



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

Twenty-Eight Sunday  
in Ordinary time Year C

Bulletin

9th Oct 2022

**Entrance Antiphon :** Ps 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**First Reading:** 2 Kgs 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

**Second Reading:** 2 Tm 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation** 1 Thes 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!  
For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel :** Lk 17:11-19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf. Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

## REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Today's gospel is one of the stories unique to the gospel of Luke. At the same time, it is a commonly known story that is often cited to demonstrate the value of saying thank you. However, as usual, there's more to this story than initially meets the eye. One of the recurrent themes of the gospel is at play here: the message of salvation that Jesus brings is available to all, not just the Jews.

The first reading is an interesting link with the gospel of Luke. In chapter 4 of the gospel, when Jesus visits Nazareth and preaches in the synagogue, he later tells a story about the prophets Elijah and Elisha responding to the needs of Gentiles rather than Jews. He tells the story to make the point that the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews. The incident involving Elisha that Jesus refers to in chapter 4 is the one we hear in today's first reading.

Whilst both the first reading and the gospel tell stories about the healing of those with skin diseases, the common factor is actually about their expressions of gratitude and conversion of heart. In the gospel, all ten men are healed but it is only the stranger; the foreigner; the Samaritan, who comes back to give thanks and to praise God. The others – Jewish men, presumably – are only concerned about themselves and have no time to acknowledge the graciousness of God that they have experienced. The gospel writer has Jesus emphasise the point that it is the Samaritan – the outsider – who has recognised God's activity in his cure and come back to give praise and thanks. It is only he who has experienced the change of heart; the conversion of faith.

### Historical Context – Leprosy

In ancient times, a wide variety of skin diseases were loosely labelled as 'leprosy'. Because of Jewish purity laws, people with skin diseases were automatically regarded as 'unclean' and were forced to live away from others. The assumption was that such disfigurement must be a punishment from God for sinful behaviour. When Jesus encounters the men they are outside the town and keep the required distance from Jesus. He tells them to go and show themselves to the priest, whose authority was relied upon to declare a person healed and fit to return to society after extensive ritual purification.

### Have you thought? – On the Borders

When Jesus encounters the ten men, he is travelling along the border between Galilee and Samaria. The level of distrust between the Jews of Galilee and the Samaritans were deep and abiding. The land that fell between the two countries was sparsely populated and mostly barren. That Jesus should encounter the men in this environment is not surprising for these men literally and metaphorically were at the border of society. Not welcome in any town, the men roamed the very edges of society. They lived their whole lives on the borderline – welcome nowhere and belonging nowhere.

### Gospel Focus – Where are they?

'The other nine, where are they?' asked Jesus. Why would the other nine not have come back to give thanks? It is insufficient to say that the miraculous healing these men experienced changed their lives. Being healed of this disease meant so much to them: they could return to their families; they could return to work; they could touch another person; they could walk among other people; they could join in prayer at the synagogue. As they hurried back toward town they must have been overwhelmed by the possibilities and opportunities that lay before them. But they neglected to acknowledge the source of their great joy!

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	<b>6:15PM VIGIL MASS</b> <b>Every 1st and 3rd Sat</b> <b>(except school holidays)</b>
Sunday	<b>8:00am MASS</b> 6:00pm Croatian Mass	10:00am Mass

**Masquerade Dinner Dance**

DINE | DRINK | DANCE | ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY 21 OCT 2022 | 6.30PM

**Death Anniversary:** Mary Ellen Derrig, Orlando Casas

**Pray for good health of :** Sunga Family, Fr Thomas, Adele Shehata, Analiza Torres Zapata, Yin Kwan Tsang.

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

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

**Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**

In Catholic tradition, the entire month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This month-long observance is largely due to the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, celebrated on October 7.

According to legend, Mary entrusted the Rosary to St. Dominic in the 13th century to aid in conflicts with the Albigensians

8th /9th Oct (2nd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.00am	6.15pm V	10.00am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Greg Driver	Michael B Minh	No Mass	Volunteer
<b>Readers</b>	Volunteers	Yenson Family		Joan Hanson Jean Dorahy
15th /16th Oct (3rd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.00am	6.15pm V	10.00am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Greg Driver	Earl, Carl	Ray Low	Volunteer
<b>Readers</b>	Pavia Family	Fernandes Family	Br Michael Nina M	Jolly Jose Wendy E

**Visiting Priests:**

SR 8:00am mass : Fr Geoffrey Plant  
MD 10:00am mass : Fr Ruben Mandin

Mater Dei School First Eucharist Masses are on Sat 15th Oct/Sun 16th Oct 2022.

First Eucharist Mass for Parish Children in on Sun 23rd Oct 2022



Organist Jan Murray will be playing at Mater Dei this Sunday. She used to play at Mater Dei regularly about 6 years ago. We would like to welcome Jan back to Mater Dei Church

**SCAM ALERT**

Beware of a scam where you receive an email which appears to be from Fr Thomas requesting you to purchase gift cards discretely which are then cashed. The video clip below will raise your awareness of general scams that might affect you or your family if you are not careful : [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7CZReZ24-to&ab\\_channel=CNAInsider](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7CZReZ24-to&ab_channel=CNAInsider)

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

**The Catholic Weekly PULPIT POINTS 2nd Oct 2022**

- Parents: Monitor Gaming!
- Goulburn Cathedral vandalized
- 70 years Down Under
- Youth set a fire at Ignite
- Helping women in crisis
- Little nun, big 'saint'?

**Mater Dei Home Rosary**

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

All are welcome

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**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND**

TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei (2 weeks)
First	312.10	428.15
Second: loose	206.50	430.80
Envelopes	330.00	935.00

**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

**Are there any golf courses in heaven?**

A man who was an avid golfer finally got a once in a lifetime chance for an audience with the Pope. After standing in line for hours, he got to the Pope and said, "Holiness, I have a question that only you can answer. You see, I love golf, and I feel a real need to know if there is a golf course in heaven. Can you tell me if there is?"

The Pope considered for a moment, and replied, "I do not know the answer to your question, my son, but I will talk to God and get back with you."

The next day, the man is called for another audience with the Pope to receive the answer to his question. He stood before the Pope, who said, "My son, I have some good news and some bad news in relation to your question. The good news is that heaven has the most fabulous golf course that you could imagine and is in eternally perfect shape. It puts all courses on earth to shame..."

"The bad news is that you tee-off tomorrow morning."

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