

Our Church Collections

The First Collection at Sunday Masses is taken up soon after the homily. This directly supports the priests of the Archdiocese who serve us. Their work includes the normal liturgical and pastoral services at our church, but often extends further as they offer their services to other parishes and schools in their time of need. Your generous support of our priests through the First Collection is appreciated.

The Second Collection at Sunday Masses supports the Parish in its financial commitments. These include:

- Repayment of Loans.
- Payment of Staff Salaries
- Administrative costs of the Office
- Diocesan Subsidies
- Pastoral, Sacramental and Educational expenses, Annual Grants to Charities beyond us

Supplementary Collections are taken up from time to time. These are taken up after communion and directed in full to the announced cause. These include:

- Diocesan Charitable Works Fund
- Disaster Relief
- Retired Priests Fund

Thanksgiving or Planned Giving are terms used across Australia. Begun in the 1950's, it is our way being able to budget to pay our expenses in relationship to the promised level of giving from parishioners. Through their Annual Commitment, parishioners are invited where possible to contribute an amount equivalent to their first hour of work for the week. This contribution is made by either Debit Card or a weekly/monthly envelope contribution. The Debit Card option is becoming more popular and is more secure.



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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.

A Remembrance Service will be held in the Calvary Hospital Chapel

An invitation is extended to all who have suffered grief or bereavement and especially those whose loved ones have died at Calvary.

Saturday, July 11, 2015

Service Commences at 2pm

Followed by afternoon tea.

Calvary Hospital Chapel of the Resurrection

111 Rocky Point Road,
Kogarah.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a photo of their loved one.



Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time— Year B

Parishes of Mater Dei Blakehurst &

St Raphael's South Hurstville

BULLETIN

05th July 2015

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading: Ez 2:2-5

Responsorial Psalm :

Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

Second Reading: 2 Cor 12:7-10

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 6:1-6

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate:

I recommend viewing the film 'Billy Elliott' in which a youngster found that his body 'went electric' when he danced. To give expression to this, he had to break from the expectations of his family in a decaying mining town in the north of England.

Jesus had a similar experience. His home town of Nazareth wanted to keep him in the box they could deal with: 'the carpenter's son'. But he was aware of a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was and it had to find expression in 'mighty works'. So, he left Nazareth, never to return.

Each person has a unique identity and role conceived by God. Of course, we must be careful not to stifle it in others. But, first, we must try to discern what it is for ourselves. Why was I loved into existence just now, and not in the third or the twenty-third century? The cosmos as desired by God will be incomplete if I let others dictate who I am. God's plan of salvation history will be disrupted if I don't fulfil the role he wants me to play.

We could take a moment to pray for certain gifts of the Holy Spirit; understanding and wisdom to be enlightened as to one's unique identity and role, and then courage to persevere against the odds, perhaps confounding the expectations of others, so as to go on and perform his 'mighty works'.

*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		
	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	8.00am	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:
Mater Dei: Tuesdays 8.00pm
 07/07/2015 & all Tuesdays in July at :
Caterina and Greg Colubriale
 68 Hatfield Street Blakehurst.

St Raphael's: Mondays 7.30pm
 06-07-2015 :
Paul & Vinka Bosnjak
 126 West St. South Hurstville

13-07-2015 : **Mick & Cathy Obrovac**
 28 Whitfield Pde Hurstville Grove

Please Pray for:

Recently Deceased: John Murphy, Robert Holt, JinDugganNeville Rumble, Sister Helen Leary, , Domenico Cardillo, Edward Zacaroploulos, Amerigo Di Cicco, Catherine Lin Siew Ngik,

Sick: Mary Mullens, Joanne McRea, Sue McDermott, Maria Lefroy, Andreas Grannakouras, Jack & Sylvia Wood, Brian Waterman Sr Vianney Hatton, Neuyen, T Houng,

ARE YOU COMING TO THE COMBINED Parish DINNER DANCE: Please confirm your tables and pay at the parish office.

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



Dollone House
 223 Belgrave Esplanade, Sylvania Waters

Cost: \$75 per person
 Includes 3 course meal, beer wine and soft drinks, coffee/Tea
 DJ Included

Dress: Christmas colours

RSVP: 3rd July 2015

St Raphael Contact Numbers
 Rosie Gould 0412 573 472
 Jackie El-Zoghbi 0425 281 417

Mater Dei Contact Numbers
 Marguerite Derrig 0420 523 592
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Catholic Mission Appeal on the 4th and 5th of July

Weekend retreat: Prayer and Memory
 Presenters: Fr Greg Homeming OCD and Mr Geoffrey Stumbles
 Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566

When: July 31 – August 2
 Cost: \$220 (concessions apply)
 Phone: 02 8795 3400
 Email: retreats@carmelite.com
 www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Please Remember to collect your planned giving envelopes

NOAH's Ark

Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?
 Because Noah was standing on the deck

Celebrating One Year to WYD with GRACEFEST!
A night of Praise and Worship.

This Year we are extremely excited to have our very own Archbishop Anthony give the catechesis on the WYD Theme "Mercy". Once again we will Adore our God and be led in worship by Stephen Kirk and the Graceband. Reconciliation will be available throughout the night provided by the priests that will accompany us on our WYD journey and NET will inspire us with testimonies and dramas. If you are thinking about/are excited/haven't even heard about WYD, then Gracefest is for you! Meet fellow pilgrims and begin the journey NOW! 31 July 2015, 7pm at St Joachim's Parish – 7 Mary Street, Lidcombe

"Catholics with Sydney Alliance win on issue of Transport Concessions for Asylum Seekers"

Life in Sydney will become a little easier for refugees with last week's announcement from the Premier that around 8,000 asylum seekers living in Sydney will be able to access transport concessions in NSW. These asylum seekers are not permitted to work and many have faced severe mental health issues and social isolation as they wait in limbo for their claims to be processed. Catholic parishes, Vinies and CatholicCare offer services such as English Language classes for asylum seekers, but many have not been able to access these crucial ministries because of costs of transport. Catholic parishioners, school leaders and clergy in coalition with the Sydney Alliance and many refugee advocates were crucial in successfully campaigning for this issue.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Diocese of Broken Bay and Parramatta, CatholicCare Sydney and Srs. of the Good Samaritan are members of the Sydney Alliance with 42 other faith, union and community organisations.

"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare"

Jeremiah 29:7"

Information about the new policy can be found by logging on to the Justice & Peace Office Facebook page via the following link <https://www.facebook.com/JusticeAndPeaceOffice> .

Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on Sunday, 12th July at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, at 10.30 am. All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org. Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th, or 65th wedding anniversaries will also receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher.

Life Ascending Australia, a spiritual movement for seniors, will meet in the Marian Hall, St Joseph's Church Oatley at 10 am on Friday July 10. Visitors are always welcome! Access is through the Church. Enquiries Ray Byers 9570 3507 – ray.byers@bigpond.net.au

CATHOLIC ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE, LIDCOMBE - COURSES ON THE BIBLE. "Join Kylie Cullen from the Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity as she helps us to Discover the Prophets and Open the New Testament." Tuesday, 14 July to 01 September 2014. Discovering the Prophets (6.30-8.00pm) and Opening the New Testament (8.15-9.45pm). \$110 for one course or \$200 for both courses. 3 Keating St Lidcombe. Enquiries – (02) 9646 9010, study@caec.com.au , www.caec.com.au .

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SCHOOLS:
 Mater Dei Primary 9546-7298
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 St Raphael's Primary 9546-4898
 Principal: Mrs Annette McKenzie

Adoration every Friday 8pm at St. Raphael's Church. All Invited.

Bible reading - Men's group. Thursday's 8pm to 9pm at St Raphael's School Hall.

All (men) Invited.
 Contact: Carl Pavia 0418 672 394



Thankyou for your generous contribution to the Vinnes Winter appeal.

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

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 especially, too, for the victims of child sexual abuse by clergy, religious and Church employees.