



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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary time Year C

Bulletin

25th September 2022

Entrance Anti-

phon : Dn 3:31,29,30,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading: Am 6:1. 4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Tm 6:11-16

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel : Cf. Ps 118:49-50

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

In the Old Testament, it is made very clear that how well the people are living in relationship with God is measured by how well the very least in the society are being treated. Time and again, God makes plain to the people, through the prophets, that what they are expected to do is live in right relationship with one another and with God. The cyclic rise and fall in fortune of the people of Israel is a direct result of the way in which they treat the poor and lowly of the society. When all in the society are properly cared for, Israel flourishes; but when the widows and orphans and other marginalised people are neglected and even rejected, then trouble befalls Israel. Today's first reading, from the prophet Amos, is an example of this cycle and an example of the role the prophets played in calling the people back to faithfulness with God and faithfulness with one another. Amos berates those who luxuriate in comfort whilst ignoring the plight of others.

The theme continues then into the gospel passage. The rich man lives in extravagant luxury but ignores the plight of Lazarus who is starving at his door. (This is not the same Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead.) Both men die and, as Jesus taught over and over again, the poor man Lazarus is welcomed into the kingdom of God but the rich man, who ignored his neighbour, is trapped in Hades. When the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent back to life to warn others of the fate that awaits them, Abraham reminds him that the people of Israel have had a long line of prophets calling them back to faithfulness but their message has been ignored.

Gospel Focus – Rising from the dead

At the end of the passage, Abraham says that if the people of Israel have not been convinced to change their ways by the great prophets throughout time, then 'they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead'. This is obviously a reference to the fact that by the time of the writing of this gospel – some 50+ years after Jesus – most of the Jews remained unconvinced by the message of Jesus, despite his rising from the dead. It is an indication of the rising tension between Jews and Christians at the time of writing.

Living the Gospel – Paying attention

It's easy to be distracted by 'having' and forget to pay attention to 'being'. There is no suggestion in the gospel passage that the rich man is in any way wicked or sinful, other than his lack of attention to the needs of one sitting at his gate. In the eyes of his neighbours, he was probably a very upright and just man, fulfilling all the purity requirements of his faith. But his focus of attention was on himself and not others. He lacked the compassion and mellowness of heart that Jesus reminded people was expected by God.

Scriptural context – Gates

The poor man, Lazarus, is described as sitting at the gate of the rich man. We have a picture of Lazarus sitting on the outside looking in at all that he cannot have. Gates are used both literally and metaphorically throughout the gospel of Luke. In the cities and towns of Palestine, gates marked a physical barrier between those who were 'in' and those who were 'out'. But they also marked the boundaries of society. Those who were permitted to sleep within the walls were the acceptable of society. Those who were shut outside the gates and outside the city of an evening were the unacceptable.

**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

Recently Deceased: Janette McGloin, Shirley McGrath, Queen Elizabeth II, Antonius Widjaja

Death Anniversary: Mary Ellen Derrig, Orlando Casas

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

24th/25th Sept (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	Pavia Family	Lappen Family		Lucy Mitry Phil M
1st/2nd Oct (1st Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.00am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Max, Gary	Tony Oscuro	Paul Watson
Readers	Lovat Family	Annie M Rose T	Fran Oscuro	Gail Abbott Luisa Galea

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

27-9-22 Nives Care
33 Church 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

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

Padre Pio movie trailer

<https://youtu.be/mOd7fBjFJSE>

Actor Shia LaBeouf's interview with Bishop Barron

<https://youtu.be/hjxKG4mR3U4>



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

Pontifical Requiem Mass for Queen Elizabeth II

To mark the life and reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 24 September 2022 at 10.00 am. Attendees are asked to be seated by 9.45 am.

All members of the community are welcome to attend.



We sadly announce the passing away of two long term Mater Dei parishioners: **Jeanette McGloin** passed away on 21st Sept 2022 after a short illness. She was 90. The funeral is on Wed 5th Oct at 10:30am at Mater Dei Church, Blakehurst.

Shirley McGrath passed away this week. She used to be in the choir at Mater Dei.

May Jeanette and Shirley find eternal peace and rest with the Lord. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this time.

HEART OF LIFE Centre of Spiritual and Pastoral formation

'Walking with Wisdom Series' (in person or via Zoom), 4 x Thursdays, 6-27 October 2022, 10am-12.30pm. This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another ... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

The Catholic Weekly PULPIT POINTS 25th Sept 2022

- DAL LE: Western Sydney talks back
- Campion Ball: A Knight to Remember
- Building up the FEMININE GENIUS
- Reaching out to Africa
- Movie review: Padre Pio
- The horror we don't mention



There will be morning tea at St Raphael's Church after the 8am mass on 2nd Oct 2022 to celebrate St Raphael's feast day.



Baptism this week at Mater Dei Church
Chelsea Streamer
(child of Natasha and Robert)
Congratulations to the family!

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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	403.65	348.45
Second: loose	224.40	534.00
Envelopes	365.00	355.00

A juggler was driving to a show when he was stopped by a traffic cop. The cop peered inside the car, looked at the back seat and immediately asked the man to step out of his car. He asked the man: "What are matches and lighter fuel doing in your car?" "I'm a juggler" replied the driver. "Oh, yeah?" said the cop, unconvinced. "Let's see you prove it." So the driver collected his props and began juggling three blazing torches at the roadside. Just then an elderly couple drove by. The husband turned to his wife and said: "I'm glad I gave up drinking. Look at the test they're giving now!"

