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THE GOOD WORK VINNIES DOES IN ST GEORGE



Sunday November 30

Vinnies
Community
Celebration

Start 1.30pm

St Declans Church
92 Penshurst Street
PENSHURST

Many people think that Vinnies is just a string of Op shops. Vinnies provides emergency relief within the community for those in hardship home visitation for those who need material aid or spiritual fulfillment. They have breakfast vans that run all year round Night Patrol women's and children refuges men's Shelters art classes cooking classes living skills counselling services, drug and alcohol counselling the list goes on

Come and get involved!

Please let us know if you will be attending

Name: _____ How many people: _____

You can let us know by phoning the Hurstville Community Support Centre on 9580 2459
You can email us at janem@sydneyvinnies.org Or you can post the return slip to St Vincent de Paul Society 183C Forest Rd Hurstville NSW 2220 Hurstville Community Support Centre 9580 2459

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Arnold and Dorothy Wilcox
Scholarship - Santa Sabina
College

Arnold and Dorothy Wilcox Scholarship is a two year scholarship for Year 11 2015 and Year 12 2016. The scholarship recipient will have an interest in Mathematics and Science and intend to study higher level Mathematics and a Science subject for the HSC. The scholarship is presented by Maura and Hilary Wilcox in memory of their parents. Applications close on 31 October 2015.



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.



Entrance antiphon

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12

I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

Psalm: Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9

R. The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress: so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. R.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day. R.

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come, consider the works of the Lord, the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. R.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17

You are the temple of God

Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:15-16 Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 2:13-22

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Communion antiphon:
Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

Feast Day Commentary Fr. Tommy Lane © 2013

We celebrate today the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome because it is the head and mother church of all churches in the world. On the façade of the basilica there is an inscription in Latin which reads, "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world." ... Every bishop has a cathedral and the Pope's cathedral is the Basilica of St. John Lateran and not the Basilica of St. Peter as many people may assume.

.. In the early centuries Christianity was outlawed in Rome and many Christians in Rome suffered martyrdom. The Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity and the famous Edict of Milan in 313 AD allowed Christians to practice their religion in public. Constantine had been given the palace in Rome that belonged to the Laterani and after his conversion to Christianity he gave it to the Pope. The Lateran Palace was then adapted to become a church and was dedicated on November 9, 324 and the Pope then lived in the Lateran Palace, as it was called, for the next 1000 years and the basilica was his cathedral. It was first called the Basilica of the Saviour but later was also dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist and so it acquired the name Basilica of St. John Lateran. When the Papacy transferred to Avignon for about a century, the condition of the Lateran deteriorated so much that when the Papacy returned to Rome the Pope lived in two other locations before finally settling adjacent to St. Peter's Basilica where he now lives...

Those who visit the Basilica on pilgrimage visit it not just because it is the head of all churches and the Pope's cathedral. The wooden altar on which St. Peter celebrated Mass while in Rome is inside the main altar. The heads of Sts. Peter and Paul were once believed to be inside busts above the main altar. Part of the table on which the Last Supper was celebrated is said to be behind a bronze depiction of the Last Supper. At one time the Holy Stairs which is nearby was also in the Lateran, the stairs in Pilate's house on which Jesus is said to have walked during his trial. It is a marble stairs and is now covered with wood to protect it. Pilgrims ascend the stairs on their knees contemplating Jesus' Passion and on the way up drops of blood may be seen on the marble stairs beneath protective glass. The stairs was brought to Rome by Constantine's mother St. Helena.

Celebrating the dedication of the Pope's cathedral today shows our unity with the Pope and our love and respect for him. Not only that, but it shows that we are united with each other in the Church. St. Paul described this unity in the Church in his first letter to the Corinthians as the Body of Christ.

In our first reading today we heard Ezekiel's vision of a river flowing from the Temple in Jerusalem and bringing life everywhere it went (Ezek 47). We could see it as a vision of the Church receiving life-giving grace from Jesus. In our second reading today we have a similar idea, "You are God's building...the foundation...is Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 3:9,11) These passages from Scripture remind us to make Jesus the foundation stone and corner stone of our lives because there is a life-giving river flowing from him to fill us with his grace.

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)

MASS TIMES this week		
	Mater Dei	St.Raphael's
Saturday	6.15pm	5.00pm
Sunday	10.00am	8.30am
Tuesday	8.00am	
Wednesday	8.00am	
Thursday		9.15am
Friday	8am	9.00am
RECONCILIATION: (also by appointment)		
Saturday		4.30pm
EXPOSITION		
Saturday	from	4.00pm

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

HOME ROSARY
St Raphael's Parish - Mondays 7.30pm
 10 November - Ellen Marks
 29 Pleasant Way, Blakehurst
 17 November
 - TBA
Mater Dei Parish - Tuesdays
 11 November - Caterina & Greg Colubriale
 45 Townson St., Blakehurst 8pm
 18 November - Nives Care
 33 Church St., Blakehurst 8pm
ALL WELCOME

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.

Please pray for
Deceased: Robyn Musolino, Ann Moore, Norah Sutherland, Jim Moran, Maria Jose Lopes, Ron Brooks, Francine Kidd.
Sick: Cath Spongberg, Paul Gilmore, Wally Wells, Beryl Harrington, Maria Nguyen, Evelyn Williams, Rina Ricco, Maria Le Froy, Jean Morrell, Angelo Panzarino, Hennie Smith, Sue McDermott, Margaret Hopkinson, Brigid Dwyer, Sr Vianney Hlatton, Mary Krone, Ann, Sr Maree Henderson, rsc, Blaza Kursar, Howard Courtney, Ann Davies, Joanne McRea, Patrick & Sidney Yenson, Matthew Tuffin, Joanne Martin, George & Therese

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	StR	MD
First	400	367
Second: loose	372	402
Envelopes	412	705

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

HOLY HOUR AT ST RAPHAEL'S
 Continues Fridays, between 8pm and 9pm. When we enter the Church, Jesus will be waiting there for each one of us, exposed on the Altar surrounded by beautiful candles. This will be a very special and very quiet peaceful time that we will be able to spend with Our Lord. Please come and spend this hour with Our Lord and invite friends to come along - everyone is welcome !!

Farewell to the Principal
 Mrs Jenni Payne is leaving Mater Dei School and parishioners are invited to attend a celebration of her work in our community. Please join in farewelling our Principal on Wednesday 3 December: Mass 9.15am, Morning Tea, School Assembly at 11.30am - 1 pm. RSVP Friday 31 October via <http://goo.gl/I14Yun> or by phoning 9546 7298.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT CALVARY
 A Remembrance Service will be held in the Calvary Hospital Chapel (111 Rocky Point Rd, Kogarah) on Tuesday November 11 at 7:30pm. A light supper will follow at 8pm. An invitation is extended to all who have suffered grief or bereavement and especially those whose loved ones have died at Calvary. Attendees are invited to bring a photo of their loved ones."

COLUMBAN CALENDARS
 Are now available for next year. They are \$10 each and are available from the Piety Stall at Mater Dei or from Br Ben at St Raphael's.

Mater Dei— Fresh Flowers request
 It would be lovely to have fresh flowers in the Church more often, but they are very expensive purchased from a florist. If anyone goes to the Flemington markets sometimes, would they be willing to buy some flowers (and be reimbursed)? Contact the Parish Office if you are willing to do this sometimes.

The Installation of Bishop Anthony Fisher as the ninth archbishop of Sydney will take place on 12 November at St Mary's Cathedral. It is open to everyone but people are requested to be seated by 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

THE JOY OF MARRIAGE: All engaged and Married couples are invited to this talk which will be given on Friday 21 November 7pm. It is given by a Missionary Couple from the Verbum Dei Community who will be in Australia for one week to share their experience. Address: 74 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery. If you have any questions please call on 9313 7099.

CWF Many thanks to those who contributed to this appeal last weekend. There are still envelopes in the Churches so that if you missed out last weekend and would like to contribute you are urged to do so. We are still short of our quota so anything you can give will be gratefully received.

Fr Hugh Thomas C.Ss.R will be giving a one day retreat and the theme will be on 'Eucharistic Miracles and the powerful intervention of Our Lady' Also covered will be :

- The powerful intervention of our Blessed Mother.
- The real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist with a focus on Eucharistic miracles at Lanciano, Orvieto, Cascia, Blanot and Siena.
- Lessons from the adoration chapel in St. Peter's, Rome and the Perpetual Adoration in Sacre Coeur, Paris.

The sacrament of Reconciliation will available during Holy Hour.

Date: Saturday 22 November Start : 8.45am Finish : 3pm at St Raphael's Parish Hall, Coffee, Tea & Soft Drinks will be supplied on the day. Please bring along something to share for morning tea and a sandwich for lunch. Please contact Gary and Ronnie Cartmer if any questions on 9546 2142.

CATECHISTS NEEDED!
The parishes are in need of an extra catechist to help for the last four weeks of classes. If you are able to spare an hour on Wednesday or Thursday morning . If you are able to help please contact Br Joe on 9546 1232 or Kath Cullen on 9546 2487.

Ministry 8&9	St Raphael's		Mater Dei	
November	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes/SS	Daniel	Br Ben	John	Graeme
EMHC	Shirley Jan	Michelle Monica	Aliesha	Marguerite
Readers	McCluskey McKenzies	Fernandes Family	Louise	Jean Joan
Altar Servers	Stephanie, Elroy Daniella, Marcus, Nevin	Katharine Tyler	Luke Emma	Amy, Bianca, Gabrielle
Music		Julia	Jan	Youth
Altar Society	Grace & Angela			
Children's Liturgy	Mary		Diana	

Ministry 15 & 16	St Raphael's		Mater Dei	
November	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes/SS		Earl		
EMHC	Ida Rosie	Henriette Adele		Marguerite
Readers	Yenson Family	Cath Napo	Br Michael Cettina	School arranges
Altar Servers	Abby Ranus, Marc Riley	Monique Emilia	Emma	Amy, Bianca, Gabrielle
Music	Michele	Julia	Jan	Marion
Altar Society	Gail & Clara			
Children's	Mary		Angela	

St. Francis was born at Assisi in Umbria in 1182. After a care free youth, he turned his back on inherited wealth and committed himself to God. Like many early saints, he lived a very simple life of poverty, and in so doing, gained a reputation of being the friend of animals. He established the rule of St Francis, which exists today as the Order of St. Francis, or the Franciscans. He died in 1226, aged 44. On July 16, 1228, he was proclaimed a saint by Pope Gregory IX. He is known as the patron saint of animals and the environment, and is one of the two patron saints of Italy (with Catherine of Siena). He is also known for his love of the Eucharist, his sorrow during the Stations of the Cross, and for the creation of the Christmas crèche or Nativity Scene.

Regular contributions will be coming from St Raphael's with stories about saints who inspire people. This is an initiative of the Pastoral Council.

ST RAPHAEL'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
 Saturday 29 November
FOR YOUR DIARY! St Raphael's Christmas Party Everyone invited to bring a plate to contribute to the big table and also to bring their own drinks. A small donation is requested to go towards the fundraising efforts of the parish. We are also asking some of you individually or as a small group to contribute a gift of substantial value towards the Raffle - 4-5 gifts. There will be Karaoke on the night and a visit from Santa.

RCIA The topic this week is "Why the Bible Can Be Trusted" 7.30pm at St Raphael's on Wednesday 12 November. All welcome. For more info contact Graeme Dorahy on 9546 6032.

Saturday Afternoon Event for Fathers and Grandfathers
 The Parramatta Diocese Family & Life Office and menALIVE are hosting an Saturday afternoon event on the critical importance of Fathering. The afternoon will include discussion on the importance of the Role of Fathers and Grandfathers and will include some practical insights and information on Intentional Fathering. The afternoon will conclude with a launch of the book, "The Father Factor" by Peter O'Shea and Robert Falzon Date: Saturday, November 29. Time: 1:30 - 4pm Place: St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta RSVP: Contact Ben Smith on 8838 3440 or at smith@parra.catholic.org.au.

Living with Soul: A Monthly Renewal Evening for Men in the City. Living with Soul is a new initiative for men of all ages. The Living with Soul evenings include a Mass, short presentation, discussion and fellowship. The first evening, Wednesday the 19 November at 5:30 - 7:00 pm, will consist of an introduction to the Living with Soul program. Each subsequent month will address a new topic. The evenings are held at De Piro House, 19 Stanley Street, Darlinghurst. Register or just come along. Email b4sjj2014@gmail.com, phone Jim on 0432 487 927 or visit facebook.com/brothers4soul.

Preparation for Sacraments
 Our parishes' children are currently preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time. Please keep these children and their catechists & teachers in your prayers.



This weekend we welcome **Amelia Acedevo** into the family of the Catholic Church at St Raphael's. Congratulations to her parents Waffai & Carlos.

A Funny PUSHED TO THE LIMIT: A teenager was always nagging his father to let him drive the family car. Pushed to the limit, the father asked his son why he thought God had given him two feet. The son looked at the father strangely. "Come on, dad," he replied 'One for the brake and one for the accelerator, of course!'

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