

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

Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary time Year C

Bulletin

21st August 2022



Entrance Antiphon : Cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading: Is 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading: Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel : Lk 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage picks up one of the major themes that runs throughout the gospel of Luke: the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews, but is for all people; Jew and Gentile alike. A number of times in this gospel, the writer makes a point of having Jesus relate this controversial and fairly unpopular message to his audience. Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received. Salvation – entrance into the kingdom of God – belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives.

The gospel makes plain to the Jewish people of the time that unless they accept the message of Jesus and act upon it, they will get a terrible shock ('weeping and grinding of teeth') at the coming of the kingdom. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access. To further make the point, they are told that people from east and west, north and south will be welcomed into the feast of the kingdom. References to people from the four points of the compass always indicate people from other lands – non-Jews. Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title. The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.

Scriptural context – A gospel of the least

The gospel of Luke portrays Jesus as focusing his ministry on those considered the least in society. In the Lukan version, the birth of Jesus is witnessed by lowly shepherds as opposed to the regal wise men of Matthew's version. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, it is the Samaritan outsider who responds with compassion. The Lost (Prodigal) Son is welcomed back with great rejoicing. Zacchaeus, the resented tax collector, is treated with acceptance and makes a conversion of heart. All of these stories are unique to this gospel and paint a very particular picture of a compassionate Jesus.

Gospel Focus – First and Last

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.' These words of Jesus carry with them a major thrust of his ministry in the gospel of Luke. Jesus reminds his audience that their status in society means nothing when it comes to their status in the kingdom of God. What will make people 'first' in the kingdom is their acceptance of Jesus' message, their faith and their compassionate actions toward others. Jesus' insistence on the inherent value of the 'last' in society must have been a constant irritant to those who considered themselves 'first'.

Living the Gospel – Consequences

To be Christian is more than a name; more than a title. If we put our hand up and claim the title of Christian, then there are consequences that flow from that. Those who are disillusioned by religion frequently name hypocrisy as the major reason for their disillusionment. Sometimes, that's an easy out. We can't all live like Jesus all of the time. However, we are called to take Jesus as our model of the Christian life and to use his example as a guiding beacon. To call ourselves Christian is to try to be Christ-like in all our actions.

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 Every 1st and 3rd Sat (except school holidays)
Sunday	8:00am Mass 6:00pm Croatian Mass	10:00am Mass

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

20th / 21st Aug (3rd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.00am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Earl, Carl	Ray Low	Volunteer
Readers	Volunteers	Rounds Family	Br Michael Nina M	Jolly Jose Wendy E
27th / 28th Aug (4th Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.00am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Michael F Norman	No Mass	Volunteer
Readers	Volunteers	Lappen Family		Lucy Mitry Phil M

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

23-8-22 Nives Care
33Church Street Blakehurst 11-00 AM
30-8-22 Nives Care
33Church Street Blakehurst 11-00 AM
All are welcome

Chaplains St George Public Hospital
Gary Cartmer from our Parish and Sister Maria Pineda are Catholic Care Lay Chaplains at St George Public Hospital on Tue, Wed and Thu to provide emotional, spiritual and sacramental support for you or your family member during the patient's stay. Ph: 9113 2189



Dempsey Medal Award Recipient

Gregory Driver & Raymond Low

Congratulations to Greg Driver & Ray Low
There will be morning tea after the 10am mass to celebrate. All are welcome

Mater Dei—St Raphael COMBINED PARISHES DINNER DANCE
Fri 21st Oct 2022 at Doltone House, Sylvania

Please register and book a table at the below link:
<https://www.materdeistraphael.org.au/>



At the 10am Mass, The Catholic Church of Mater Dei, Blakehurst and St Raphael, South Hurstville warmly welcome

**Jing Xuan
Lu Yin
Tong Wang
Shuting Mai**

Congratulations to the RCIA candidates and their families



Please Note:

The next 6:15pm vigil mass at Mater Dei Church will be on Sat 3rd Sept 2022.

Fathers Talk
Wait till your father gets home!
A workshop designed for Dad's only, looking at understanding misbehaviour, disciplining to build self-esteem and getting more co-operation and harmony.

6:30 pm in the Library

SASKIA WEST SPEAKER
BAPPSOSC(COUNSELLING)
BEHAVIOURAL CONSULTANT / CHILD AND FAMILY COUNSELLOR

Tuesday 30th August
Pizza and a drink provided

Mater Dei Blakehurst
All Welcome

The Catholic Weekly PULPIT POINTS 21st Aug 2022

- Joseph: The greatest patriarch
- This is how you do it! Parish's spectacular renovation
- The new drought: Home ownership
- Medals honour pillars of parish life
- Bob Denahy: Husband & father
- Sydney's teen beauty queen

The Playgroup at Mater Dei School is cancelled for rest of the term.

Fr Thomas PP on Leave

Fr Thomas will be going on holidays to his home in India from 22nd Aug to 22nd Sept 2022. During this time we will have a visiting priest to celebrate the masses.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	462.65	241.60
Second: loose	346.20	297.40
Envelopes	425.00	450.00

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My husband's uncle thought he had conquered his problem of trying to remember his wife's birthday and their wedding anniversary. He opened an account with a florist, provided that florist with the dates and instructions to send flowers to his wife on these dates along with an appropriate note signed, "Your loving husband". His wife was thrilled by this new display of attention and all went well until one day when he came home he saw a bouquet of flowers, kissed his wife and said offhandedly, "Nice flowers, my dear. Where'd you get them?"



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