



SAINT OF THE WEEK: St. Lydwine St. Lydwine is the patroness of sickness Lydwine of Schiedam was born at Schiedam, Holland, one of nine children of a working man. After an injury in her youth, she became bedridden and suffered the rest of her life from various illnesses and diseases. She experienced mystical gifts, including supernatural visions of heaven, hell, purgatory, apparitions of Christ, and the stigmata. Thomas a Kempis wrote a biography of her. She was canonized Pope Leo XIII in 1890. Lydwine suffered a fall while ice skating in 1396, when a friend collided with her and caused her to break a rib on the right side. From this injury, she never recovered. An abscess formed inside her body which later burst and caused Lydwine extreme suffering. Eventually, she was to suffer a series of mysterious illnesses which in retrospect seemed to be from the hands of God. Lydwine heroically accepted her plight as the will of God and offered up her sufferings for the sins of humanity. Some of the illnesses which affected Lydwine were headaches, vomiting, fever, thirst, bed-sores, toothaches, spasms of the muscles. Her feast day is April 14.

Vocational Discernment Day with the Dominicans

In this Year of Consecrated Life, the Dominican Community at St. James'. Glebe will be holding a discernment day for young men (18-35) on Saturday April 25th. The day will include talks on vocational discernment in general, on the religious life, as well as personal testimonies from a Dominican priest and brother. Cost is free and includes morning/afternoon tea and lunch. For more information or to register, please visit 'Dominican Friars Australasia' on Facebook or email vocations@op.org.au.

Retreat Day for Divorced Women

Women who have experienced the pain of divorce are warmly invited to a Day of Reflection and Prayer on Saturday, 2nd of May, at Marymount Mercy Centre, 36 David Rd, Castle Hill, from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. The day will be led by Bishop Terry Brady and Sr Lydia Allen RSM and will include talks, Mass, the sacrament of reconciliation, and time for fellowship and support. Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided. Cost: \$10. Please direct registrations and inquiries to Silvana at the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8403 or LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org.

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.



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BULLETIN

19th April 2015

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading:

Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

Responsorial Psalm :

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **(R.)**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R.)**

‘What can bring us happiness?’ many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **(R.)**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Jn 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

Communion antiphon:

Lk 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Lk 24:46-47

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead;

Reflection: By Fr Michael Tate

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of that sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.

In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost-like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.

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
 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
 21-4-15
Rita and Michael Mazza
 7 Crawford St.
 Blakehurst. 8.00P.M.
 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

Please pray for

Deceased: Baxter Derrig, Clarice Dorany, Domenico Cardillo, Betty Peipman, Fr Brendan Shiel, Patricia Plummer, Eileen Mc Gloin, Baden Barter, Ron Masson, Less Woodward, Deceased members from the families of Mullens & O'Malley, Mariano Alviar, Alice & James Pollard, Souham Wehbe, Garry Stewart.
Sick: Brian Waterman Sr Vianney Hatton, Damien & Rosemary Caruana, Neuyen, T Hounq, Maria Milic,

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	StR	MD
First	574	240.45
Second: loose	329	442
Envelopes	839	1188

ECUMENICAL SERVICE
Theme ANZAC DAY
 Mater Dei and St Raphael's joining
 With our local Christian Churches
THIS SUNDAY (19th) 2 PM
ST Marks Anglican
 10 The Mall St Sth Hurstville
 A show of Christian unity.

Mater Dei Parish and St Raphael's Parish
 Invite you to their annual Parish Dinner
Christmas in July
Friday, 24th July 2015
7pm for 7:30pm start
Doltone House
 223 Belgrave Esplanade, Sylvania Waters
Cost: \$75 per person
 Includes 3 course meal,
 beer wine and soft drinks, coffee/Tea
 DJ Included



The blessing of the Lord be upon you...

"May the glory and the promise
 of this joyous time of the year
 bring peace and happiness to you
 and those you hold most dear,
 And may Christ
 Our Risen Saviour
 always be there by your side,
 to bless you most abundantly
 and be your loving guide"



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

Southern Area Catechist Mass
21st May (Thursday), 11am
St Mary MacKillop Parish, Rockdale City
Archdiocesan Catechist Gathering – Monday 4 May
 Catechists are invited to join us in the city on Monday 4 May, 10am to 1:30pm (Level 8 Polding Centre).
Session 1: Praying with Children - we welcome Frances Tilly, a trained leader in the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises and spiritual director, to talk with us about praying with children. Along with her background in high school teaching, Frances will bring a gentle wisdom and prayerfulness to our Catechist Gathering.
Dates for your dairy:
 >Catechist Retreat – to prepare for Pentecost
 Friday 15 May 2015, 10am to 2pm Details to be confirmed.
 >Annual Catechist Mass Sunday 20 September 2015

CENTENARY OF ANZAC VIGIL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE. The ANZAC Solemn Vigil Mass of Remembrance at St Mary's Cathedral will be held on **Friday, 24 April at 5.30pm**. The Mass will be offered for peace, and for the lives and service of members of the Australian Defence Force. All are welcome to attend and to pay their respects to the Fallen, and to pray for those who serve or have served the nation in a military or civilian capacity in the defence of Australia.

WYD 2016 LAUNCH + YOUNG ADULT WELCOME TO ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY – 21 APRIL
 All young adults are invited to Sydney's launch of World Youth Day 2016. This will also be the first time that our new Archbishop will be present at an official Archdiocesan event for young adults so it is a great opportunity to meet and welcome him. It will be a huge night of celebration with Polish food, Polish dancing, information stalls, a catechesis from the Archbishop and even a spot of fine Polish vodka! Come and hear about the exciting pilgrimages that Sydney will be taking in 2016 to the City of Mercy. The evening will be held at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall on Tuesday 21 April from 7.30pm. The Archbishop will also be presiding at City Silence (the weekly young adult holy hour) in the Cathedral from 6.30pm. For more information see the event at www.facebook.com/

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.
 Next Sunday, 26 April is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated this day as World Day of Prayer for Vocations also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. On this annual worldwide event, the Church invites you to ask for God's blessings that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocation and to pray especially for those God is calling to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION 2015. St Teresa of Avila 2: Bishop David Walker DD, Emeritus Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, will deliver teachings on St Teresa of Avila. St Teresa, a Doctor of the Church, has come to be recognised as one of the great teachers of how to journey to God. Come and join us in exploring the richness of St Teresa's wisdom. All are welcome! The venue for all courses will be The Centre for Christian Spirituality, 14 Frances St, Randwick. St Teresa of Avila 2: The Interior Castle. Dates: **Wednesdays: 29 April, 6 & 13 May 2015, 7.00 – 8.30pm.** Course Cost: \$25. To register: <http://trybooking.com/GVFO>.

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