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Keynote speakers are Fr Michael White and Tom Corcoran, Parish Priest and Pastoral Associate of Church of the Nativity,

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Workshops will provide practical ideas and tools for participants to take back and apply in the parish.

Registrations are open. See [www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au) for more information. Early Bird Closes: 30 June.

**GRACIOUS GOD**

You have blessed this ancient land  
With many gifts, especially its people.

We thank you for your abiding grace,  
Enabling us to start afresh from Christ.

You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son,  
That we may experience anew the joy of the gospel,  
And that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.

Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit,  
That our Church may be transformed,  
Our relationships be healed,  
And our nation grow in compassion and justice.

With the intercession of St Mary MacKillop,  
Who showed us new ways of living the Gospel,  
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Prayer for the close of the Year of Grace, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.  
Image: The Christ Pantocrator mosaic (13th-century) in Hagia Sophia, Istanbul, Turkey.  
Catholic Communications, Archdiocese of Sydney 2014.

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**St Raphael's South Hurstville**  
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**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Gospel Reflection

Melodies are amazing things. Every now and then an artist takes a classical composition and turns the melody into a popular song. Barry Manilow's song *Could It Be Magic* is based on Frederic Chopin's *Prelude in C Minor*. Eric Carmen wrote *All By Myself* based on Rachmaninov's *Piano Concerto No. 2*. Harry Carroll wrote *I'm Always Chasing Rainbows* based on Chopin's *Fantaisie-Improvisation*. And *Stranger in Paradise* from *Kismet* is a theme from Alexander Borodin's *Polovtsian Dances*. It's also true that a melody can be ennobled or lifted up to a higher purpose. For instance the medieval melody *Greensleeves* was a song about wine and women and loose livin' which was transformed into the tender Christmas carol *What Child Is This?*

In each of these instances, something old is transformed into something new. Something memorable becomes even more memorable but in a new way. The new thing resembles the old but it's not the same. Without the old, the new would be unintelligible. And that's how it is with today's great Feast. The Eucharist is that new Reality which was hidden in the heart of God from the first page of Genesis. The Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is a mystery we could not even begin to grasp if it weren't foreshadowed in the Old Testament. Everything that happened to the People of Israel is now fulfilled in the Eucharist we celebrate. The melody of the Old Testament has been transposed, lifted up into an entirely new key.

**Entrance antiphon**  
He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16**  
*He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.*

**Psalm: Ps 147:12-15. 19-20**  
R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.  
O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
He has blessed the children within you. R.

He established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. R.

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. R.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17**  
*The Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 6:51-58**  
*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

**Communion antiphon:**  
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

In the Mass, we see elements of the Old Covenant: an assembly, a priest, an altar, bread, wine, offertory prayers. And yet, for this to be a true sacrifice, there has to be a Victim – a living Body with Blood to be offered. Bread and wine which symbolize our human efforts to please God fall short. That's where the Holy Spirit steps in. Through the words of Consecration, Christ's greatest miracle takes place at each Mass. Ordinary bread and wine change into the Body and Blood of the Risen Christ. Through the hands of his priests, Jesus Christ offers the exact same worship he offered on the Cross to his heavenly Father – namely, Himself. What Jesus offered at the Last Supper, what he offered to his heavenly Father on Calvary, he makes present again in a sacramental way: his own Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Consider what happens when you eat. Food is incorporated into your body. A simpler lifeform is transformed into a more complex lifeform. Food becomes a part of you for better or for worse. With the Holy Eucharist, it's the reverse. We are the lower lifeform which is raised up and incorporated into the Mystical Body of Christ. We do not change the Eucharist. The Eucharist changes us! The Eucharist we receive transforms natural life into supernatural life. We rarely catch a glimpse of our own transformation but it's happening nonetheless. Only in heaven, will we finally see clearly how Jesus was transforming us day by day into his very own divine life.

How blessed are we to be called to the Supper of the Lamb, to that Sacred Banquet in which Christ becomes our food, the memory of his passion is celebrated, the soul is filled with grace and a pledge of future glory is given to us! May our worship of this Eucharistic Mystery never cease. And may it never cease to amaze us.

**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 - Mondays 7.30pm**  
 23 June - Kate Petkovic  
 56 Bristol Rd, Hurstville  
 30 June - Mick & Cathy Obrovac  
 28 Whitfield Pde, Hurstville Grove  
**Mater Dei Parish - Tuesdays**  
 24 June—Dori & Joe Guittari  
 5 Pleasant Way Blakehurst 8pm  
 1 July—Caterina and Greg Colubriale  
 68 Hatfield 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:** George Daniel Burns, Sam Greco, Brian Hughes, Natale Pelle  
**Sick:** Peter Winton, Maria Le Froy, Jean Morrell, Angelo Panzarino, Hennie Smith, Sue McDermott, Margaret Hopkinson, Brigid Dwyer, Sr Vianney Hatton, Mary Krone, Ann, Sr Maree Henderson, rsc, Blaza Kursar, Howard Courtney, Paul Foley, Ann Davies, Joanne McRea, Patrick & Sidney Yenson, Matthew Tuffin, Joanne Martin, George & Therese Mir, Jack & Sylvia Wood.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	STR	MD
First	652	251
Second: loose	331	409
Envelopes	1547	1807

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

## St Raphael's Pastoral Plan

Copies are now available in Church and will be placed on the website shortly.

**Mater Dei Monthly Morning Tea**  
 Come along after the 10am Mass next week for a cuppa and a cake! Morning Teas are hosted after the 10am Mass on the 4th weekend of the month. The will be in the Hall: why not get together with a group of friends and help build community in the Parish? Speak to Wendy and Michael if you can help.

**Praying with the Scriptures**  
 'Who do you say I am?' The Heartbeat Post – Pentecost Series will commence THIS Tuesday 24 June from 2pm - 3pm in the Mater Dei Church for six weeks. All welcome.

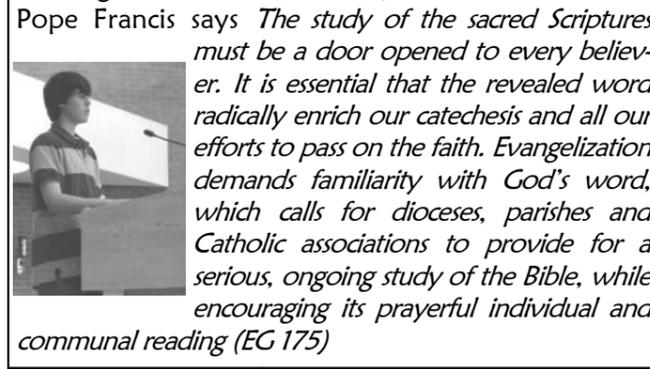
**Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass for Fr John Sullivan**  
 All are warmly invited to join with Fr John at his 50th Anniversary Mass of his Ordination to the Priesthood – Saturday 19th July 2014 – 11.00am at St Patrick's Church, 134 Flora Street, Sutherland. Light luncheon and refreshments follow in the Courtyard (No gifts please...your presence is enough) – Enquiries Gayle 0498 98 23 27 or gayle.anderson.058@gmail.com

**Holy Communion to the Sick**  
 We have a team of people who take Holy Communion to those of our community who are unable to come to Mass due to illness or infirmity. If you know someone who is unable to come to Mass anymore or even temporarily, please let Fr Isidore know via the Parish Office.

Ministry 21 & 22 June	St Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes/SS		Br Ben	Br Michael	Onsi
EMHC	Shirley, Ellen	Henriette Kathy, Ellen		
Readers	McCluskies McKenzies	Napo Pat	school School	School School
Altar Servers	Marcus, Nevin Elroy, Edward	Melissa Chrystal	Luke Emma	Amy, Bianca, Alex
Music		Julia	Children's choir	Children's choir
Altar Society			Sharon & Nathan	
Children's Liturgy	Mary		Diana & Isabella	

Ministry 28 & 29 June	St Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes/SS	Greg	Br Ben	Ray	Jeff
EMHC	Shirley, Ellen	Henriette Kathy, Ellen		
Readers	Cath Carl	Fernandes Family	Debra Trish	Anne-Marie Fiona
Altar Servers	Jed, Max Jared	Peter Anthony	Luke Emma	Amy, Bianca, Alex
Music		Julia	Jan	Kim
Altar Society			Grace & Angela	
Children's Liturgy	Mary		School holidays	

**Course for Readers**  
 A course for those who wish to proclaim the Word of God will be held on Saturday 9 August, starting at 10am. There are two components: in the morning Fr Mark Kenney, SM (lecturer in Biblical Studies at the Catholic Institute of Sydney) will talk about WHAT we read when we proclaim in Church. **This part of the course is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about sacred Scripture.** The second component in the afternoon will be presented by Mrs Elsa Manu (BA (Psych) B Ed. (Primary)) who has over ten years in (AMEB) Speech and Drama training and of course, proclaims the Word in her own Parish. This is the HOW we do it and will include practice and tips on proclamation techniques. This is a great opportunity for anyone who is thinking about offering themselves for this important Ministry. Young people, 15 years and older, are particularly welcome to attend to learn how to develop the skills needed to do this knowledgably, confidently and reverently. Experienced Readers are also urged to come along, to continue their growth in understanding and share their experience. For those who cannot attend on Saturday, the course will also be run in the evenings of Wednesday 6 August (Scripture) and Tuesday 12 August (Practical). This is a combined parishes event (Saturday it will be held at St Raphael's and the evening sessions at Mater Dei).  
 Pope Francis says *The study of the sacred Scriptures must be a door opened to every believer. It is essential that the revealed word radically enrich our catechesis and all our efforts to pass on the faith. Evangelization demands familiarity with God's word, which calls for dioceses, parishes and Catholic associations to provide for a serious, ongoing study of the Bible, while encouraging its prayerful individual and communal reading (EG 175)*



**NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR SPONSORSHIP OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS AT MATER DEI**  
 Our artist is currently preparing designs for the windows up the top facing King Georges Rd. There are three strips and sponsorship of the 2 outermost will be \$ 3500 and the centre one (which is slightly larger) will be \$4200. We already have one definite bidder, and one tentative so if you are interested please contact the Office as soon as possible.

**Funny** A couple of nights ago, I was out for dinner in town with some friends. We had a few beers first and some rather nice red wine with the meal.  
 Knowing I would be over the limit, I did the right thing: I took a bus home. Sure enough there was a police breathalysing unit on the road but they wave buses past.  
 I arrived home safely without incident – it was quite a relief, as I have never driven a bus before and I can't remember where I got it.

**Day of Prayer for Priestly Sanctification**  
 Will be held on Friday, 27 June (Feast of the Sacred Heart). If you can, please join Fr Isidore at a time of adoration following the morning Masses at both Churches. If you are unable to attend Mass, would you remember to say a prayer for this important intention? A good prayer is the one we said during the Year of Grace. There are Prayer Cards in the Churches with this prayer, and it is also reproduced on the back of the bulletin.



**HOLY FATHER'S ANNUAL APPEAL** will be held next weekend. Help our Holy Father, Pope Francis, fulfil his worldwide charitable missions on which many of our less fortunate desperately rely on.

**CHANGES AT OUR CHURCHES**  
 The parishes have recently made an investment in the audio visual in the Churches. At St Raphael's this has been audio only, with the purchase of a new amplifier and adjustments to optimise the sound. At Mater Dei the piano and organ have been placed together and the AV cupboard moved to a (more discreet) corner. The old screen has been replaced, and a new screen added to allow Father and the Ministers of the altar to see the slideshow.

**ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS AND RENEWAL OF VOWS**  
 Married couples in the archdiocese of Sydney are invited to attend Mass and those who are celebrating a special anniversary this year, and any who have been married in the last 12 months are particularly invited, at 10.30am on Sunday 13 July. In order that these are acknowledged couples are asked to RSVP [lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org) or 9390 5290. Registered couples celebrating 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries will also receive a special certificate from Bishop Comensoli.



**CCR HEALING WEEKENDS.** The Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be holding two healing weekends in Wauchope NSW on the weekend of 28 and 29 June and at Rozelle NSW on the weekend of 12 and 13 July. All are welcome. Refreshments and lunch provided, cost by donation. To register please contact Gillian Lewis - phone: 6585 2360 or Mob: 0438 852 360.

**PLEASE NOTE** the Planned Giving Envelopes for next financial year are now available for collection in the Churches.

We will shortly start a new financial year. Perhaps if you do not already contribute to the Parishes' Planned Giving Programs (envelope scheme) you could consider it now? **Donations over \$2.00 are 100% Tax Deductible.** Catholic Parishes receive no direct financial support from the Government and are totally dependent on the generosity of parishioners.

**Planned Giving Envelope Request Form**  
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**There are Vanilla-scented soy candles** are still available (in a glass ) for \$15. Money raised will go towards the lighting upgrades in both Churches.

**SACRAMENT NEWS**  
 Please pray for our children who will receive the Eucharist for the first time at Mater Dei this weekend.

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