



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

Pentecost Sunday Year C

Bulletin

5th June 2022

## **Entrance Antiphon:** Wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

## **First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

## **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last forever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

## **Second Reading:** Rom 8:8-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

## **Sequence:**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel:** Jn 14:15-16. 23-26

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

## **Communion Antiphon:** Acts 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

## **REFLECTION by Greg Sunter**

Gospel Reflection: The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

## **Historical Context – Pentecost**

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

## **Have you thought? The Spirit**

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

## **Living the Gospel – Come, Holy Spirit**

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

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:** Frank & Maria Turiano, Anna Maria Turiano, Johnny Luigi Santelli

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

4th/5th June (1st Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Greg Driver	Max M Gary C	Tony Oscuro	Paul Watson
<b>Readers</b>	Barry Lovat Volunteer	Maria C Ronny C	Fran Oscuro	Gail Abbott Luisa Galea
11th/12th June (2nd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Greg Driver	Minh Nguyen	Michael B	Volunteer
<b>Readers</b>	Pavia Family	Rosie G Annie M	Louise Tapp	Joan Hanson Jean Dorahy

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

06-6-22	Nives Care 33 Church St Blakehurst. 11-00 AM
14-6-22	Josie and Denis Kocina 45 Townson St Blakehurst. 11-00 AM

### Wed 8th June 2022 at 7:30PM

in St Raphael's Harmony Hall.  
Any queries please contact  
Graeme Dorahy on 0421 420 497

**RCIA**

**When God is On Your Side** - An overweight man decided it was time to shed some excess pounds. He took his new diet seriously, even changing his driving route to avoid his favourite bakery. One morning, however, he arrived at work carrying a gigantic coffeecake. His workmates scolded him, but his smile remained cherubic. "This is a very special coffeecake," he explained. "I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window were a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, 'Lord, if you want me to have one of those delicious coffeecakes, let me have a parking place directly in front of the bakery.' "And sure enough," he continued, "the eighth time around the block, there it was!"



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# 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](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist)

For more information about the Blessed Sacrament, read [this brochure](#) prepared by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

### The Catholic Weekly PULPIT POINTS 5 June 2022

- Double-barrelled challenge. Children, vapes, phones, parents.
- Parliament's decision. Tudehope on Euthanasia.
- Stylish, elegant, classy. Meet MATHILDE the new Australian women's magazine
- New Movie: Persecuted priest who became a saint
- Movie review: Dr Strange
- The brilliance of Shūsakū Endō

**A STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF THE VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL 2021** by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP (May 19, 2022).  
Read [Here](#)

Pope Francis receives landmark Uluru document  
Read [Here](#)

There will be morning tea after the 8:30am mass in the St Raphael's Church Hall.

### CONFIRMATION 2022

St Raphael 31st July 12:30pm  
Mater Dei 31st July 3:30pm  
At St Mary's Cathedral

lifebloodau An escalating cold and flu season has hit the blood supply, and we continue to see up to half of all appointments cancelled. We're pleading with anyone who is well to book a donation today via the link in our bio, and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

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**We urgently need  
17,500 people to  
donate blood in  
the coming week**

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	386.60	313.75
Second: loose	346.10	343.10
Envelopes	367.50	550.00

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