



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

Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary time Year C

Bulletin

13th Nov 2022

Entrance Antiphon : Jer 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading: Mal 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)
3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

Second Reading: 2 Thes 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel : Lk 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Next week's reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today's gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world.

The language of passages like today's gospel can be off-putting at times and can also be seized upon by those who would interpret scripture literally. The graphic descriptions certainly lend themselves to predictions of gloom and doom. However, we must also remember that the gospel was written some 50 or more years after the death of Jesus. At the time of writing, many of these things had already come to pass. The message for the community who were suffering through these very experiences is that they should not despair because all of this was anticipated by Jesus and that ultimately the reign of God will come about and the effort and distress that they have endured will be vindicated.

Unfortunately, the lectionary has the passage concluding at verse 19; the complete passage continues on for another 17 verses and so we don't get the full effect of Jesus' speech. In the latter portion, Jesus assures the disciples that the kingdom will surely come to pass. It is a promise that we affirm every time we say the Creed.

Living the Gospel – Comfort

We must remember that the gospel of Luke was written 50-plus years after the death of Jesus. Whilst Jesus may have said something like what is ascribed to him in this passage, we have to accept that the words are influenced to a great extent by the gospel writer. The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus 'predict' all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to 'keep going.'

Historical Context – Expectation

When the gospel of Mark was written around the year 75 of the 1st Century, the people of that community firmly believed that the world was about to end and that Jesus' return to earth was going to happen any day. Another 10 or so years later, the communities of the gospels of Matthew and Luke were enduring persecution and great hardship. They felt that surviving through this time of struggle would be rewarded with the return of Jesus. However, by the time of the gospel of John, another 10 years later, we see an acceptance that the end is still to come some time in the future.

Scriptural context – Apocalyptic writing

Hollywood has done very well out of movies about the end of the world and the term 'apocalypse' has come to have this meaning. However, 'apocalypse' comes from the Greek word meaning, 'to lift a veil' or 'to reveal'. The apocalypse is not the end of the world, but rather the revelation that will come at the end of the world. Writings such as today's gospel passage about what will happen at the end of the world and how God will be revealed are described in the Christian tradition as 'apocalyptic writing'. The most famous of these writings is the book of Revelation.

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

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

Death Anniversary: 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

12th /13th Nov (2nd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.00am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Br Ben	Michael B Minh N	No Mass	Volunteer
Readers	Volunteers	Lappen Family		Joan Hanson Jean Dorahy
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

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

15-11-2022 Nives Care
33 Church Street Blakehurst 11-00 AM

22-11-2022 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

Before performing a baptism, the priest approached the young father and said solemnly, "Baptism is a serious step. Are you prepared for it?" "I think so," the man replied. "My wife has made the appetizers and we have a caterer coming to provide plenty of food for our guests." "I don't mean that," the priest responded. "I mean, are you prepared spiritually?" "Oh, sure," came the reply. "I've got a keg of beer and a case of whiskey."

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, parish website and mass power point.. Thank you.

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



All are welcome

Advent books are available in the Church foyer for free.

We will be organising face to face and zoom Advent sharing groups. Let us know if you are interested. Contact Carl Pavia or Michael Fernandes if you are interested.

There is **NO Vigil mass** at Mater Dei Church this Sat 12th Nov 2022

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

Christmas season can be a difficult time for grieving family and friends.

You are invited to **Calvary's Remembrance Service** to honour and remember those we have love and lost.

Date: Tuesday, November 29th at 7pm . This service will be held **off-site** at St Thomas More Church, 298 Bay Street, Brighton-Le-Sands.
Attendees are encouraged to bring along a photo. Light supper will follow the service.
RSVP: (02) 9553-3158 Mary Ashton

This week the Catholic Community of :

- A) Mater Dei Blakehurst—warmly welcomes Angelina Elizabeth Thriskos.
 - B) St Raphael South Hurstville—warmly welcomes Chi Kit Chao, Xinyi Wang (Cindy), Bob Wang, Maria Fang Lin, Lin Ouyang (Mandy)
- Congratulations to the families



The Catholic Weekly

PULPIT POINTS 11th Nov 2022

- From war's hell to an Outback welcome—Ukrainian refugees
- New Mass premiered—St Francis Paddington
- WA confession law commences
- Qld Minister for Education targeting non-government schools over faith-based moral views
- Retreat for beloved women
- Beyond the Parish—Fr James Mallon

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	412.70	269.95
Second: loose	392.55	337.25
Envelopes	320.00	295.00

Mater Dei & St Raphael's Parish Calendar

Sat 19/11/22	SR Family Mass	SR
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

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