



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

Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B

Bulletin 24th Oct 2021

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading: Is 53:10-11

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, It seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading: Heb 5:1-6

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

Gospel Acclamation : See 2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

Gospel : Mk 10:46-52

Master, grant that I may see.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

This passage from the Gospel of Mark draws to a close a significant section of the gospel. It stretches from 8:22 to this passage, 10:52. Like other examples in the Gospel of Mark, the stories at the beginning and end of the section are related and shed light on what they surround. Like this passage, the event at the beginning of the section is an account of the healing of a blind man. Contained within the two healings of blindness, as we have seen over the last six weeks, is an extended lesson on discipleship. Within this section, Jesus speaks about his upcoming death on three occasions and each time the disciples display their own form of blindness when they fail to understand what Jesus is trying to tell them quite explicitly. In this section, we have heard that discipleship involves suffering and hardship; it means placing one's own needs last and the needs of others first; and that discipleship is all about faith.

In this healing of blind Bartimaeus, we see all the hallmarks of what Jesus has been trying to teach the disciples in the preceding episodes. As a blind man, Bartimaeus would be regarded as 'imperfect' – incomplete – and consequently in a permanent state of uncleanness. He would not be allowed to live within the bounds of normal society, nor have contact with people. So it is that Jesus encounters Bartimaeus on the side of the road, outside the city walls as he is leaving Jericho. Learning that it is Jesus passing by, Bartimaeus calls on Jesus to help him and the crowd tries to shut him up and remind him of his status. But Jesus calls Bartimaeus to him and, placing the needs of the other first, asks 'What do you want me to do for you?' When Bartimaeus makes his request, Jesus announces that it is his faith that has saved him and his sight is restored. Bartimaeus, like a good disciple, then follows Jesus on the road.

Scriptural context – Blindness

Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is almost always a metaphor for blindness of heart or blindness of mind rather than a purely physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of healing blindness in the gospel. Saul/Paul is blinded on the road to Damascus and only has his sight restored when he is baptised. The Pharisees are described as being 'blind fools' and there the prophets make numerous references to blind seeing as a sign of the Messiah's arrival. It is a very powerful image of being 'blind' to truth and 'blind' to the teaching of Jesus.

COVID—Easing of restrictions

STAGE TWO – AS 80% ARE FULLY VACCINATED – FROM 18th OCT 2021

Churches will be opened to "mixed" congregations (fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated and as yet unvaccinated); the 4 sqm rule will apply, and masks must be worn indoors with No congregational singing.

Giving Envelopes

Please collect your 2021-22 giving envelopes from the church.
Please contact the parish office if you need a new set of envelopes (02 9546 2605)

The Catholic Weekly

Catholic Weekly hard copies now available in the church for \$2.00

Tap and Go Machine

Will be increased to \$10.00 a tap.

**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 our God" (Micah 6:8)

“Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.

—Pope Francis

MASS TIMES from 18th Oct 2021

	St Raphael Church	Mater Dei Church
Monday		
Tuesday		9:15am Mass
Wednesday		8:45am Rosary, Novena 9:15am Mass
Thursday	9:15am Mass	
Friday	7:30pm Adoration	8:45am Adoration 9:15am Mass
Saturday	Reconciliation 4:30pm 5:00pm Vigil Mass	6:15pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8:30am Mass 6:00pm Croatian Mass	10:00am Mass

Pray for good health of : Norma Gum, Giselle Oscuro, John and Shirley Wakefield, Yin Kwan Tsang.

Mass Offered: Fr Isidore Anantharaj, Elias Hadad, Jeffrey Bishop

Also pray for: Holy Souls in Purgatory

ANNUAL GALONG DIVINE WILL RETREAT ONLINE

This year the Annual Galong Divine Will retreat on **30 & 31 October**, will be going online due to Covid.

This retreat is free, however donations for the work of Frs. Emil and Hugh are welcome. If you wish to make a donation, this can be done via the Eventbrite website when you register or through an electronic transfer direct to a bank account – the details of which will be provided with the online meeting details closer to the date.

The link is <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/retreat-into-the-divine-will-tickets-178386708447> or search the Eventbrite website by entering ‘Divine Will Emil’ . Register by 19th Oct.

Ministry 23rd /24th Oct (4th Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Norman Y	Br Michael	Volunteer
Readers	Fernandes Family	Pat Bates Ronnie Cartmer	Volunteer	Lucy Mitry Phil Monaghan
Ministry 30th/31st Oct (5th Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Readers	Saab family	Lappen Family	Bessie Chung Volunteer	Nina Milazzo Lorraine Bobosevic

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

Devotional Prayers for the sick parishioners of Mater Dei and St Raphael



The 9-day Novena will be from Mon—Fri 25th-29th Oct and Mon-Thurs 1st—4th Nov 2021 at 12:00noon. It will be led by Max Montecillo (0400 821 909) via zoom meeting. Link is : [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89885733673?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89885733673?pwd=bVljdkhtbFd4dnM3ZFUrYWwvVXlqZz09)
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Meeting ID: 898 8573 3673 Passcode: MD&SR2021

Jerry and Lucy, married for many years were watching a show on TV about how to prepare in case of death etc. “Darling”, says Jerry turning to his wife with a serious expression, “I want you to promise me, that if there ever comes a time that I am dependent on just machines and bottled fluid, that you will make sure to put an end to it.” “No problem love,” said Lucy, and she promptly got up, turned off the TV and poured his beer down the drain.



FUNNY

Children's Liturgy via zoom

The Children's liturgy is on every Sunday 11:30am—12:00noon. Please make use of this lovely opportunity for your children or grand children. Please contact Cecilia 0413 673 669



Month of Rosary

Rosary will be recited outdoors in front of Our Lady's statue at Mater Dei Church at 9:30am on Sunday.

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Safeguarding Children

The Safeguarding and Child Protection documents can be found on our website at <https://www.materdei-straphael.org.au/safeguarding/>