



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

Third Sunday
of Easter - Year C

Bulletin

1st May 2022

Entrance Antiphon : Cf. Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

Second Reading: Rv 5:11-14

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

Gospel Acclamation : Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Gospel : Jn 21:1-19

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Communion Antiphon: Lk 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Scholars suggest that the 21st chapter of the Gospel of John is a later addition to the gospel, especially given the finality of the language at the end of chapter 20. The style of chapter 21 is much more church-oriented than the earlier chapters. The barbeque breakfast on the beach takes on a Eucharistic feel and the passage is at pains to portray Peter as the leader of the disciples and the one chosen by Jesus to provide leadership into the future. We must remember that the Gospel of John was written almost 70 years after the death of Jesus and if this final chapter is indeed an addition then it is likely written some time in the 2nd century. It was only in the late 1st and early 2nd centuries that the church began to adopt a structure of bishops as leaders of communities and it was important to clearly establish the authority of Peter as the first leader of the Church and the authority of his successors. Obviously, a scriptural reference to Jesus' choice of Peter would have cemented the case and so this later addition to the Gospel of John may have been constructed to serve this purpose.

Regardless of its original intended purpose, this passage provides a wonderful account of the appearance of the resurrected Jesus to his disciples. Like other post-resurrection accounts, the disciples do not at first recognise Jesus and it is not until the miraculous catch of fish that the beloved disciple declares, 'It is the Lord'. In a beautifully everyday touch, the risen Jesus prepares breakfast on the beach for the disciples and blesses the simple food in the same way as he did the bread and wine at their last supper.

Gospel Focus – Do you love me?

Three times Jesus asks Peter, 'Do you love me?' and three times Peter answers, 'You know I do'. Some writers suggest that the three-fold question by Jesus and the three-fold reply by Peter is intended to balance out the triple denial of Jesus by Peter at the time of the arrest and trial of Jesus. Where once Peter denied even knowing Jesus, he now declares his love for Jesus in no uncertain terms. It is a reminder to all of us that there is no act that we can perform that cannot be forgiven by God and from which we cannot come back.

Historical Context – Feed my sheep

When Jesus asks Peter, 'Do you love me?' and Peter repeatedly assures Jesus that he does, Jesus instructs Peter to 'Feed my sheep'. This image of feeding sheep is used to describe the caring leadership Peter is to take over the other disciples and the other followers of Jesus. The image of a shepherd has carried through the years and finds expression in the stylised shepherd's crook (crosier) that is carried as a symbol of office by bishops. The people of the church are often referred to as the bishop's flock – further carrying on the image of a shepherd and his sheep.

Have you thought? – 153 fish

When the disciples drag ashore their miraculous haul of fish, the gospel writer tells us that there were 153 fish! This seems an odd number and an odd fact to specifically mention. Mathematically, 153 is a number with several interesting attributes, and historically, it has been suggested that the ancients believed that there were 153 species of fish or 153 nations in the world. Like nearly every number used in the Bible, its meaning is symbolic, not literal. It is intended to convey that the catch of fish was huge and is indicative of the vast numbers of people who will be caught up in the disciples' new ministry.

"As we contemplate those glorious wounds, our incredulous eyes open wide; our hardened hearts break open and we welcome the Easter message: "Peace be with you!" Let us allow the peace of Christ to enter our lives, our homes, our countries!" - Pope Francis

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

Recently Deceased: Stephen O'Brien

Death Anniversary: Jose Luis Ynfante, Stan O'Brien

Pray for good health of : Analiza Torres Zapata, John and Shirley Wakefield, Yin Kwan Tsang.

30th/1st May (1st Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Max / Gary	Tony Oscuro	Paul Watson
Readers	Pavia Family	Lappen Family	Family Mass	Gail Abbott Luisa Galea
7th/8th May (2nd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Minh	Michael B	Volunteer
Readers	Barry L Volunteer	Yenson Family	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

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

Mater Dei church

Every Sunday 9:30am before the 10am mass

All are welcome

Mater Dei Home Rosary

3-5-22 Nives Care

33 Church Street Blakehurst. 11-00 AM

10-5-22 Nives Care

33 Church Street Blakehurst. 11-00 AM



CWF May Parish Appeal

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of May.

Your generosity will benefit the good works of the Good Shepherd Seminary, our chaplaincies, the

Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired, CatholicCare, the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, and so much more. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use, so please keep an eye out for them! You can also make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaithhourworks.org/cwf



This week the Catholic Church of Mater Dei, Blakehurst warmly welcomes

Kaitlyn Maicee Padilla

(d/o Kristine and Mark)

Congratulations to the family!

Mater Dei—St Raphael

COMBINED PARISHES DINNER DANCE

Fri 21/10/2022 at Doltone House, Sylvania



Will be commencing soon **Wed 4th or 11th May 2022 at 7:30PM** in St Raphael's Harmony Hall. Any queries please contact Graeme Dorahy on 0421 420 497

Sunday 1st May 2022



There will be morning tea today after the 8:30 AM Mass at St Raphael's Hall and after the 10AM Mass at Mater Dei Church Hall. All are welcome.

The Catholic Weekly

1 May 2022 PULPIT POINTS

• Factory of Faith. When politicians find faith convenient.

• Who's your Parish Hero? New series starts this week.

• Relics come to Broken Bay. Two new shrines to open.

• I chose the church.

• Book review: Books we should all read at least once before this life ends

• Art shines in jail

Mass for Public School Scripture classes

Mass for Public School Scripture class children will be held on Sat 21st May at 6:15 pm at Mater Dei Church. This will be a combined mass with the vigil mass attendees.

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Politicians

The politician was making a pre-election speech, and was being given a hard time by a hostile gallery. Finally a cabbage landed on the stage and came to rest at the speaker's feet. The politician paused, peered with apparent concern at the vegetable and then remarked, "Ladies and gentlemen, I see that one of my opponents has lost his head."



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