



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

*Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary time Year C*

Bulletin

31st July 2022

Entrance Antiphon : Ps 69:2,6

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

What do people gain by all their work?

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6. 12-14.
17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading: Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel : Lk 12:13-21

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

Communion Antiphon: Wis 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

One of the themes running through the gospels is that wealth can be an obstacle to entering fully into relationship with God. It is not wealth in itself that is problematic but rather valuing material riches above everything else and the constant desire to accumulate more and more. We have the story of the rich young man who asks Jesus what he must do to inherit the kingdom and Jesus tells him to sell everything he has and give away the proceeds. The young man goes away sad because he thought that with his great accumulation of wealth he'd be able to buy anything that he needed to gain the kingdom. We also have the saying of Jesus that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

The parable in today's gospel depicts a man who has so much grain that he decides to build bigger barns to store it all. The parable follows Jesus' teaching that 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' The point is about having more than we need. What good is served by one person having more than they need while others do not have enough to meet their needs? The rich man who had the abundant harvest could have stored up all that he needed and still been able to share the abundance with others.

Liberation theology introduced the catch phrase, 'live simply so that others may simply live'. The call was for those in wealthier countries to simplify their wasteful and indulgent lifestyles so that others may be able to meet their most basic of needs.

Scriptural context – Do not worry

This parable and teaching about the love of wealth is followed up by Jesus telling his disciples not to worry about what they will eat and what they will wear. He invites them to look to the birds of the air and flowers of the fields. God provides them with all that they need. Jesus tells his disciples to seek the kingdom, and all the other necessities of life will be given to them as well. Rather than focusing on accumulating wealth as the rich man in today's parable, Jesus reassures his disciples that if they focus their lives on the kingdom they will have all that they need.

Have you thought? – Greed is good!

In the 1987 movie, *Wall Street*, the corporate raider, Gordon Gekko, famously declares: 'Greed is good! Greed is right! Greed works! ... Greed – for life, for money, for love, knowledge – has marked the upward surge of mankind!' Whilst the depiction was intended to parody and critique corporate behaviour of the 1980s, in many ways it came to define it instead. In the intervening decades, little has changed. The pursuit of more and more wealth and the ludicrous sums paid to corporate CEOs are exactly the imagery Jesus would use today for his parable.

Living the Gospel – This hoard of yours...

Our modern society is particularly dominated by a mindset of accumulating more than we might ever need. The saying 'Whoever has the most toys, wins' holds more than just a shred of truth for many people. Our consumerist lifestyle nurtures the desire to accumulate more and more 'stuff'. Every time we turn on the television there is a new 'must have' gadget. We talk about built-in obsolescence of manufactured goods and every new technological device makes older models redundant so that we feel we constantly have to upgrade. How would we answer God's question, 'so this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?'

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, Cenacle
Saturday	4:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass	NO VIGIL MASS
Sunday	8:00am Mass (from 30th July) 6:00pm Croatian Mass	10:00am Mass

Recently Deceased:

Death Anniversary:

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

30th / 31st July (5th Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.00am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Volunteer	NO MASS	Volunteer
Readers	Lovat Family	Yenson Family		Nina M Volunteer
6th / 7th Aug (1st Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.00am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Gary, Max	NO MASS	Paul Watson
Readers	Volunteers	Annie M Rose T		Gail Abbott Luisa Galea

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

CONFIRMATION 2022

Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sun 31st July at St Mary's Cathedral. Live streaming link is below:

St Raphael at 12:30pm <https://youtu.be/E4U-qIVZ12E>

Mater Dei at 3:30pm <https://youtu.be/U6qtCZB900o>

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

2-8-22	Nives Care 33 Church St Blakehurst.	11-00 AM
9-8-22	Nives Care 33 Church St Blakehurst.	11-00 AM
All are welcome		

Blessed are the ones who pray

"What's wrong, Tom?" asked the priest.
"I need you to pray for my hearing," said Tom.
The priest put his hands on Tom's ears and prayed.
When he was done, he asked, "So how's your hearing?"
"I don't know" said Tom. "It isn't until next Thursday".



COMBINED
MATER DEI & ST RAPHAEL'S PARISH

*Masquerade
Dinner Dance*

DINE | DRINK | DANCE | ENTERTAINMENT
FRIDAY 21 OCT 2022 | 6.30PM



PLEASE NOTE

THERE IS NO 6:15PM VIGIL MASS ON SAT 30th JULY AT MATER DEI CHURCH. ALSO, THE SUNDAY MORNING MASS AT ST RAPHAEL'S CHURCH WILL START AT 8:00AM

Sunday Morning Indoor Games 7th August 2022

Play, socialise and have fun from **9:30am to 11:00am** at **St Raphael's Church Hall.**

All are welcome.

CWF collection next week end

MATER DEI & ST RAPHAEL'S
Alpha 2022

Life is so much better shared with family and friends.
Learn, Live and Connect as we grow in faith together.



Come and join us for our
ALPHA CELEBRATION BRUNCH
on
7th AUGUST 2022 @ 11.00am

Hosted by the Mater Dei Alpha Team at
The Micheal Kennedy Centre at Mater Dei Blakehurst

Invite your family and friends to join us and share in the fun.
Come & See what Alpha is all about!

RSVP: 31st July 2022 to Lorraine 0434124766
for more info visit www.materdei-straphael.org.au

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	415.35	281.90
Second: loose	254.45	245.55
Envelopes	545.00	540.00

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