

"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace ." (Pope Francis)

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:**  
**Recently Deceased:** Joyce Kentwell, Reg Kirkwood, Leslie Toose, Vincenzo Di Leo, Fr Peter Neville, Rolando Valencia, Fr Grove Johnson, William Joseph Singanayam, Ingolf Leuschner  
**Also pray for:** All souls in Purgatory, Violet & Ron Brooks, Francine Kidd, Roberto Santospirito, John Anthony Favaloro, Ivan Antulov  
**Mass Offered:** Jeffrey George Bishop, Mary El Khouri & Karam El Khouri, Elias Hadad  
**Anniversary:** Ivka Herceg  
**Sick:** Bernadette Petersen, Shirley Barbuto, Therese Mir, George Mir, Joan Kervin, Dawn Edwards, Edna Edwards, Penny, Jeanette McGloin, Pavo Bosnjak, Steven M<sup>c</sup>Grath, Sr Vianney Hatton SBS, Betty Swinbourne, Sue McDermott, Tony Ostojic, Tim Birch, John Viera, Adriana, Brian Waterman, Barbara Waterman

**Home Rosary St Raphael Monday 7:30PM**  
 LENTEN BREAK  
**Home Rosary Mater Dei**  
 06-03-2018 Marguerite and Denis Derrig  
 32 Waratah St, Kyle Bay 8:00PM  
 13-3-2018 Cheddar St Nursing Home  
 Cheddar St, Blakehurst 11:00AM

Ministry 3rd & 4th Mar 2018 (1st Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes / SS	Greg Driver	Max, Carl	Tony Oscuro	Paul Watson
EMHC	Susi Fabbro	Annie, Rosie		Marguerite Derrig
Readers	Lovat Family	Fernandes Family	Sonia, Frances	Gail, Angela, Luisa
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Children's Liturgy	Mary & Rachel			TBA
Music	Michele	Norma	Kim	Kim
Ministry 10th & 11th Mar 2018 (2nd Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes / SS	Greg Driver	Minh, Luke	Gary Cartmer	Graeme Dorahy
EMHC	Volunteers	Sophia, Monica		Marguerite Derrig
Readers	Saab Family	Lappen Family/ Wendy Lou	Ronnie, Louise	Joan, Jean
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Children's Liturgy	Mary & Rachel			Angela
Please arrange for a replacement if you are unable to serve in your ministry - Carl Pavia 0418672394				

**Volunteer with Palms Australia-** Get out there and be the Church, "bruised, hurting and dirty" Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but immerse themselves in overseas communities for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, share them with our global family! Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to [www.palms.org.au/volunteer/](http://www.palms.org.au/volunteer/)

This weekend the Catholic Church of Mater Dei, Blakehurst warmly welcomes  
**Orlando Broughton Lansdown**  
*(son of Christopher & Vittoria)*  
**Congratulations to the parents!**

**Confirmation 2018**  
**Mater Dei - Wed 16.May @ 6PM**  
**St Raphael's - Thurs 14.Jun @ 7PM**

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	429.55	204.00
Second: loose	316.20	285.55
Envelopes	285.00	497.00

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MD and SR Parishes Calendar 2018		
08-03-18	MD Pastoral Council Meeting	MD Church
22-03-18	SR Pastoral Council Meeting	SR Church

**RCIA Wed 7th MAR'18 at 7:30PM "Theology of Mary & Maricos" at St Raphael's Meeting Hall.**  
 Please contact **Graeme Dorahy** on 95466032

**Announcements that actually appeared in various church bulletins:**

- Don't let worry kill you -- let the church help.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South & North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.



# Parishes of Mater Dei Blakehurst &

Third Sunday of Lent -

# St Raphael's South Hurstville

Year B

BULLETIN

4th Mar 2018

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cf. Ps 24:15-16  
 My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**First Reading:** Ex 20:1-17  
 The Lord delivers the Ten Commandments.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68  
**Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth & all of them just. (R.)

4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. (R.)

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 1:22-25  
 Understand the power of Christ crucified.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Jn 3:16  
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel:** Jn 2:13-25  
 Jesus drives the money-changers from the temple.

**Communion Antiphon:** Jn 4:13-14  
 For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

There'll be morning tea after the 8:30AM Mass at St Raphael's Church Hall. All are welcome!!

**The Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday  
 7pm Mater Dei Church  
 7pm St. Raphael's Church followed by the Holy Hour from 7.30pm - 8.30pm



**Reflection**

Israel believed that the temple was built over the navel of the universe, the *axis mundi*, that spot where the world above and the world below met the world of history, thus enabling the three worlds to communicate. When Jesus called himself the new temple, he was claiming to be the centre of the universe, the spot where three-way cosmic communication occurs, the presence of God in the midst of the community. When we accept him in faith, we are accepting these claims. We may profess this belief, but do our lives reflect it? Although some consider the law a rigid set of precepts, it is really more a collection of directives that have grown out of the experience of life. To say that Jesus is the wisdom of God means that God's wisdom is made known in him and that he is the way that points to God. While laws often embody distinctive cultural values or customs, as wisdom of God, Jesus crosses cultural boundaries and breaks down cultural distinctions. As the wisdom of God, Jesus fulfils the expectations of any and all codes of law. Both the law and the temple witness to the power of God in the lives of believers. However, both institutions pale in the light of Jesus who is identified as the power of God. This divine power is not revealed in lofty precepts or in magnificent stones, but rather in the broken and pierced body of Jesus Christ. How willing are we to accept him? @ Dianne Bergant

**Historical Context** In Jewish tradition, the Temple marked the point of physical connection between God and humankind and between the past and the present. It was where God's story and humanity's story met. However, in the year 70 C.E. – some 40 years after Jesus – the Temple was destroyed by the Romans. The gospel of John is written another 20+ years later and so the reality of the Temple's destruction is still trying to be absorbed by the people. It was a very powerful image for the gospel writer to suggest that Jesus was the new Temple – the new point of connection.

Bayan, a 12 year old Syrian girl in Jordan, struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is excelling in her studies with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, providing just futures for others like Bayan. A Just Future starts with your support!** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



**Thank You!** To all those who've generously contributed to this Appeal!

**Retreat Day - "The Passion of the Lord"** Date: Sat, 10th March Start: 8.45am, Mass: 9am, Finish: 3pm. Location: Saint Raphael's Parish Hall, 84 George Street, South Hurstville Coffee, Tea & Soft Drinks will be supplied on the day. Please bring along something to share for morning tea and a sandwich for lunch. (For further info contact Gary & Ronnie Cartmer 0418781777)

**EASTER SILENT RETREAT** : "Be With Me, through a guided silent retreat given by the Verbum Dei Missionaries: Sunday, 25th March (9.30am-3.30pm) At the Centre (14 Frances St Randwick). Cost \$50 inclusive of meals. For more information contact Kylie on 0403453620/[verbumdeisydney@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdeisydney@gmail.com)

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