltas, Edward Yenson, Florance Maloney, Nguyen Manh Wong Joseph, John Murphy, Catherine Lin Siew Ngiik, Margaret Low

Also pray for: Souls in purgatory.

Sick: Jeff Bishop (Acolyte), Leo Torterella, Les & Michael Higgins, Sam Crawford, George & Therese Mir, Sidney Yenson, Joanne McRea, Sue McDermott, Maria Lefroy, Andreas Grannakouras, Jack & Sylvia Wood,Brian Waterman Sr Vianney Hatton, Neuyen, T Houng, Leslie & Michael Higgins, Iris Kirkwood

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.

Weekend retreat: Icon Painting
Presenter: Anna Prifti
Come and write your Byzantine inspired icon on a relaxed weekend retreat.
When: October 16-18
Cost: $570 (concessions apply)
Phone: 02 8795 3400
Email: retreats@carmelite.com
www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

PULPIT POINTS 20 SEPTEMBER, 2015

- Catholic Weekly sales send pilgrims to WYD
- Climate? It's a question of justice, says Pope Francis
- Archbishop presents papal honour to a man with 'a ton of belief'
- Parish priest helped my Rio dream come true
- Perhaps it's time for a shrine for the unborn baby: archbishop's homily
- It's not OK if someone else is not OK
- Will marriage annulment changes protect marriage?
- 2015 Suppliers Guide – lift out

Annual Catechist Mass
St Mary's Cathedral
2:00pm Sunday 20th September 2015

Moses was leading the Hebrews to the Red Sea and the Egyptians were coming fast.
Moses turned to his PR agent: "Where are all those boats I told you to get!" The PR man said, "What boats? You never mentioned boats to me."
"Just great" said Moses; "what am I supposed to do, lift my staff and part the waters?????"
The PR man answered: " If you can pull that one off, I can get you a whole section in the Bible."

Fr. Isidore will be on a pilgrimage to Ireland from 18th Sept-7th Oct.
In his absence the weekend masses will be celebrated by Fr. Witold Brymora and communion services will be held during weekdays in both parishes

Talk by Fabienne Guerrero

This is a talk that highlights the dangers of the New Age and spreads the message of the Divine Mercy and how Jesus "resurrected" her soul.

Date: Monday, the 21st of September 2015, at 7.00pm at the **Kennedy Centre, Mater Dei Church.**

All Welcome

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY (Next Sunday)

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 27 September. This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: 'For Those Who've Come Across the Seas: Justice for refugees and asylum seekers'.

The Statement addresses the divisive national debate over asylum seekers, especially those who arrive by boat. It reminds all Australians of the need to welcome and comfort those who have fled here from terror and danger, and to live out the example of Jesus, who never turned his back on those who were lost or suffering.

For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.cathokic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

National support for Traditional Marriage

"Defend Marriage and Children" Rally: Belmore Park to Martin Place from 2pm, Sunday 20th Sept 2015 to celebrate marriage and children and to express opposition to any moves to legalise same-sex "marriage".

Weekend retreat: Becoming Fully Alive - a prayerful journey with St Teresa of Avila.
Presenter: Dr Richard Hardy
Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566
When: October 9 - 11
Cost: $220 (concessions apply)
Day retreat: To Emmaus and Back
Exploring the Emmaus story as a guide for catechesis and evangelisation.
Presenter: Mr Darren McDowell
When: October 10 , Cost: $20
Bookings for this retreat are essential. Please either call: 8795 3400, or email: retreats@carmelite.com

You are invited to a morning of quiet reflection at the Grail Centre, 22 McHatton St, North Sydney, on Tuesday 22nd September from 10am to 12 noon. We will be reflecting on the meaning of community and hospitality in the context of Benedictine Spirituality. There will be time for silent meditation and the opportunity to share thoughts in a group. We ask for a small donation to cover costs. For more information or to register your interest, please contact the Grail Centre (9955 3053) or ruthcrowe@ozemail.com.au, or Tricia Gemmell (pgemmell@tpg.com.au).

Ministry 26 & 27th Sept (4th Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes / SS	Greg	Bro. Ben	Br Michael	Jeff / Onsi
EMHC	Shirley / Ellen	Kathy/Henrietta / Sophia		
Readers	Pavia Family	Fernandes Family	Sonia/ Fiona	Lucy / Phil
Altar Servers			Tiana / Bianca	
Music		Julia	Kim	Marion
Children's Liturgy Leader	Mary			

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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Principal: Mr. Peter Cranney

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

Please Remember to collect your planned giving envelopes

FRANKLY Books available at the church door. Good Christmas gift.

"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD"

A weekend Silent Retreat at Hartzer Park, Bowral : 9th October (6pm) to 11th October (3pm). Come and experience through the external silence how God wants to satisfy our deep longing, through the Word of God. There will be guided talks, time for personal reflection and opportunities for spiritual guidance from the missionaries. Cost $220. Please contact Verbum Dei Missionaries (02) 9313 7099 or email verbumdeisydney@gmail.com<mailto:verbumdeisydney@gmail.com> if you are interested.

Both Churches have a hearing loop installed: switch your hearing aid to "T-coil".

TRUTH JUSTICE HEALING COUNCIL

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.