



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

Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary time Year C

Bulletin

17th July 2022

Entrance Antiphon : Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: Gen 18:1-10

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading: Col 1:24-28

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel : Lk 10:38-42

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Like so much of the Gospel of Luke, this week's passage is, at its heart, all about hospitality. This theme has featured in the gospel readings for the last couple of weeks. It is a theme that the writer returns to over and over again throughout the gospel to reinforce not only the importance of welcoming the message of Jesus, but also the extravagantly generous hospitality and welcome that God extends to all people.

Taken at a literal level, this week's gospel passage can be a problematic one. Jesus is dining at the house of Martha and she busies herself trying to be a good host and serving her guest, while her sister, Mary, simply sits and enjoys the company of Jesus. Martha complains about her sister's apparent laziness and finds herself chastised by Jesus.

On the surface, Martha is doing the right thing: providing hospitality for her guest. Yet Mary is the one whose actions are affirmed. Like in the parable of the Good Samaritan last week, the gospel writer reminds us that being preoccupied with one's duty – even in service of God – is not what God desires. Martha has forgotten that the guest is also a gift! Having welcomed and shown appropriate hospitality to her guest, Martha should have then accepted the gift of the guest, that is, the company and presence of the welcome guest. Instead she continues to busy herself with serving while her sister shows true welcome: accepting the gift of the guest's company.

When we welcome a guest into our house, we can be too worried about impressing the guest with lavish hospitality and our best serving ware, rather than relaxing and enjoying the company of the guest. Like Martha, we can overlook the fact that God is present when we welcome a guest.

Scriptural context

It is no accident that this story about Martha and Mary immediately follows the parable of the Good Samaritan. We must remember that Jesus is portrayed as telling that parable as clarification of the law to love God and love neighbour. The Samaritan provides an example of what it means to love one's neighbour whilst in this story, Mary provides an example of what it means to love God. Together, the two stories tell us that compassionate service to one's neighbour is crucial but that God does not require service, simply love.

Different View – Feminist critique

Feminist theologian Elizabeth Schussler Fiorenza suggests that this story is less about an event in the life of Jesus than it is about events in the life of the early Church. In the first 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus, women played an equal role in leadership and ministry to the community. However, by the time of Luke's gospel, men were becoming more dominant in the community. By portraying Jesus as admonishing Martha's active service and praising Mary's passive listening role, the passage can be interpreted as endorsing the relegation of women to less active roles.

Have you thought? – Action vs Reflection

This gospel is sometimes portrayed as a dichotomy between action and reflection. Many within the Christian tradition adopt the Martha approach of responding to Christ through service and action while others see Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus as a model for contemplation and reflection. The two different models have developed quite distinctly in the history of the Church and it must be said that the Martha approach of service and action has been in the ascendance for some time. However, action that is not grounded in prayerful reflection runs the risk of becoming well-intentioned busy-ness.

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 (no Vigil Mass from 30th July)
Sunday	8:30am Mass (8:00am from 30th July) 6:00pm Croatian Mass	10:00am Mass

Recently Deceased: Frank Murray

Death Anniversary: Antonina De Benedetto, Neil McGloin

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

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 Irene R	Minh N JP	Br Michael Nina M	Jolly Jose Wendy E
23rd / 24th July (4th Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Norman Michael F	Br Michael	Volunteer
Readers	Pavia Family	Lappen Family	Volunteer	Lucy Mitry Phil M

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

Baptism this Sunday at Mater Dei Church



Jamie Cheuk Hei Lo

Congratulations to the family.

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

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

A Child's Point of View!

The story of Adam and Eve was being carefully explained in the children's Liturgy class. Following the story, the children were asked to draw some picture that would illustrate the story. Little Bobby drew a picture of a car with three people in it. In the front seat was a man and in the back seat, a man and a woman.

The teacher was at a loss to understand how this illustrated the lesson of Adam and Eve. Little Bobby was prompt with his explanation. "Why, this is God driving Adam and Eve out of the garden!"

SO FUNNY



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

Fri 19th Aug 6PM-9PM, Sat 20th Aug 9AM-5:15PM followed by Vigil Mass in the Cathedral at 6PM.

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 .Cost \$25.00.

Private Screening: Father Stu movie for men in our community

Date: Wed 20th July 6pm Beverley Hills Cinema.

Book Here : <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/926729>



Mater Dei Playgroup

For: Children 0-5yrs

When: Mondays 9:15am—
10:15am in the School Hall

Beginning: 25th July 2022

Contact: Sonia Reilly F. E.
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The Catholic Weekly

PULPIT POINTS 17 July 2022

- What's next? The Plenary is over: Where do we go from here?
- All hands on the ropes. What happens when the campanologists gather.
- Western civilisation. New Campion college course.
- Movie review: Thor: Love and Thunder
- To Kill a Priest. New searing novel focuses on a tragedy.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	352.50	260.75
Second: loose	347.65	271.00
Envelopes	380.00	230.00

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

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