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of Mary
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and peace. We ask this through

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Entrance Antiphon
Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading:
2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23
After seventy years, the Israelites are released to rebuild the temple
Psalm: Ps 136. R. v.6
R. Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!
By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung our harps. (R.)
For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)
O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! (R.)
O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! (R.)

Second Reading: Eph 2:4-10
Salvation is not earned but a gift from God
Gospel Acclamation: Jn 3:16
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 3:14-21
Jesus converses with Nicodemus
Communion antiphon:
The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

by Greg Sunter

To fully understand this week's gospel passage, it is important to take the first reading into consideration as well. The account from 2 Chronicles describes the way in which the people began to neglect their relationship with God. Despite prophets and messengers being sent to them, they turned their backs on God. At about this time the Israelites were conquered, the Temple in Jerusalem destroyed and the survivors taken into exile in Babylon. For many, this was seen as a punishment from God because of their neglectful and selfish behaviour. But the reading demonstrates God's infinite patience with humankind. God gives the people another chance and calls on them to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. God is willing to wipe the slate clean and start afresh. It is in this context that we must understand the gospel passage. In yet another attempt to demonstrate love and forgiveness, God's only Son – the Word made Flesh – is sent into the world to lead the people from darkness to light. Despite the many, many attempts by God to demonstrate love and foster a relationship with humankind, the people have repeatedly rejected the relationship with God and preferred to live a life of selfishness and darkness. Yet we see through both of these readings the unquenchable nature of God who keeps giving humankind one more chance.

In our day to day relationships, it is true that we often seek to test the limits of the love that is expressed. Young people in particular often test the boundaries of their parents' love and the boundaries of others who care for them. It is often a test to reassure themselves of this love – will you still love me, even if I do this? Today's readings portray the people of God as adolescents constantly testing out the limits of God's love. In a remarkable act, God's own Son is sent into the world to die as a sign of the lengths to which God will go to assure humanity of the love that is theirs for the taking.

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)

Ministry 14/5 March	St Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes/SS		Earl	Ray	Paul
Readers	Daiella/George	Lappen	Br Michael Cettina	Wendy Cath
Altar Society				
Children's Liturgy	Childrens L is on every Saturday			

Ministry 21/28 March	St Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes/SS	Greg	Michael	Br Michael	Onsi
EMHC				
Readers	Carl/George	Pat/Minh	Sonia/Fiona	Lucy/Phil
Music				
Altar Society				
Children's Liturgy				

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
 Meets second Tuesday of each month in the Kennedy Centre at Mater Dei at 7.30 pm.

HOME ROSARY
St Raphael's Parish Lent Break
 Will Resume after Easter - Mondays 7.30pm

Mater Dei Parish - Tuesdays

24th March - Agnes Peluso
 1/153 Connells Point Road,
 Connells Point 11.00am

31st March - Nives Care
 33 Church St., Blakehurst 11.00 am start
 Rosary first then followed
 by a Caritas Fundraiser

7th April - Josie & Denis Kocina
 45 Townson St, Blakehurst 8PM

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 for
 Deceased: Caterina Mazza, Fr James Gallen, Ron Masson, Mariano Alviar, Les Woodward, Peter Ashelford, Anna Pelosi,

Sick: Sr Visney Hatton.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	StR	MD
First	824	281
Second: loose	666	446
Envelopes	414	1426

Both Churches have a hearing loop



The topic this week is
 "Sacraments of Initiation"
 7.30pm at St Raphael's on this
 Wednesday 11th. All welcome.
 For more info contact
 Graeme Dorahy on
 9546 6032.

To our 9th RETREAT DAY
 Please come along as the theme will be on :-
 'How to prepare well for Holy Week'
 Father Hugh Thomas C.Ss.R
 Date: Saturday 28th March
 Start : 8.45am Finish : 3pm
 Location: Saint Raphael's Parish Hall,
 84 George Street Hurstville South
 Coffee, Tea & Soft Drinks will
 be supplied on the day.

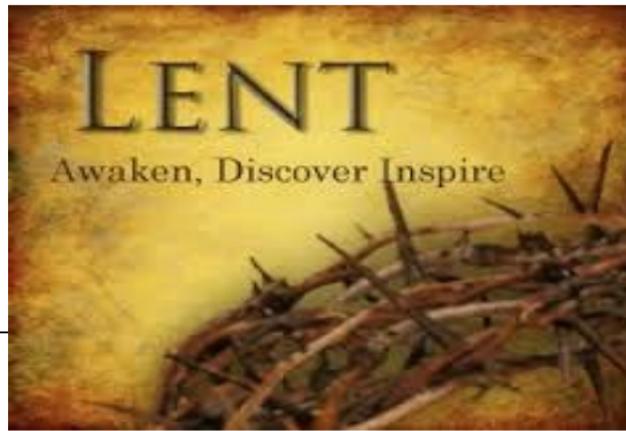
Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW. The February 2015 edition of Voice of the Spirit is available on the website www.ccrnsw.org.au. We hope you enjoy the reading and that it helps you in your walk with God

Aquinas Academy 2015 Courses. The Academy will be holding courses on spirituality and the Gospels including retreats throughout 2015 starting from February through to October. More information can be obtained from www.aquinas-academy.com. To register please ring 02 9247 4651 or by email: : secretary@aquinas-academy.com

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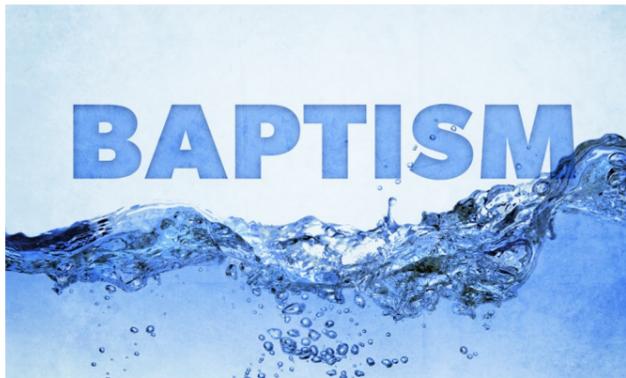
VOICES URGENTLY NEEDED
 Saturday Sunday Masses at Mater Dei.
 God has blessed us with talents and gifted us with voices lets us glorified the lord singing his praises with all our hearts.
 Please contact Marion at parish office on 95462605 if you could help with this ministry.



Do you have a palm tree a home: Our Parishes need Palms to celebrate the PALM SUNDAY. If you have any palms could you kindly drop them at the entrance of the church



Position Vacant. The Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush is inviting applications for the position of **Part Time Cleaner**. Working days are Mondays and Tuesdays, 9.30am to 2.30pm. Enquiries to Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on 0402210055. A copy of the position description is available at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au. Applica-



We welcome Anna, Nathon & Matthew LAU who will be Baptised this weekend. Please keep them and their family in your prayers.

Mother of God
Praesidium Blakehurst

Nives Care invites you to Rosary followed by a cuppa and refreshments on:
 Tuesday 31st of March 2015 at 11am
 for a Lenten fundraiser to raise money for:

Invites you to the Legion of Mary's annual Day of Reflection (ACIES) with Benediction and Renewal of Consecration to Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by a cuppa,

On
 Sunday 22nd of March 2015 at 2pm
 Venue at
 Mater Dei Church Blakehurst
 1008 King Georges Rd
 Blakehurst

Caritas Australia

Venue:
 33 Church St
 Blakehurst NSW 2221
 Contact:
 Nives Care: 02 9546 6598

SENIORS MASS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL 19 MARCH 2015, 10.30am: You are invited to attend the Seniors Mass celebrated by Fr. Geoffrey Plant with concelebrant Fr. Paul Hilder Dean of St Mary's Cathedral. This Mass is supported by Life Ascending Australia and concentrates on Spirituality, Friendship and Loving Service for senior or retired people. Everyone Welcome! For more information telephone: Roy Cooke 9771 3609.

Xt3 2015 Digital Lent Calendar And App. Let social media help your journey through Lent. The Xt3 digital Lent Calendar and App is now available with videos, reflections and podcasts. Visit www.xt3.com/lent or download the free App by searching for "xt3 Lent" in the Google Play or App store.

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24 Hours for the Lord, Fri 13th – Sat 14th March In response to Pope Francis' Lenten call to participate in 24 hours of Adoration and Reconciliation on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th March, St Mary's Cathedral will make the "Lady Chapel" available from midday on Friday 13th March until midday on Saturday 14th March. Continuous Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout this time except for Mass times (1:10pm & 5:30pm Friday, 9am Saturday). The 24 Hours will culminate with the regular Saturday midday Mass. After hours access will be through the Eastern doors. Various groups will facilitate times of Adoration with prayer and/or music. This is an evangelisation event so bring a friend to this gentle time of prayer and encounter with Christ's love and mercy! For a full program go to www.credosydney.org/24-hours-for-the-lord.

RCIA
 Sophia Chao, Amy Li, Kenix Pang & Sherry Wong would like to be introduced to the community as they are preparing themselves prayerfully to embrace our catholic faith during the Easter Vigil Mass.
 We welcome them with open arms and pray for them.

Volunteers Needed
 To proclaim the word of God for the Holy Week Liturgy at both Parishes.
 Singers & Musician's are needed for the Holy Week especially for the Easter Triduum & Vigil Mass at Mater Dei. Contact or email Parish

Stations of the Cross at St Raphael's
 From 7.30 to 8pm every Friday
 There will be Holy Hour
 From 8pm - 9pm.

Stations of the Cross at Mater Dei
 Fridays during lent at 7pm

FUNNY A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Ryan 3. The boys b e g a n t o argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

Australian Pastoral Musicians Network National Conference. The APMN will be holding a national conference from **01 – 03 October 2015** in Brisbane. Diarise these dates

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