

“ Confirmation strengthens our relationship with the Church and it gives us a special strength from the Holy Spirit to defend the faith and confess the name of Christ .”
 - 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: Maria Darmanin, Alda Benedet, Maximo Godoy Bazan, Peter Trayhurn, Stephen Robson, Mary Bray, Mary Mullens, 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

Also pray for: Alice & James Pollard, Rina Ricco, Garrett Stewart, Arturo Caruso, Lidia Caruso, Rudolf Sossinka, George Beater, John Beater, Vincente Lac Do, Natale Pelle, Hong Nguyen, Members of Kursar Family, Jose Oliveira, Fernando, Conсейso, Jose, Maria, Albine Alvarez, Sam Greco, All souls in Purgatory


Mass Offered : Jeffrey George Bishop, Mary El Khouri & Karam El Khouri, Elias Hadad, Domenico Colubriale

Anniversary: Susanna M Derrig, Annie Couchkent

Sick: Frank Toohey, Denis Derrig, Tony Ostojic, Tim Birch, John Viera, Adriana, Brian & Barbara Waterman, Paul McCann, Mary Foad, Maria Turiano, Zora Jurcevic, Kate Paulis, Michael Higgins, Ian Crawford, George & Therese Mir, Sydney Yenson, Joanne McRea, Residents of Cheddar Street Nursing Home

Home Rosary St Raphael Monday 7:30pm
 29-05-17 Mick & Cathy Obrovac
 28 Whitfield Pde, Hurstville Grove
 05-06-17 Mladen & Maryana Zubonja
 19 Yarran Rd, Oately

Home Rosary Mater Dei
 30-5-17 Marguerite and Denis Derrig
 32 Waratah St, Kyle Bay 8-00 P.M
 6-6-17 Jenny and Mark Longo
 298 Connells Pt Rd, Connells Pt 8-00P.M



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Ministry 27 & 28th May 2017 (4th Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes / SS	Greg Driver	Luke, Minh	Br Michael	Graeme, Onsi
EMHC	Susi Fabbro	Kathy Conroy Rosemary C		Marguerite Derrig
Readers	George Saab Carl Pavia	Lappen family	Sonia Reilly Fiona Djapouras	Lucy Mitry Phil Monaghan
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers		
Children's Liturgy	Kelly, Delaney			Joumana El Khouri
Ministry 3 & 4th Jun 2017 (1st Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes / SS	Greg Driver	Max Montecillo	Tony Oscuro	Paul Watson
EMHC	Susi Fabbro	Annie Montecillo Rosie Gould		Marguerite Derrig
Readers	Lovat Family	Crosby Family	Sonia Magpily Maureen Wells	Gail A, Angela H Luisa Galea
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers		
Children's Liturgy	Kelly, Delaney			Diana Baladi
Music	Niko	Julia Martin	Kim Laffan	Kim Laffan

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

ROME PILGRIMAGE TOUR GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
 Domus Australia Rome Pilgrimages is inviting pilgrims to join Fr Paulino Tui Kolo for the tour starting in Rome on 27th July 2017. The 7-night land-only tour package is priced from only \$1,790 per person **twon share**. Guaranteed departure, but registrations must close soon. Phone **1800 753 959** or email pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org for more details. FREE Scavi Tour (tomb of St Peter) included.

Stephanie's 10 Year Memorial Fundraising Dinner
 Josephine, along with her family, are organising a fundraising event in memory of their daughter, Stephanie. They will be raising money for research into neurological diseases and disorders.
Date & time: 30th June 2017 at 6pm Venue: Doltone House, 223 Belgrave Esplanade Sylvania Water Tickets are \$130 per person, or \$1200 for a Table of 10 people. To secure tickets, or if you have any queries please contact **Josephine Ledonne** - 0414 439 701. RSVP to Josephine by 31st May 2017.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	430.00	511.40
Second: loose	324.50	486.00
Envelopes	505.00	445.00

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This weekend the Catholic Church of Mater Dei, Blakehurst welcomes into the family
Savannah Elise Robinson
 (daughter of Deborah & Michael) &
Harley Eva Dillon
 (daughter of Brodie & Bradley)
Congratulations to the parents!

The manager called one of his employees into his office and told him, "Jenkins, I've decided to make you the plant manager." "Gee thanks, boss," the worker gushed. "What do I have to do?" "Just water them every day," replied the manager.




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

Ascension of the Lord - Year A BULLETIN 28th May 2017

Entrance Antiphon: Acts 1:11
 Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Collect
 Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
 Jesus is taken up into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6
 (R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R.)

2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading : Eph 1:17-23
 Christ is head of the church.

Gospel Acclamation : Mt 28:19. 20
 Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Gospel : Mt 28:16-20
 Jesus sends forth the apostles with the promise to be with them always

Communion Antiphon: Mt 28:20
 Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Reflection
 The feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church). Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.
 @Dianne Bergant CSS

Historical Context - To the ends of the earth
 In both the gospel passage from Matthew and the passage from the Book of Acts, Jesus commissioned his disciples to go out to the whole world. In Matthew, it is to 'all the nations' and in Acts it is 'to the ends of the earth'. Both writers make it abundantly clear that the message of Jesus is not exclusively for the people of Israel but for all people everywhere. Within only a very few years, early Christian communities had sprung up all around the Mediterranean. Once Christianity became the religion of Rome it spread to all the corners of the Roman Empire.

Congratulations to all those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation during the week. Please keep them in your prayers. We extend warm welcome to Most Rev Bishops Terry Brady & Anthony Randazzo!

Mater Dei & St Raphael's Parish Calendar 2017		
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
03-08-17	MD Pastoral Council Meeting @ 7pm	MD Hall

Mater Dei Staff Spirituality Day
 Dr. Dan White, Executive Director of Catholic schools, will lead a Staff Spirituality Day at Mater Dei Primary School. Catechists and parishioners are very welcome to attend. **Friday, 9 June, 8.45am - 3.15pm** Topic - 'Into the Desert'. At the conclusion of the workshop participants will be able to:

- articulate pedagogical frameworks for Religious Education
- provide an overview for the nature and scope of an "honour and shame" culture and its impact on scriptural scholarship
- apply a variety of practical, high order thinking strategies in the RE classroom.

Please contact school office to register if you would like to attend.

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