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of Mary

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Sunday November 30

Vinnies  
Community  
Celebration

Start 1.30pm

St Declans Church  
92 Penshurst Street  
PENSHURST

Many people think that Vinnies is just a string of Op shops. Vinnies provides emergency relief within the community for those in hardship home visitation for those who need material aid or spiritual fulfillment. They have breakfast vans that run all year round Night Patrol women's and children refuges men's Shelters art classes cooking classes living skills counselling services, drug and alcohol counselling the list goes on

Come and get involved!

Please let us know if you will be attending

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ How many people: \_\_\_\_\_

You can let us know by phoning the Hurstville Community Support Centre on 9580 2459  
You can email us at [janem@sydneyvinnies.org](mailto:janem@sydneyvinnies.org) Or you can post the return slip to St Vincent de Paul Society 183C Forest Rd Hurstville NSW 2220 Hurstville Community Support Centre 9580 2459

**Did you know?**  
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Arnold and Dorothy Wilcox Scholarship is a two year scholarship for Year 11 2015 and Year 12 2016. The scholarship recipient will have an interest in Mathematics and Science and intend to study higher level Mathematics and a Science subject for the HSC. The scholarship is presented by Maura and Hilary Wilcox in memory of their parents. Applications close on 31 October 2015.

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

All Saints

All Souls

BULLETIN

1/2 November 2014



SATURDAY: ALL SAINTS

SUNDAY: ALL SOULS

**First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14**

*I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.*

**Psalm: Ps 23:1-6**

**R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. **R.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3**

*We shall see God as he really is.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*

**Communion antiphon:**

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

**First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9**

*The Lord God will destroy death for ever.*

**Psalm: Ps 23:1-6**

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R.**

**Second Reading: Romans 5:5-11**

*Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that all who believe in the Son have eternal life, and I will raise them up to life again on the last day. Alleluia!  
**Gospel: Luke 7:11-17**

*Young man, I say to you, arise.*

**Communion antiphon:**

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.

Gospel Commentary

by Greg Sunter

The lectionary for today offers a choice of three gospel readings: Mt 11:25-30 – revelation of the Father through the Son; Mk 15:33-39, 16:1-6 – the crucifixion and resurrection; and Lk 7:11-17 the widow of Nain's son raised from the dead. None of the readings deal directly with the question of what happens when we die but each of them addresses the revelation of God as a God of faithfulness, compassion and love. This faithfulness and compassionate love of God is celebrated on the feast of All Souls because we remember that the invitation of God is extended to all people that they might enter into the kingdom of heaven.

The passage from the gospel of Luke about the widow of Nain is particularly revealing of the compassion of God. The event takes place at the town gates. Just as Jesus is entering, the funeral bier of a young man is passing out through the gates. There are a 'considerable number of the townspeople' with the grieving mother and we assume that they are there to mourn her son and give comfort to his mother. However, the woman is a widow and the young man was her only son. As a woman with no means of male support, the crowd may have been actually making sure that she left the town rather than mourning her loss. We are told Jesus 'felt sorry for her' – not sorry for her loss, but sorry for her. When he raised the young man, 'Jesus gave him to his mother.' By giving her son life, Jesus also gave the woman a new life. With a son, she would again be welcome in the town and not forced outside the walls to fend for herself. The message of God that all are welcome is enacted through Jesus as he makes sure that the woman is not excluded from the town because of her dependence on others.

These three different gospel passages offered for this feast all point to a God who continues to honour the covenant established with the people long ago – I will be your God and you will be my people. The feasts of All Saints and All Souls assure us that this covenant continues even beyond death. The selected readings are necessarily out of context as they are chosen to convey this particular message to suit this feast day. We are reminded that we have a destiny that extends beyond the limits of this life on earth.

The feasts of All Saints (Nov 1) and All Souls (Nov 2) can be seen as something of a twin feast that celebrates all those who have died. With the feast of All Saints we celebrate all those who have died and have entered into direct and immediate communion with God in heaven. With the feast of All Souls we celebrate and pray for those who have died but have not yet entered into that direct communion with God. These two different states revolve around the Church teaching on purgatory – a state or process of purification before entering into heaven.

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 your God" (Micah 6:8)

MASS TIMES this week		
	Mater Dei	St.Raphael's
Saturday	6.15pm	5.00pm
Sunday	10.00am	8.30am
Tuesday	8.00am	
Wednesday	8.00am	
Thursday		9.15am
Friday	8am	9.00am
<b>RECONCILIATION: (also by appointment)</b>		
Saturday		4.30pm
<b>EXPOSITION</b>		
Saturday	from	4.00pm

**Legions of Mary**  
**MD:** Meets 10am every Monday morning in the Piety Stall at Mater Dei.  
**St R's** Rosary and Meeting every Friday at 9:30 am downstairs in the Hall.  
**St Vincent de Paul Society**

**HOME ROSARY**  
**St Raphael's Parish - Mondays 7.30pm**  
 3 November  
 - No ROSARY  
 10 November - Ellen Marks  
 29 Pleasant Way, Blakehurst  
**Mater Dei Parish - Tuesdays**  
 4 November - Josie and Denis Kocina  
 45 Townson St., Blakehurst 8pm  
 11 November - Caterina & Greg Colubriale  
 45 Townson St., Blakehurst 8pm  
**ALL WELCOME**

Please pray for the work of this Council which has been set up as part of the Church's response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Please pray especially, too, for the victims of child sexual abuse by clergy, religious and Church employees.

**Please pray for**  
**Deceased:** Jose Oliveira, Maria Jose Lopes, Vincenzo & Frank Coluccio, Jack Derrig  
**Sid:** Cath Spongberg, Paul Gilmore, Wally Wells, Beryl Harrington, Maria Nguyen, Evelyn Williams, Rina Ricco, Maria Le Froy, Jean Morrell, Angelo Panzarino, Hennie Smith, Sue McDermott, Margaret Hopkinson, Bridgid Dwyer, Sr Vianney Hatton, Mary Krone, Ann, Sr Maree Henderson, rsc, Blaza Kursar, Howard Courtney, Ann Davies, Joanne McRea, Patrick & Sidney Yenson, Matthew Tuffin, Joanne Martin, George & Therese Mir, Jack & Sylvia Wood.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	StR	MD
First	614	248
Second: loose	340	394
Envelopes	486	1824

Both Churches have a hearing loop installed: switch your hearing aid to "T-coil".

**YOUTH MASS**

On Sunday 9 November the young people of the parishes, led by Niko, will be leading the music at 10am at Mater Dei. If you are a young musician (or one who is young at heart) and would like to be part of this, please contact Niko on niko@winarta.net ph 0422479259.

**HOLY HOUR AT ST RAPHAEL'S**

Continues Fridays, between 8pm and 9pm. When we enter the Church, Jesus will be waiting there for each one of us, exposed on the Altar surrounded by beautiful candles. This will be a very special and very quiet peaceful time that we will be able to spend with Our Lord. Please come and spend this hour with Our Lord and invite friends to come along - everyone is welcome !!

**Farewell to the Principal**

Mrs Jenni Payne is leaving Mater Dei School and parishioners are invited to attend a celebration of her work in our community. Please join in farewelling our Principal on Wednesday 3 December: Mass 9.15am, Morning Tea, School Assembly at 11.30am - 1 pm. RSVP Friday 31 October via http://goo.gl/I14Yun or by phoning 9546 7298.

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT CALVARY**

A Remembrance Service will be held in the Calvary Hospital Chapel (111 Rocky Point Rd, Kogarah) on Tuesday November 11 at 7:30pm. A light supper will follow at 8pm. An invitation is extended to all who have suffered grief or bereavement and especially those whose loved ones have died at Calvary. Attendees are invited to bring a photo of their loved ones."

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS**  
 Are now available for next year. They are \$10 each and are available from the Piety Stall at Mater Dei or from Br Ben at St Raphael's.



**Mater Dei— Fresh Flowers request**  
 It would be lovely to have fresh flowers in the Church more often, but they are very expensive purchased from a florist. If anyone goes to the Flemington markets sometimes, would they be willing to buy some flowers (and be reimbursed)? Contact the Parish Office if you are willing to do this sometimes.

*The Installation of Bishop Anthony Fisher as the ninth archbishop of Sydney will take place on 12 November at St Mary's Cathedral. It is open to everyone but people are requested to be seated by 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.*



**CWF** Charitable Works Fund  
 This weekend we will have the November Charitable Works Fund Appeal. Your generosity with this is most gratefully appreciated - your gift directly benefits your parish as each parish has a quota and the amount requested otherwise comes out the bank accounts. Seminarians from the Redemptorist Mater Seminary, who are supported from the CWF, will be speaking at all Masses.

**ST RAPHAEL'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Saturday 29 November  
 FOR YOUR DIARY! St Raphael's Christmas Party Everyone invited to bring a plate to contribute to the big table and also to bring their own drinks. A small donation is requested to go towards the fundraising efforts of the parish. We are also asking some of you individually or as a small group to contribute a gift of substantial value towards the Raffle - 4-5 gifts. There will be Karaoke on the night and a visit from Santa.



**Are You Interested in training to become a Volunteer Chaplain at St George Hospital?**

The St George Chaplains' Team is hoping to offer training in the first half of 2015 (possibly 10 full days but not all in a row). The Team would like to hear from people who are interested in doing this training, especially if anyone is available for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday visitations. No commitment is required as yet but if you are interested phone 9113 2189 or email david.lakos@sesiahs.health.new.gov.au.

Ministry 1 & 2	St Raphael's		Mater Dei	
November	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes/SS	Vincent	Max	Sofi	Paul
EMHC	Moya, Ellen	Annie Rosie	Olivia	Marguerite
Readers	Cath Carl	Monique Pat	Sonia M Trevor	Gail, Luisa Angela
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Emma	Amy, Bianca, Gabrielle
Music	-	Julia	Jan	Kim
Altar Society	Nathan & Sharon			
Children's Liturgy	Mary		Isabella	

Ministry 8 & 9	St Raphael's		Mater Dei	
October	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes/SS	Daniel	Br Ben	John	Graeme
EMHC	Shirley Jan	Michelle Monica	Aliesha	Marguerite
Readers	McCluskey McKenzies	Fernandes Family	Louise	Jean Joan
Altar Servers	Stephanie, Elroy Daniella, Marcus, Nevin	Katharine Tyler	Luke Emma	Amy, Bianca, Gabrielle
Music	Niko	Julia	Jan	Youth
Altar Society	Grace & Angela			
Children's Liturgy	Mary		Diana	

**RCIA CLASSES RECOMMENCE**

The topic is What it means to be a Christian" 7.30pm at St Raphael's on Wednesday 5 November. All welcome. For more info contact Graeme Dorahy on 9546 6032.

**CATECHISTS NEEDED!**

The parishes are in need of an extra catechist to help for the last four weeks of classes. If you are able to spare an hour on Wednesday or Thursday morning. If you are able to help please contact Br Joe on 9546 1232 or Kath Cullen on 9546 2487.

**THE JOY OF MARRIAGE: All engaged and Married couples are invited to this talk which will be given on Friday 21st November 7pm. It is given by a Missionary Couple from the Verbum Dei Community who will be in Australia for one week to share their experience. Address: 74 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery. If you have any questions please call on 9313 7099.**



Fr Hugh Thomas C.Ss.R will be giving a one day retreat and the theme will be on 'Eucharistic Miracles and the powerful intervention of Our Lady' Also covered will be :

- The powerful intervention of our Blessed Mother.
- The real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist with a focus on Eucharistic miracles at Lanciano, Orvieto, Cascia, Blanot and Siena.
- Lessons from the adoration chapel in St. Peter's, Rome and the Perpetual Adoration in Sacre Coeur, Paris.

The sacrament of Reconciliation will available during Holy Hour.

Date: Saturday 22 November Start : 8.45am Finish : 3pm at St Raphael's Parish Hall, Coffee, Tea & Soft Drinks will be supplied on the day. Please bring along something to share for morning tea and a sandwich for lunch. Please contact Gary and Ronnie Cartmer if any questions on 9546 2142.

**Preparation for Sacraments**  
 Our parishes' children are currently preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time. Please keep these children and their catechists & teachers in your prayers.



This weekend we welcome Bonnie, Rubie and Benjamin Wikeepa into the family of the Catholic Church at Mater Dei. Congratulations to their parents Natalie & Andrew.



**Saturday Afternoon Event for Fathers and Grandfathers**

The Parramatta Diocese Family & Life Office and menALIVE are hosting an Saturday afternoon event on the critical importance of Fathering. The afternoon will include discussion on the importance of the Role of Fathers and Grandfathers and will include some practical insights and information on Intentional Fathering. The afternoon will conclude with a launch of the book, "The Father Factor" by Peter O'Shea and Robert Falzon Date: Saturday, November 29. Time: 1:30 - 4pm Place: St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta RSVP: Contact Ben Smith on bsmith@parra.catholic.org.au or 8838 3440.

**A Funny** A juggler was driving to a show when he was stopped by a traffic policeman. The policeman 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 police officer, 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!"

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