



Parishes of Mater Dei Blakehurst &

St Raphael's South Hurstville

The Most Holy Trinity Year C **Bulletin**

12th June 2022

Entrance Antiphon :

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit, for he has
shown us his merciful love.

First Reading: Prv 8:22-31

Wisdom was born before the earth
was made

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2

(R.) O Lord, our God, how wonder-
ful your name in all the earth!

1. When I see the heavens, the
work of your hands, the moon
and the stars which you ar-
ranged, what is man that you
should keep him in mind, mortal
man that you care for him? (R.)
2. Yet you have made him little
less than a god; with glory and
honour you crowned him, gave
him power over the works of
your hand, put all things under
his feet. (R.)
3. All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the
waters. (R.)

Second Reading: Rom 5:1-5

To God through Christ in the love
which is poured out through the
Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who
was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel : Jn 16:12-15

Whatever the Father has is mine.
The Spirit will receive what I give
and tell you about it.

Communion Antiphon: Agal 4:6

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the
Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries
out: Abba, Father.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

In the Gospel of John, today's reading appears as part of the rather lengthy Last Supper discourse that runs from chapter 13 to chapter 17. The discourse is a centrepiece of this particular gospel. In it, Jesus speaks a number of times about the coming of the Holy Spirit. The portion that makes up today's reading comes from a slightly longer passage about the sending of the Spirit (16:4-15).

Throughout the Last Supper discourse, the Holy Spirit is identified as Gift and Love. The Spirit is the Gift that will be sent by the Father and by the Son so that the world may continue to experience the Love of the Father and the Son. In the discourse, Jesus calls on the disciples to love one another with the same love that they had experienced from him – the love of God. To assist the disciples to continue to love with the same love of God and Jesus, the Spirit is sent to them. The Holy Spirit is the lasting expression of the divine love that had previously been experienced through the Father and the Son. The discourse makes it very clear that the Spirit will continue the work of Jesus.

Today's passage has Jesus saying to the disciples that there is still so much that he has to say to them, to teach them. But the disciples are not ready to receive everything in the time that Jesus has remaining. So to continue the teaching of Jesus and to continue the expression of Love, the Father and the Son will send the Spirit. It was the sending of the Spirit that we celebrated last week in the feast of Pentecost and it is the unity of Father, Son and Spirit that we celebrate this week in Trinity Sunday.

Historical Context – The Nicene Creed

The definitive statement of Christian belief is contained within the Nicene Creed that is proclaimed by the community in the Mass. It was developed by the Council of Nicea, held in 325, in response to a variety of teachings (some declared to be heresy) that were circulating at the time and the creed was further revised in 381. The creed declares that Jesus is 'God from God, light from light, true God from true God ... of one being with the Father' and that the Holy Spirit 'proceeds from the Father and the Son'. All of these statements seek to define the oneness of the Trinitarian God.

Have you thought? Spoken through the prophets

One Creedal statement about the Holy Spirit is that 'He has spoken through the prophets'. This statement of Christian belief is to reaffirm that the Spirit has played a role throughout human history and did not 'come into being' at Pentecost. In fact, a translation of the opening lines of Genesis reads, 'and the Spirit of God hovered over the waters'. Although the Old Testament emphasises God the Creator, or the Father, the gospels emphasise the role of Jesus, the Son and the New Testament writings emphasise the work of the Spirit, all three expressions of God's loving presence are beyond the limits of time and place.

Living the Gospel – Trinity

Every time we make the sign of the cross we reaffirm our belief in a God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although some people have difficulties with the gender-specific language of 'Father' and 'Son' and look for other ways to express this reality, all Christian people profess a belief in the one God who is experienced in three distinct ways. We are baptised 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit' and we remind ourselves of this reality when we pray and when we bless ourselves or others.

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: Mark Toohey, Kevin White

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

11th/12th June (2nd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Minh Nguyen	Michael B	Fred Korkor
Readers	Pavia Family	Rosie G Annie M	Louise Tapp	Joan Hanson Jean Dorahy
18th/19th June (3rd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Earl, Carl	Ray Low	Fred Korkor
Readers	Volunteer	Yenson Family	Br Michael Nina M	Jolly Jose Wendy Eather

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

14-6-22	Josie and Denis Kocina 45 Townson St Blakehurst.	11-00 AM
21-6-22	Nives Care 33Church St Blakehurst.	11-00 AM



Mater Dei—St Raphael COMBINED PARISHES DINNER DANCE

Fri 21st Oct 2022 at Doltone House, Sylvania

Chess



A Parish was celebrating its 100th anniversary of the church, and several former priests and the bishop were in attendance. At one point, the priest had the children gather at the altar for a talk about the importance of the day. He began by asking them, "Does anyone know what the bishop does?" There was silence. But finally, one little boy answered gravely, "He's the one you can move diagonally."



WALK *with* CHRIST

Sunday 19th June 2022

Entertainment in Martin Place from 1.30pm
Procession begins at 2.30pm sharp
Corner of Martin Place and Pitt St.

www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist

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

Mater Dei and St Raphael parishioners can meet at Hurstville station to catch the 1:20pm Train to Martin Place or meet at Martin Place (cnr Martin Pl and Pitt St.) to join the procession at 2:30pm to the Cathedral.

The Catholic Weekly PULPIT POINTS 12 June 2022

- Heat or Eat. Unbelievable choices. Power bills or food?
- Crushing the Church. The ACT plan to remove religious freedom.
- Off to Rome. Abdallahs to address the world's families.
- Plenary 2022: How we got there and the issues at stake.
- Book review: A love you can trust
- Caroline Jones: A journalist of life

MAX2022 Sydney - RENEW/REFRESH/RECONNECT

by menALIVE Go to Website [Max2022 Sydney](#)
Friday, 7 October 2022 - Sunday, 9 October 2022
5:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Benedict XVI Retreat Centre
[View Map](#)



2022 Child Protection Week Competition

The Safeguarding Office wants to make an Activity Book/Resource that is developed by Children for Children. They would really appreciate the help of the Children within our community to develop this resource. They intend to launch the Activity Book during Child Protection Week which takes place in September. The Safeguarding Office has provided 'Celebrating Differences in our Community' activity sheet to Children aged between 5 – 12 years. These can be found in the foyer of the church. Please allow your child to take part.

Financial Giving

Can be done via following means:

- 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	415.80	251.20
Second: loose	470.63	319.00
Envelopes	330.00	595.00

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