



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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary time Year C

Bulletin

2nd Oct 2022

Entrance Antiphon : Cf. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The just will live by faithfulness.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

(R.)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading: 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

Gospel : Lk 17:5-10

If you had faith.

Communion Antiphon: Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

How much faith does one have to have? How much faith is enough? How is it possible to measure one person's faith against another?

When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, what exactly were they asking of him? These fishermen and nobodies chosen as disciples by Jesus must surely have had moments of realisation that they were not the sorts of young men normally chosen by Rabbis to be disciples. They must have looked around at the disciples of other teachers and seen that, by comparison, they weren't really in the same league. So they ask Jesus to increase their faith. What they're saying is: make us more like the sorts of people we think we should be. Jesus counters their request by telling them that if they had faith the size of a tiny mustard seed they could accomplish great things. It's not a matter of how much faith one has but what they do with it. How much faith does it take to do great things? Jesus says that it only takes the tiniest scrap of faith.

Jesus follows up this statement by pointing out to the disciples that no matter how small the amount of faith, it carries with it a responsibility and duty to act upon it. One shouldn't be looking for acclaim and special treatment when one acts out of faith as that is simply what is expected. The gift of faith carries with it a duty to live that faith and act upon it.

Historical Context – Servants and Slaves

When speaking about doing what is expected, Jesus uses the image of a servant or slave. Whilst this image may be a difficult one for us, Jesus is simply using an image that would have held meaning to his audience. The sense of doing what is expected without anticipating acclaim was best captured in the time by talking about a servant or slave. This does not suggest that Jesus condoned the practice of slavery or servitude – they were just cultural norms at the time. When Jesus spoke about these matters it was only to ensure that slave and servants were treated fairly.

Scriptural context – A lesson for the disciples

For the last few months, in the Sunday gospel readings, we have been working our way through the second half of the gospel of Luke. From the end of chapter 9 onwards, the gospel charts the journey of Jesus towards Jerusalem. Throughout this journey, Jesus teaches his disciples and attempts to prepare them for his departure and their need to step up and take on his ministry. Today's passage is an example of this instruction to the disciples. Jesus makes clear that they are being called to give their lives to faith in service of others without expecting any return – just as Jesus does!

Gospel Focus – Faith

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.

**UNITED IN FAITH, GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT NOURISHED BY THE EUCHARIST,
COMMITTED TO PROCLAIMING THE
GOSPEL WE STRIVE TO LIVE AS GOD ASKS**

"to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8)

MASS TIMES		
	St Raphael Church	Mater Dei Church
Tuesday		9:15am Mass
Wednes-		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 holi- days)
Sunday	8:00am MASS 6:00pm Croatian Mass	10:00am Mass

The next vigil mass at Mater Dei church will be on 15th Oct 2022. This is also a First Eucharist Mass

Please pray for Fr Thomas for his speedy recovery



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.materdei-straphael.org.au/>

Donations towards Raffle prizes are welcome

Recently Deceased: Josie McBride, Edwinea Murphy

Death Anniversary: Mary Ellen Derrig, Orlando Casas

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

Also pray for: Janette McGloin, Shirley McGrath, Antonius Widjaja, Gavin, Rosie and Serena Entwistle, Coral Howse

Fr Artur Wojtowicz will be celebrating mass at St Raphael's and Mater Dei Church this Sunday and also the choir will be singing at the 10:00am mass.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT IN LURNEA
with Fr. Roni George VC

The Lord is inviting us into His presence, to come to Him with all your troubles, worries and sickness. Lay them down at His feet, be still and in total surrender, wait on the Lord to reveal His merciful plan for us. When you have surrendered your troubles to Him do not let yourself worry about them any more, just be still. The Lord works in mysterious ways!

Wednesday, October 26th, 2022 (7.00pm to 9.00pm)
Venue: **St Francis Xavier Catholic Church**, 71 Webster Road, Lurnea, NSW 2170

For enquiries please contact: Rosy 0449975805

1st/2nd Oct (1st Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.00am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Max, Gary	No Mass	Paul Watson
Readers	Lovat Family	Annie M Rose T		Gail Abbott Luisa Galea
8th /9th Oct (2nd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.00am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Michael B	No Mass	Volunteer
Readers	Volunteers	Yenson Family		Joan Hanson Jean Dorahy

Please pray for our school and parish children who are receiving their First Reconciliation and for those who are preparing for their First Holy Communion.

ST RAPHAEL'S CHURCH—STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Zofia Laba, the speaker, has written a biography of John Radecki, the stained glass artist, who created the windows at St. Raphael's Church and Magdalen's Chapel at Wollie Creek. Radecki lived in Hurstville in 1930s. Zofia Laba will be speaking at Rockdale Library
Date: **Saturday 15th October 2022 at 2:00pm**
Place: 3rd floor meeting room **Rockdale Library** (400-444 Princes Highway Rockdale, corner Bryant St) Behind the building, in York St are several car parks, it is a short walk from Rockdale Station. There is a lift access. Any queries contact Laurice Bondfield, Secretary St. George Historical Society Inc. 0408 2882 263

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

October, 15th 2 PM
Rockdale Library Level 3

Zofia Laba
The Craft of Faith
Radecki, Stained Glass Artist
The authorship of the Stained Windows in St Magdalen's Chapel at Tempe established

St George Historical Society Inc
10 Ambrose St at the door

CENACLES OF THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS Every Friday after the 9:15am mass at Mater Dei Church

The Catholic Weekly PULPIT POINTS 2nd Oct 2022

- Trail of Blessings
- Pray for Cardinal Zen
- Boost for Palliative Care research
- Requiem for a Monarch
- Movie review: A Terminal List
- Men gather around the world to recite the Rosary

Morning tea on Sun 2nd Oct 2022 at St Raphael's : after the 8:00am mass to celebrate **St Raphael's Feast Day**, and at

Mater Dei Church: after the 10:00am Mass

Mater Dei Home Rosary

4-10-22 Josephine and Tony Ledonne
61 Castle Street Blakehurst. 11-00 AM

11-10-22 Nives Care
33 Church Street Blakehurst 11-00 AM
All are welcome

Baptism this week at Mater Dei Church
Leon Thomas Rodrigues
(child of Samantha and Steve)
Congratulations to the family!

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

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	411.15	Carried
Second: loose	336.50	Over to
Envelopes	376.00	Next week

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An elderly couple was worried because they kept forgetting things all the time. The doctor assured them there was nothing seriously wrong except old age, and suggested they carry a notebook and write things down so they wouldn't forget. Several days later, the old man got up to go to the kitchen. His wife said, "Dear, get me a bowl of ice cream while you're up." "Okay," he said. "...and put some chocolate syrup on it and a few cherries, too," she said. Twenty minutes later he came back into the room and handed his wife a plate of scrambled eggs and bacon. She glared at him. "Now, I told you to write it down! I knew you'd forget." "What did I forget?" he asked. She replied, "My toast!"

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