

"It's so hard to forget pain, but it's even harder to remember sweetness. We have no scar to show for happiness. We learn so little from peace."  
— Chuck Palahniuk

MASS TIMES		
	Mater Dei	St. Raphael
Saturday	6.15pm	5.00pm
Sunday	10.00am	8.30am
Tuesday	8.00am	-
Wednesday	8.00am	-
Thursday	-	9.15am
Friday	8.00am	9.00am
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b> (also by appointment)		
Saturday	-	4.30pm
<b>EXPOSITION</b>		
Friday	-	7:30 pm —8:30 pm
Saturday	-	4pm —4:45pm

**Please Pray for:**

**Also pray for:** Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Mass Offered:** Elias Haddad, Jeffrey Bishop, Patrick Derrig, Margaret Elmen, Lucy McMahon

**Sick:** Jack Tuling, Saras Deena, Dr Mark Carlton, Diane Edwards, Linda Church, Alberto Viera, Kylie Lynch, Mick Vujosev

**Fr Rob Galea Coming Home Concert -** At the O'Grady Auditorium, Neich Parade, **Burwood on Sunday July 28** Bring your family & friends to be encouraged and inspired in prayer through great music and inspirational stories. All tickets @ \$55 through [frgministry.com/tickets](http://frgministry.com/tickets)

**Sunday Morning Games -** Learn new games; Teach others your Favourites; Play, socialise and have fun on **Sunday 4th August 10AM - 12PM** at St Raphael's Church Hall. Gold Coin Donation . Coffee/tea/biscuits will be provided. All are welcome

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Ministry 20th & 21st Jul (3rd Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Earl, Gary	Ray Low	Michael E, Norman
EMHC	Rosie Gould	Henrietta, Gail		Marguerite Derrig
Readers	Lovat Family	Lappen Family	Br Michael Nina Milazzo	Cath Logan Wendy Eather
Children's Liturgy	Kelly & Delaney			No Litturgy
Music	CD Music	Norma	Kim	Normalita
Ministry 27th & 28th Jul (4th Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Norman Yenson	Br Michael	Graeme Dorahy
EMHC	Susi Fabbro	Kathy, Rosemary, Florence Yenson		Marguerite Derrig
Readers	Pavia Family	JP, Pat Bates	Volunteer Caterina Columbale	Lucy Mitry Phil Morgan
Children's Liturgy	Mary & Rachel			No Litturgy

Please arrange for a replacement if you are unable to serve in your ministry - Michael Fernandes 0437 517 758

**Dempsey Medal Presentations**  
10:30am Solemn Mass – **July 28, 2019 @10:30 am - 12:30 pm** at St Mary's Cathedral . **All are welcome.**

The Dempsey Medal is awarded annually by the Archbishop of Sydney to members of the Catholic clergy and laity. This Honour is named in recognition of a lay Catholic pioneer from Sydney's early European settlement. It is primarily intended to recognise those who have made an outstanding contribution in the context of their local parish. **Rosie Gould** of our Parish is the recipient of this year's award.

We thank Rosie for her outstanding contributions and service to our Parish and community and wish her God's blessings and good health.

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your Parish. To become a regular contributor please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office or place it on the Collection Plate. You could also send us an email at [admin@materdei-straphael.org.au](mailto:admin@materdei-straphael.org.au)

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**Home Rosary St Raphael (7:30PM)**

22-07-19 Paul & Vinka Bosnjak  
126 West St, South Hurstville

29-07-19 Vinko & Maria Jukic  
66 George St, South Hurstville

**Home Rosary Mater Dei (8:00PM)**

23-07-19 Michael and Rita Mazza  
7 Crawford St, Blakehurst

30-07-19 Josie and Denis Kocina  
45 Townson St, Blakehurst

**Sacrament of First Eucharist Parent Info Night**  
**MD Church - Wed, 24 July @ 6:00PM** in School Lib  
**SR Church - Wed, 31 July @ 5:30PM** in School Hall

A poodle and a Labrador were walking down the street. The poodle turned to the Labrador and complained, "My life is a mess. My owner is mean, my girlfriend is having an affair with a boxer, and I'm as nervous as a cat." "Why don't you go see a psychiatrist?" asked the Labrador. "I can't," replied the poodle. "I'm not allowed on the couch." **FUNNY**

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*Parishes of Mater Dei Blakehurst & St Raphael's South Hurstville*

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time - Year C

BULLETIN

21st July 2019

**Entrance Antiphon:** Ps 53:6,8  
See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**First Reading:** Gen 18:1-10  
Abraham meets the Lord, is promised a son.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 14: 2-5.R. v.1 (R.) **The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

**Second Reading:** Col 1:24-28  
Paul finds joy in suffering.

**Gospel Acclamation:** See Lk 8:15  
Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

**Gospel :** Lk 10:38-42  
Jesus eats at the home of Martha and Mary.

**Communion Antiphon :** Ps 110:4-5  
The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders he gives food to those who fear him.

**REFLECTION**

today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born. © Dianne Bergant CSA

**Have you thought? – Action vs Reflection** This gospel is sometimes portrayed as a dichotomy between action and reflection. Many within the Christian tradition adopt the Martha approach of responding to Christ through service and action while others see Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus as a model for contemplation and reflection. The two different models have developed quite distinctly in the history of the Church and it must be said that the Martha approach of service and action has been in the ascendance for some time. However, action that is not grounded in prayerful reflection runs the risk of becoming well-intentioned busy-ness.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK - St Mary of Magdala** was a disciple of Christ who was healed by him when he cast out seven devils. She stood at the foot of the cross as Jesus died, and went to the tomb to anoint his body on the morning of Easter Sunday. She was the first witness to Jesus' resurrection when she found his tomb empty. In St Mark's Gospel, it is Mary Magdalene to whom the risen Jesus first appears and further to this, in St John's account, Jesus gives her a message to pass on to his brethren. Since the time of Pope Gregory the Great, a tradition in the Western church arose that identified Mary Magdalene as the unnamed sinner who anointed Christ's feet, and Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus. But since 1969 the new Roman calendar has rejected this belief entirely.

**Vinnies Winter Appeal - 20th and 21st July.** We are hoping that we can once again rely on your generous support to continue to be able to assist people in our community who need our help and support. This Winter Vinnies Appeal will provide emergency relief to people at risk and experiencing homelessness. Your donation will help our Vinnies volunteers to rebuild lives. To make a donation or find out more click <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/donation-hub-winter-appeal>

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**"to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8)**