

## MOTHERS DAY

It's a day of thanksgiving to the Lord for the blessing of a loving & caring mother because nobody else can take her place in your life. Please don't forget to pray for her every day as she loves you the most.

God Bless our Mothers and keep them in good health.

Three Cheers to our Mothers HIP hip HOORAY



**The Grace Of Vocation.** Union and Charity, a series of discernment events held on Saturdays in Sydney for young single women sponsored by the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma. Last event date: 16 May. For further information visit [www.rsmofalma.org](http://www.rsmofalma.org) and to RSVP ring 02 9557 2398 or [stjoseph@rsmofalma.org](mailto:stjoseph@rsmofalma.org).

## Pentecost Retreat Saturday 23rd May, 2015

Come and join us for a day retreat 9am to 5pm at 74 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery. There will be talks based on the Word of God, time for personal reflection and sharing. Please contact Verbum Dei Missionaries if you have any questions on 9313 7099 or email

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## ROME PILGRIMAGE TOUR - 3 JUNE 2015 DEPARTURE.

There are some vacancies still available on the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney's Rome Pilgrimage Tour which departs on 03 June 2015. The 7-night tour package includes return economy airfares, accommodation at Domus Australia, all breakfasts and dinners, and all tours including admission. For full details go to [www.romepilgrimages.com](http://www.romepilgrimages.com) or phone 1800 819 156.

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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## Parishes of 5th Sunday Of Easter

### Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26. 34-35.  
44-48

Responsorial Psalm : Ps 97:1-4. R.

**(R.)** The Lord has revealed to the nations  
his saving power

1. Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **(R.)**

The Lord has made known his  
salvation;

has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we  
will come to them.  
Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 15:9-17

Communion antiphon:

If you love me, keep my command-  
ments, says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send  
you another Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

## Mater Dei Blakehurst St Raphaels

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BULLETIN

10th May, 2015

**Reflection: By Fr Michael Tate**

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul's mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth.

'Catholic' simply means 'world wide', and the Church's universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ's victory over death and the true meaning of love: 'No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.'

In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death.

This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation.

We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of 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
<b>RECONCILIATION: (also by appointment)</b>		
Saturday		4.30pm
<b>EXPOSITION</b>		
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** 7.30pm  
 11/5/15 Anton & Margurite  
 13-A Australia St, Hurstville  
 18-05-2015 John & Mary  
 24 William St, South Hurstville  
**Mater Dei Parish - Tuesdays**  
 12-5-15 Frances and Tony Oscuro  
 51 Stuart St. Blakehurst 8.00pm  
 19.5.15 Nives Care  
 33 Church St, Blakehurst. 8.00 P.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:** Daryl Hancock, Philomena Danaher, Martin Breeb, Rachele Calvitto, Baxter Derrig, Clarice Dorany, Domenico Cardillo, Betty Peipman, Fr Brendan Shiel, Baden Barter, Ron Masson, Souham Wehbe, Garry Stewart, Julia & Monica Mullens, Natale Pelle,

**Sick:** Joanne McRea, Sue McDermott, Maria Lefroy, Andreas Grannakouras, Jack & Sylvia Wood, Brian Waterman Sr Vianney Hatton, Damien & Rosemary Caruana, Neuyen, T Houng, Maria Milic,

**Mater Dei Parish and St Raphael's Parish**

**Invite you to their annual Parish Dinner**

**Christmas in July**

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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**




Jude - Saint or Judas was one of the apostles of Christ. He was also known as Lebbaeus or Thaddaeus (Matt: 10:3 Mark 3:18). He was not the Judas who betrayed Christ. Only one glimpse of him appears in the Gospels, through a question addressed to Jesus. When Christ told the apostles that He would go unto His Father but that He would later manifest Himself to those who loved Him, Judas asked Jesus how He would manifest Himself (John 14:22), Jesus then answered that the Father would send the Comforter, or Holy Spirit in his name.

St. Jude is the Patron Saint of Hope and impossible causes. He preached the Gospel with great passion, often in the most difficult circumstances. Through his intercession to Jesus on our behalf, St Jude takes us into his continuing care. He welcomes our prayers of gratitude to God, our petitions for strength and help, and offers hope for every intention. St. Jude is traditionally depicted carrying the image of Jesus in his hand. St. Jude died a martyr's death for his unwavering faith. His body was later brought to Rome and placed in a crypt under St. Peter's Basilica. His feast day is generally celebrated as the feast of Saints Simon and Jude on October 28th.


Prepared by Gail Dawson

**Parish Children wishing to receive the sacraments of reconciliation, First Holy communion and Confirmation should contact parish office:**




**RECONCILIATION**

Enrollment:  
24th May 2015



**First Communion**

Enrollment:  
22nd July 2015




**Enrollment: 2015**  
Commenced

**Downpour - Pentecost Youth Rally – Sat, 23 May 2015.** Join with hundreds as we celebrate Pentecost 2015 and pray for Sydney! This awesome night will feature worship by Steve Angrisano (USA), Gary and Natasha Pinto (Melbourne) and Stephen Kirk (Canberra) with a dynamic preaching by Fr Chris Ryan MGL. A night not to be missed!! Tickets and information available online at [downpoursydney.com](http://downpoursydney.com).

Catholic Adult Education Centre New Courses for 2015 (Term Two April – June) – Courses include The Eucharist (New) & Moral Life in Christ from 20 April – 8 June, Monday evenings with Dr Peter John McGregor; Knowing and Living with Creation (New), one day intensive 18 May with Dr Peter John McGregor; and Maronite History (New) 20 April – 25 May, Monday evenings with Peter El Khouri. With the exception of Maronite History, all courses will be held at The Catholic Centre, Keating St, Lidcombe. Enquiries – (02) 9646 9010 or [study@caec.com.au](mailto:study@caec.com.au).

**A Date for your dairy: 31/05/2015**

**Sunday 10.00am @ Mater Dei**



**Thanksgiving Mass for**  
**Br Joe Cassar**  
**and for**  
**the Society of Christian Doctrine.**

For the years of service to our parish, our schools & our community.

Please join us for morning tea after 10.00am Mass

**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) PASTORAL APPEAL.** Our parish wishes to thank you for opening your hearts and supporting the appeal last weekend. Through your donation, the CWF is able to continue its work in our local communities, providing spiritual and practical support where it's needed most.

Thank you, and may God bless you.

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**St Raphael's Primary** 9546-4898  
 Principal: Mrs Annette McKenzie

**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>.

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