



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

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe Year C

Bulletin

20th Nov 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Rv 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading: 2 Sm 5:1-3

They anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. (R.)
3. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. (R.)

Second Reading: Col 1:12-20

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 23:35-43

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

The choice of today's gospel passage in the lectionary appears to be two-fold. Firstly, the inscription above the crucified Christ reads, 'This is the King of the Jews', one of the scriptural references to Christ's kingship – although that reference is more complicated than it first appears. Secondly, the feast of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year and the end of the year-long journey through the gospel of Luke. Given that the second half of the gospel is a physical and psychological journey towards Jerusalem and the death that awaits Jesus there, it is fitting that the final reading for the liturgical year is the crucifixion.

When the feast of Christ the King was first conceived by Pope Pius XI in 1925, its intention was to emphasise the majesty and power of Jesus Christ, King and ruler of the world. However, our understanding of 'king' as it can be applied to Jesus has changed significantly in the intervening years. Despite earthly notions of kingship and the role of the Messiah, Jesus completely rejected such expectations and assumed the role of servant to the poor and outcast. As we have seen throughout this year, the gospel of Luke depicts in great detail the emphasis and priority that Jesus gave to the lowly and marginalised.

The theme that flows through the gospel is again captured in the account of the crucifixion. At this most critical point, it is a criminal, crucified alongside Jesus, who responds in faith to Jesus and asks to join Jesus when he enters into his kingdom. The criminal has a much better idea of the nature of the sort of king that Jesus really is than is revealed by the sign that Pilate has had nailed to the cross.

Historical Context – Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King was introduced to the liturgical calendar by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The establishment of the feast took place in a world that had suffered through the First World War and was unknowingly heading towards the Second World War. In this setting, the world was experiencing a dramatic growth in secularism and an even more dramatic growth in dictators who were rising to power in various states. The introduction of the feast was a call back from the secular and a call to remember Christ as having authority above and beyond any earthly leader.

Scriptural context – Shepherds and Criminals

The gospel of Luke is underlined by a message of hope for those who are afflicted, outcast and poor. In this gospel, the message and ministry of Jesus are directed specifically to these lowly ones. The significance of the role played by the poor is highlighted by the framing of the whole narrative in this gospel: the birth of Jesus is celebrated by shepherds and his death is accompanied by criminals. Shepherds and criminals – two classes of people on the absolute fringe of society; not dignitaries or wise men from afar – are witness to the birth and death of Jesus.

Gospel Focus – A kingdom of inclusion

In response to the criminal's faith, Jesus assures him, 'today you will be with me in paradise'. There is a certainty and immediacy about the response. Jesus does not tell him that some time in the future he will be rewarded for his faith. No, it is *today* that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise. It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsider and undervalued throughout his ministry. It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome.

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
Sunday	8:00am MASS 6:00pm Croatian Mass	10:00am Mass

Recently Deceased: Iseo Benedet, Puan & Tan Sri, Thomas Jayasuriya, Mary & Trevor Shearing.

Death Anniversary: Jeffrey Bishop, Lucy & Joseph Yong, Marjorie & Myles Coleman.

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

Pray for the deceased: Jeanette McGloin, Shirley McGrath, Antonius Widjaja, Gavin, Rosie and Serena Entwistle, Coral Howse, Souls in purgatory.

19th /20th Nov (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	Family Mass	Minh JP	Family Mass	Jolly Jose Wendy E
26th /27th Nov (4th Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.00am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Norman	No Mass	Volunteer
Readers	Rounds Family	Yenson Family		Lucy Mitry Phil M

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

Mater Dei Home Rosary

22-11-2022 Nives Care
33 Church Street Blakehurst 11-00 AM

29-11-2022 Nives Care
33 Church Street Blakehurst 11-00 AM

All are welcome

Mater Dei & St Raphael's Parish Calendar

	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
Sat 26/11/22	SR Parish Christmas Get together after Vigil mass	SR
Sun 11/12/22	MD Parish Christmas Get together after morning mass	MD
Tue 13 /12/22	MD Pastoral Council Mtg 7 pm	MD

A young businessman had just started his own firm. He had rented a beautiful office and had it furnished with fine antiques. Sitting there, he saw a man come into the outer office.

Wishing to appear busy, the young man picked up the phone and started to pretend he had a big deal working. He threw huge figures around and made giant commitments. Finally, he hung up and asked the visitor. "Can I help you?" The man said, "Sure, I've come to connect the phone."

FUNNY

November Masses for the Faithful dead

If you would like to offer Mass for the Holy Souls of your loved ones during November, you can pick an envelope from the Church foyer. Kindly write the names clearly. The names appear in the *Book of Remembrance* kept near the Altar, mass power point and parish website <https://www.materdei-straphael.org.au/>.

Thank you.

There will be a family Vigil mass at Mater Dei Church on Sat 19th Nov

ADVENT PROGRAM commencing

Thursday 24th Nov 2022 7:30PM

- Face to face with Carl Pavia (0418 672 394) at St Raphael's.
- Via zoom with Michael & Monica Fernandes 0437 517 758

Zoom meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9577646626?pwd=UjZscTFZRXZhZkx2RzJYcnd3dVlrUT09>

Meeting ID: 957 764 6626

Passcode: 6Lzd6n

The copies of the Advent books "Stay Awake!" are available in the church

CONGRATULATIONS TO DENIS DERRIG AND VINKA BOSNJAK

For receiving the Volunteer of the Year Awards :

Denis Derrig in the Cooks Ward from Hon. Scott Morrison MP and

Vinka Bosnjak in the Banks Ward from Hon. David Coleman MP

Mater Dei Church

Christmas Get together

Date: Sun 11th Dec after 10am Mass

Venue: Michael Kennedy Centre

Menu: Sausage sizzle

BYO: A share plate if possible

St Raphael's Church

Pizza night

Date: 26th Nov 2022 6pm—10pm

Venue: Harmony Hall

Menu: Pizza, tea and Coffee

BYO: Drinks, Salad, Dessert

Donations welcome on the night.

Please register at the church for numbers. All are welcome

BAPTISMS

Mater Dei Church:

Twins Alexander and Sebastian Ripepi (children of Joseph and Samantha)

St Raphaels: Alicia Wang, Alice Dan (Children of Bob & Diana), Mandy Chen child of Youtuan & Fang Lin

Congratulations to the family.



Catholic Mission Appeal—Thank you

Total amount raised: St Hurstville: \$50.00
Blakehurst: \$410.45. Catholic Mission would like to thank all the parishioners who contributed towards this appeal.

Christmas at the Cathedral on Thursday

8th of December 2022 (continues till 21st Dec).

A festival evening at St Mary's:

4pm confessions, 5:30pm Mass ,

7pm live entertainment,

8pm Christmas display and official launch.

To register your attendance, please go to <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/christmas-at-the-cathedral-2022---parish-engagement/cc2022-pe/Site/Register>

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	390.45	262.55
Second: loose	343.80	148.75
Envelopes	410.00	490.00

SCAM Alert:

Please be wary of scams via email, internet or phone. Be cautious if some one asks for your password, date of birth or asks you to do some transaction discretely.

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