



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

Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary time Year C

Bulletin

10th July 2022

Entrance Antiphon : Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold
your face; I shall be filled with the
vision of your glory.

First Reading: Dt 30:10-14

Let the instruction of the Lord God
be near you.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68:14. 17. 30-
31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need,
and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me,
O God, with your help that never
fails: Lord, answer, for your love
is kind; in your compassion, turn
towards me. (R.)
2. As for me in my poverty and
pain let your help, O God, lift me
up. I will praise God's name with
a song; I will glorify him with
thanksgiving. (R.)
3. The poor when they see it will
be glad and God-seeking hearts
will revive; for the Lord listens to
the needy and does not spurn
his servants in their chains. (R.)
4. For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall
inherit it; those who love his
name shall dwell there. (R.)

Second Reading: Col 1:15-20

All things were created through him
and for him.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting
life.
Alleluia!

Gospel : Lk 10:25-37

Who is my neighbour?

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

Today's gospel is such a familiar one and such an enduring image that the title for the hero has passed into everyday use to describe a stranger who does a good turn for another. Many countries even have what is known as a 'Good Samaritan Law' that protects those who may hurt another person when they act in good faith to provide aid.

The parable is told in response to the question, 'And who is my neighbour?' Anyone hearing Jesus tell the story would have recognised the familiar story structure – things happening in three with the most important element occurring on the third repetition. As three people came upon the injured man on the road, the audience would have known that the hero of the story would be the third one along. But, as Jesus often did with his parables, the pattern is suddenly disrupted. Rather than the hero being an upright, faithful Jewish person, it is none other than a Samaritan who is the one who shows mercy. Samaritans and Jews had a deep-seated mistrust and suspicion towards one another that went back generations. So strong was the ill-feeling between the two peoples that when Jesus finishes his story and asks the lawyer which man proved himself a neighbour, the lawyer cannot even say 'the Samaritan' – he says 'the one who took pity'.

The story concludes with the instruction, 'Go and do the same yourself'. The commandment is to act with compassion towards others – even those you may not like. The priority of compassion over the Law is a major theme of the gospel of Luke. It is often described as the gospel of compassion. The Samaritan acts with compassion, rather than out of 'patterned' behaviours and attitudes. Jesus challenges the lawyer – and us – to 'Go and do the same'.

Historical context – Priests and Levites

The priest and Levite get a pretty bad wrap out of this story. Yet, their behaviour would have been unremarkable to the original audience. In Jewish culture, to touch blood made a person ritually unclean and unable to participate in religious rites. Both characters in the story were heading towards Jerusalem – towards the Temple – to carry out their religious duties. To touch the bloodied man would have meant that they were unable to perform their duties. The audience would have expected nothing different from these two men. Their 'crime' was to place duty before compassion and the needs of another.

SEA SUNDAY 10TH JULY 2022 <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/sea-sunday>

Congratulations!

It is our joy to extend our warmest congratulations to the recipient of the 2022 Dempsey Medals: **Ray Low** and **Greg Driver**.

They have served our parishes in many capacities - Ray is an extremely devoted parishioner for over 10 years always opening and closing the church, helping with Acolytes, choir members, readers, etc while Greg is a permanent Sat vigil mass Acolyte and helps with maintenance and refurbishment in the two parishes, etc

They are both to be presented with this honour for their distinguished services to the Church in the Archdiocese of Sydney and particularly the Parishes of Mater Dei, Blakehurst and St Raphael, South Hurstville. The Archbishop will present this award at St Mary's Cathedral during Mass at 10:30am on 14th August 2022.

May the Lord bless them and their families with good health & happiness !

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	6:15pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8:30am Mass 6:00pm Croatian Mass	10:00am Mass

Recently Deceased: Frank Murray

Death Anniversary: Neil McGloin

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

9th / 10th July (2nd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Minh	Michael Bosnjak	Fred Korkor
Readers	Louise Tapp	Joan H Jean D	Volunteer	Rounds Family
16th / 17th July (3rd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Earl, Carl	Ray Low	Volunteer
Readers	Rosie G Volunteer	Minh N JP	Br Michael Nina M	Jolly Jose Wendy E

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

12-7-22	Nives Care 33 Church St Blakehurst. 11-00 AM
19-7-22	Nives Care 33 Church St Blakehurst. 11-00 AM

Private Screening of Father Stu movie for men in our community.

Date: Wed 20th July 6pm
Beverly Hills Cinema.
Book Here via QR:
Seats are limited.



PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN MASS TIMES FROM SAT 30th JULY

Mater Dei Church:

- Saturday: No vigil mass
- Sunday: 10:00am

St Raphael's Church:

- Saturday: Vigil mass at 5:00pm
- Sunday: 8:00am (Mass time changed from 8:30am)

PARISH RENEWAL

CONFERENCE 2022
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PRECINCT

FRIDAY
19 AUG
6-9PM

SATURDAY
20 AUG
9AM-5:15PM

Followed by Vigil Mass
in the Cathedral 6pm

Equipping and strengthening parishes in calling and forming missionary disciples

\$25* (+ booking fees)
* For Archdiocese of Sydney parishes

Parish Renewal Conference 2022. Specifically tailored for our clergy, lay leaders and parishioners to be renewed in the Church's mission of evangelisation, join us to strengthen your practical efforts through spiritual, intellectual, pastoral and human formation.

Registration essential: www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22 by 14 August

The Catholic Weekly

PULPIT POINTS 10 July 2022

- Plenary 2022: What happened
- Rosaries in the rain: Sydney video goes viral
- St Thomas' children: Vibrant Indian Catholics
- Lazarus in Darwin
- Movie Review: Minions: The rise of Gru
- Get with Francis on Liturgy

MATER DEI & ST RAPHAELS *Masquerade Dinner*

Dance



DINNER | DANCING | ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY 6.30PM | 21ST OCT 2022

TICKETS \$80 : 4 COURSE MEAL + UNLIMITED BEER, WINE & SOFT DRINK, 10 GUESTS PER TABLE

Doltone House

223 Belgrave ESP Sylvania Waters

Once upon a time there was a strong woodcutter. He asked for a job from a timber merchant, and he got it.

The pay was really good and so were the work conditions. For that reason, the wood cutter was determined to do his best. His boss gave him an axe and showed him the area where he was supposed to work.

The first day the woodcutter brought down 18 trees. The Boss was very much impressed and said, "Congratulations, Go on that way!" Very motivated by the words of the boss, the woodcutter tried harder the next day, but he only could bring down 15 trees. The third day he tried even harder, but he only could bring down 10 trees. Day after day he was bringing down less and less trees. "I must be losing my strength" the woodcutter thought to himself.

He went to the boss and apologised, saying that he could not understand what was going on. "When was the last time you sharpened your axe?" the boss asked. "Sharpen? I had no time to sharpen my axe.

I have been busy trying to cut trees".

SO FUNNY

Enrolments for Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist 2022 are open. Please contact : Michael Fernandes 0437 517 758