



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

*The Most Holy Body &  
Blood of Christ Year C*

*Bulletin*

*19th June 2022*

**Entrance Antiphon :** Cf. Ps 80:17

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

**First Reading:** Gen 14:18-20

Melchizedek brought bread and  
wine

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4

(R.) You are a priest for ever,  
in the line of Melchizedek.

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.' (R.)
2. The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes. (R.)
3. A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. (R.)
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.' (R.)

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 11:23-26

Every time you eat this bread and  
drink this cup, you are proclaiming  
the death of the Lord.

**Sequence**

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**Gospel :** Lk 9:11-17

They all ate and were filled.

**Communion Antiphon:** Jn 6:57

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

## REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrates the central celebration of Christianity – the Eucharist. All three readings relate to this Eucharistic theme. In the second reading, we have the first written account of the Last Supper and what came to be seen as Jesus instigating the Eucharist. Paul's account, written well before the gospels, was entrenched in the tradition by the time the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke echoed these words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Of course, it is these same words that are spoken by the priest at the consecration in the Eucharistic Prayer each Mass. The words used today are the very same words that have been used in the Church for two millennia.

Rather than a gospel account of the Last Supper to celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we are presented with what is widely regarded as another 'eucharistic' story from the gospel of Luke. The feeding of the five thousand with five loaves and two fish is regarded as a eucharistic story because it was a clear example of God's presence in a miraculous meal. All of the meal stories in the gospel of Luke are instructive for the audience. Whenever the gospel writer refers to a meal, the meal is used to teach about the reign of God. The gospel writer uses meals to demonstrate who is welcome in the reign of God. Like in today's gospel, the author of Luke's gospel was keen to show that the reign of God is available to anyone who wishes to be a part of it. The reign of God is inclusive and welcoming; no one will be turned away.

### Historical context – Table fellowship

In 1st Century Palestine, who you shared a meal with was a very political act. Your status in society was judged by who you kept company with and particularly with whom you shared food. At times, Jesus broke these rules and practised open table fellowship – sharing meals with people of all stations in life and often being criticised for his actions by the Scribes and Pharisees. Part of Jesus' open table fellowship meant that he also ate with dignitaries and religious leaders, but he used these occasions to remind them of the inclusive message of God that they were ignoring.

### Gospel focus – Give them something yourselves

In the gospel, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away to find food for themselves. Jesus tells the disciples, "Give them something to eat yourselves." This is a challenge and a test of the disciples – a chance for them to be like Jesus. He calls them to act with compassion and do what he would do to feed the people. But the disciples fail to grasp either his meaning or the opportunity and the miracle is left to Jesus. Jesus believed that they could feed the people if they tried but the disciples didn't have that same faith in themselves.

### Have you thought – Twelve baskets?

The gospel passage tells us that after the five thousand people had eaten as much as they wanted, the remaining scraps filled twelve baskets. What is significant about twelve baskets of left-overs? Twelve was an important number – it represented the twelve tribes of Israel. Whenever the gospels mention twelve things they are symbolically talking about the nation of Israel. In this case, the message is that no matter how many people feast on the message of Jesus and accept the reign of God, there will still be enough to 'feed' the twelve tribes of Israel. No one need be left out!

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

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

**Death Anniversary:** Mary Toohey, Kevin White

**Pray for good health of :** Analiza Torres Zapata, Yin Kwan Tsang.

18th/19th June (3rd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Greg Driver	Earl, Carl	Ray Low	Fred Korkor
<b>Readers</b>	Volunteer	Yenson Family	Br Michael Nina M	Jolly Jose Wendy E
25th/26th June (4th Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Greg Driver	Norman, Michael F	Br Michael	Volunteer
<b>Readers</b>	Rosie G Volunteer	Minh, JP	Volunteer	Lucy Mitry Phil M

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

### ROSARY

#### St Raphael's Church Mater Dei Church

Every Monday at 7:30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Sunday 9:30am before the 10am mass



### CENACLES OF THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

Every Friday after the 9:15am mass at Mater Dei Church

### Mater Dei Home Rosary

21-6-22 Nives Care  
33 Church St Blakehurst. 11-00 AM

28-6-22 Josephine and Tony Ledonne  
61 Castle Street Blakehurst. 11-00 AM



### Mater Dei—St Raphael COMBINED PARISHES DINNER DANCE

Fri 21st Oct 2022 at Doltone House, Sylvania



### Stained glass window

The sanctuary in the new church had some magnificent stained glass windows, so the priest's message centred on how each of us is called to help make up the whole picture of life (the life of the community of the faithful). Like the pictures in the windows, it takes many little panels of glass to make the whole picture. And then he said, "You see each one of you is a little pane." And then pointing to each child, "You're a little pane, And you're a little pane. And you're a little pane. And...."

It took a few moments before he realised why everyone was laughing so hard.

### Walk with Christ Sunday 19th June 2022



Mater Dei and St Raphael parishioners can meet at **Hurstville station to catch the 1:20pm Train** to Martin Place and/or meet the catholic faithful of Sydney at 2:30pm at **Martin Place (cnr Martin Pl and Pitt St.)** to continue procession to the Cathedral steps for Benediction.

For more information about the Blessed Sacrament, please read [this brochure](#).

## The Graces of Pilgrimage

### The Graces of Pilgrimage: A Night of Prayer and Testimony

Fr Andrew Grace and Juliana Elarde give witness about the opportunities for faith encounters and physical and spiritual healing on pilgrimage. As travel opens up, the faithful are going on sacred journeys to receive the graces and blessings of visiting the holy places. Join us for a night of prayer and testimony, hosted by Harvest Journeys.

**Friday 24 June 2022, 7pm – 9pm**

**Our Lady of the Way Catholic Church, Sylvania**

RSVP [www.trybooking.com/BZVOH](http://www.trybooking.com/BZVOH)

### The Holy Father's Appeal

Our parish, in union with all parishes around the world, will hold the **Holy Father's Appeal** next weekend (25/26 June), for which we ask your support. Through your gift, you can help Pope Francis bring hope, faith, and the spirit of Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you.

### The Catholic Weekly PULPIT POINTS 19 June 2022

- Keeping kids in Catholic schools. School leaders back families in financially challenging times.
- Who's in church? The young! New figures reveal a national surprise.
- Walking the walk. Premier's massive boost to Palliative Care.
- Platinum honours: Catholics across the nation named in Queen's Birthday list.
- Movie review: What is a Woman?
- Holy Spirit or evil spirit?

### Financial Giving

*New Planned Giving Envelopes can be picked up from the back of the Church.* There are other ways you may like to use for payment:

- Credit card via our parish website [here](#).
- It is easy and convenient and if you provide your giving number we will email you the annual receipt.
- Recurring payment. Form is available at the parish office (9546 2605)
- Tap and Go machine in the church and
- Planned Giving Envelope.

Thank you for your donations

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	308.65	248.15
Second: loose	303.75	268.45
Envelopes	441.00	655.00

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