

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

Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary time Year C

Bulletin

3rd July 2022

Entrance Antiphon : Cf. Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of
your temple. Your praise, O God,
like your name, reaches the ends of
the earth; your right hand is filled
with saving justice.

First Reading: Is 66:10-14

I will send toward Jerusalem peace
like a river

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God
with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the
earth, O sing to the glory of his
name. O render him glorious
praise. Say to God: 'How trem-
endous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall
bow; shall sing to you, sing to
your name!' Come and see the
works of God, tremendous his
deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river
dry-shod. Let our joy then be in
him; he rules for ever by his
might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear
God. I will tell what he did for my
soul. Blessed be God who did
not reject my prayer nor withhold
his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading: Gal 6:14-18

The marks I carry on my body are
those of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your
hearts, and the fullness of his mes-
sage live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel : Lk 10:1-12. 17-20

Your peace will rest upon him.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge
in him.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

The first thing that is striking about this gospel passage is the fact that there are 72 disciples whom Jesus sends out on mission. We can have an image of Jesus strolling around Galilee with just a small group of followers but this passage makes it clear that a significant number of people were engaged in his ministry. And the gospel writer has not just made an error in naming 72 rather than the Twelve because just one chapter earlier the Twelve were sent out. This sending out to mission is a significant element of the gospel of Luke. The first sending of the Twelve represents the mission to the Jews – the twelve tribes of Israel are frequently used symbolically to represent all of the Jewish people. The sending of the 72 then represents the mission beyond the Jewish people to all nations and all people.

Another theme that is significant in the gospel of Luke is the message of hospitality. Jesus teaches on it frequently and tries to convey a message that the hospitality of God is available to all. In the sending of both the Twelve and the 72, Jesus tells them to take nothing with them for the journey. He is telling them to rely on the hospitality of strangers. If they are welcomed and shown hospitality then they are to bless the household and carry out their ministry. The ability to show hospitality to the messengers of God is a sign that the household will welcome the message of God. However, wherever they do not receive hospitality they are to leave the town, shaking the dust from their feet, as their ministry will not be welcomed by people who are not ready to hear it. It is an excellent message about not wasting your efforts in unproductive ways – not hitting your head against a brick wall!

Gospel Focus – Blessing and Curse

The 72 who are sent out are given very clear instructions about how to respond when their message is welcomed and when it is rejected, but in both cases they are to tell the town, 'The kingdom of God is very near.' In the case of a welcoming town, these words serve as a blessing, but for an unwelcoming town the same words are a threat or curse. For those who welcome the kingdom it will be a blessing but for others it will be a curse: changing boundaries and redistributing power; bringing down the mighty and lifting up the lowly.

Living the Gospel – Discipleship

Today's gospel passage immediately follows the passage used last week that spelt out the difficulties of discipleship. Having explained how hard it is to be a disciple, Jesus sends his followers out to 'have a go' at being a disciple. When they come back successful he tells them not to be boastful or proud at their achievements but rather to be happy that their 'names are written in heaven'. In other words, anything they accomplished was because they were 'known' by God and that God was working through them. Disciples make themselves 'known' to God and God works through them to accomplish great things!

Have you thought? – The harvest

This gospel is often used to make a point about the need for vocations to priestly and religious life. Jesus makes the comment that 'the harvest is rich but the labourers are few'. This image of labourers in the harvest is often applied to the work of priests and other religious vocations. However apt the image may be, when we read it in the context of the whole passage we can see that this sending out of the 72 was a general challenge to live out the call to discipleship – to go out into the world and bring about the kingdom.

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

Death Anniversary:

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

2nd / 3rd July (1st Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Gary, Max	Tony Oscuro	Paul Watson
Readers	Pavia Family	Maria C Ronnie C	Frances Oscuro	Gail Abbott Luisa Galea
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

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

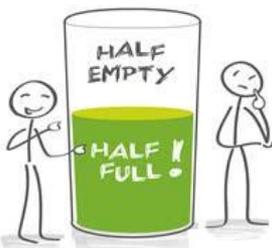
5-7-22 Nives Care
33 Church St Blakehurst. 11-00 AM

Financial Giving

New Planned Giving Envelopes can be picked up from the back of the Church.

Alternatively, you can access online giving via our parish website [here](#). Please quote your envelope number.

Dear Optimist, Pessimist and Realist,



While you people were busy arguing about the glass of water, I drank it.

Sincerely,
The Opportunist.



REARRANGEMENT OF MASSES AT MATER DEI AND ST RAPHAEL CHURCHES

Since Fr Thomas' arrival, he has taken note of the Diocesan plan (Parish 2020) to merge our two parishes into one, so that we are one parish—Mater Dei & St Raphael, with two Mass centres.

He has observed that the attendance at the weekend masses is below pre-Covid numbers. Especially at the vigil mass at Mater Dei where the attendance is so low that it does not warrant a mass, while St Raphael has maintained the numbers.

As a result, after consultation with both Parish Pastoral Councils, it has been decided to cancel the **6:15pm vigil mass** at Mater Dei church until there is a change in circumstances.

The **5:00pm vigil mass** at St Raphael will continue as it is, to attend a vigil mass in our Parish.

For Sunday morning, the mass time at St Raphael has been changed from 8:30am to **8:00am**. This is to allow Father time to spend with the parishioners and administer baptism before going to Mater Dei Church to celebrate mass at 10am.

These mass changes will take effect from **Sat 30th July 2022**.

We apologise for any inconvenience and ask for your understanding and cooperation.

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



COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	449.15	333.55
Second: loose	425.10	216.25
Envelopes	1071.00	430.00

Mater Dei Playgroup for Children 0-5years



Dear Parents, Carers and Grandparents, You are invited to join the Mater Dei Playgroup !

When : Mondays 9:15-10.15am in the school hall (school terms)

We begin again in Term 3 Week 2 on the 25th of July.

Entrance : Heath road through school grounds

For more information, please email me at sonia.reilly@syd.catholic.edu.au

Sonia Reilly
Family Educator



THE ST GEORGE FAMILY EDUCATOR NETWORK INVITES ALL THE MEN FROM OUR COMMUNITIES TO A PRIVATE SCREENING OF **FATHER STU**

WHEN: Wednesday 20th July, 6pm.
WHERE: Beverly Hills Cinemas,
TICKETS \$10: includes movie, soft drink, popcorn and lucky door prizes.
BOOK HERE VIA QR :



Call your mates and book a seat at this exclusive event.



Book via this QR code

Baptism this weekend



Mater Dei Church
Liana Di Marco

Congratulations to the family.

The Catholic Weekly PULPIT POINTS 3 July 2022

- Charting the future. What does the Plenary hold?
- One giant leap. Roe v Wade overturned.
- Standing ovation. Abdallahs in Rome.
- Faith by numbers. Latest ABS census figures.
- Movie review: Elvis
- Faith on the front line. Chaplains minister to troops in Ukraine.