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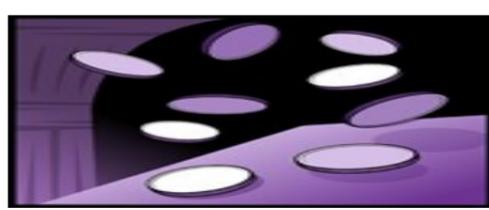
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Entrance Antiphon

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

First Reading: Ex 20:1-17
The Lord delivers the Ten Commandments,
Psalm: Ps Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)
They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 22-25
We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel Acclamation: John 13: 16
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Gospel: John 2:13-25
Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

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

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

by Greg Sunter

The Temple in Jerusalem was (and still is) a powerful symbol of holiness and a symbol of the connection and relationship between God and the Hebrew people. It is often assumed that Jesus' anger was directed at the traders and moneychangers because their business had infringed on and desecrated the temple precinct. But the reality is a bit more complicated. The Temple was the holiest site for sacrifice to God. The tradition dictated that sacrifice made by a priest on the altar was the highest form of worship. The best animal to sacrifice was a healthy, properly formed creature. Rather than walking a lamb all the way from somewhere like Galilee to Jerusalem, the faithful would purchase their sacrifice animal at the Temple itself – thus the presence of the people selling cattle, sheep and doves. However, to further complicate matters, the Temple traders would not accept Roman coins to purchase the sacrificial animals as they bore the image of the deified emperor. Therefore, money changers were required to exchange Roman currency for acceptable coinage – so the money changers were also playing their part in the prayer life of the Temple.

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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)

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

In Jewish tradition, the Temple marked the point of physical connection between God and humankind and between the past and the present. It was where God's story and humanity's story met. However, in the year 70 C.E. – some 40 years after Jesus – the Temple was destroyed by the Romans. The gospel of John is written another 20+ years later and so the reality of the Temple's destruction is still trying to be absorbed by the people. It was a very powerful image for the gospel writer to suggest that Jesus was the new Temple – the new point of connection.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

This episode of outrage in the Temple is recorded in all four of the Gospels. Interestingly, the three synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke place the event in the final days leading to Passion events while the Gospel of John places the event in the very early days of Jesus' public ministry. While the three synoptics are likely to be more chronologically correct, the Gospel of John uses the event very deliberately to make the point that Jesus is the new Temple – the new focus of God's presence in the world; the Word made flesh.

DIFFERENT VIEW

Just like Jesus

This gospel passage must be one of the most commonly misused passages in the Bible. So often it is used as justification for someone losing their temper, or worse, an outrageous temper tantrum, or 'dummy spit'. People will declare in their defence, 'Well, Jesus lost his temper and got angry in the Temple!' They fail to appreciate the difference between their own hot-headedness and the outrage against injustice that was being expressed by Jesus. They also seem to miss the significance of the fact that this was a 'one off' for Jesus!

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
RECONCILIATION: (also by appointment)		
Saturday		4.30pm
EXPOSITION		
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
 Meets second Tuesday of each month in the Kennedy Centre at Mater Dei at 7.30 pm.

HOME ROSARY
St Raphael's Parish Lent Break
 Will Resume after Easter - Mondays 7.30pm
Mater Dei Parish - Tuesdays 17th March - Nives Care 33Church St., Blakehurst 8pm
 24th March - Agnes Peluso 1/52 Connells Point
ALL WELCOME

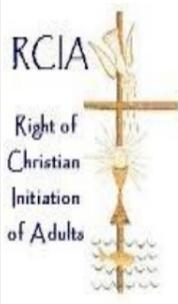
Please pray for the work of this Council which has been set up as part of the Church's response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Please pray especially, too, for the victims of child sexual abuse by clergy, religious and Church employees.

St Vincent de Paul Society:
 Meets every second Tuesday of each month in the Kennedy Centre at Mater Dei at 7pm.

Please pray for
 Deceased: Fr James Gallen, Ron Masson, Mariano Alviar, Les Woodward, Peter Ashelford, Anna Pelosi,
 Sick: Sr Visney Hatton.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	StR	MD
First	824	281
Second: loose	666	446
Envelopes	414	1426

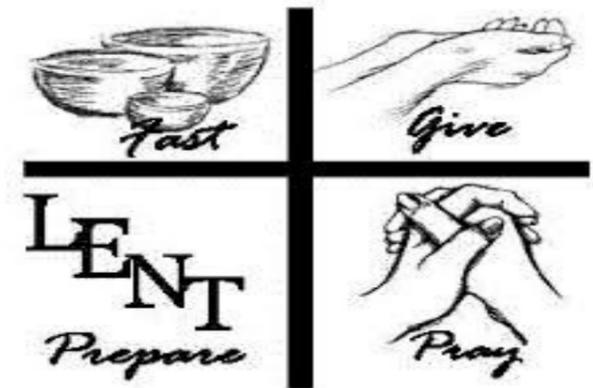
Both Churches have a hearing loop installed: switch your hearing aid to "T-coil".



The topic this week is "Importance of Prayer" 7.30pm at St Raphael's on this Wednesday 11th. All welcome. For more info contact Graeme Dorahy on 9546 6032.

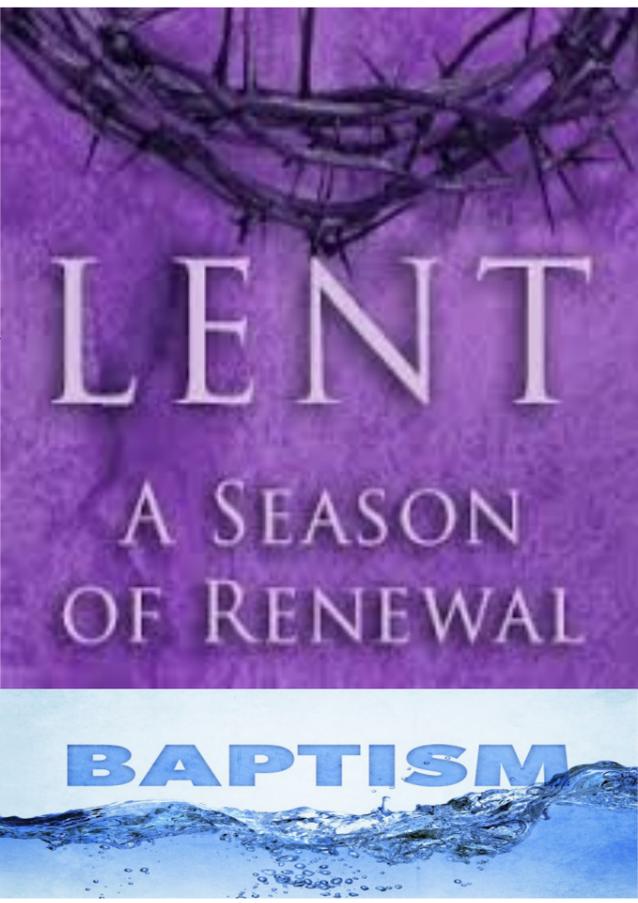
To our 9th RETREAT DAY Please come along as the theme will be on :- 'How to prepare well for Holy Week' Father Hugh Thomas C.Ss.R Date: Saturday 28th March Start : 8.45am Finish : 3pm Location: Saint Raphael's Parish Hall, 84 George Street Hurstville South Coffee, Tea & Soft Drinks will be supplied on the day. Please bring along something to share for

Celebrating & Giving Thanks;
Welcome to Anna Lau and her children Matthew & Nathon.
Anna, Nathon & Matthew Lau will be baptized at the 10.00am Mass on Sunday the 15th March. At Mater Dei.



HELP REQUIRED
 Volunteers are needed to prepare the power points for weekend Masses. Talented people young and old can come forward to offer your services for our parish for the greater glory of God. All the assistance will be provided from the Parish

We are very much in need of Catechist helpers to help and support Catechists in the State School classrooms. No special knowledge, skills or experience is required. If you wish to be part of this fulfilling ministry please contact Cath Cullen on 9546-2487



We welcome Ezio Tomini & Isabel Elasi who will be Baptised this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Ministry 7th & 8th March	St Raphael's		Mater Dei	
		5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V
Acolytes/SS	Daniel	Michael	Gary	Graeme
EMHC				
Readers	Lovat	Crosby		
Altar Servers				
Music				
Altar Society			Sharon & Nathon	
Children's Liturgy				

Ministry 14th & 15th March	St Raphael's		Mater Dei	
		5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V
Acolytes/SS		Earl	Ray	Paul
EMHC				
Readers	Daniella George	Lappen		
Altar Servers				
Music				
Altar Society			Grace & Angela	
Children's Liturgy				

SENIORS MASS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL 19 MARCH 2015, 10.30am: You are invited to attend the Seniors Mass celebrated by Fr. Geoffrey Plant with concelebrant Fr. Paul Hilder Dean of St Mary's Cathedral. This Mass is supported by Life Ascending Australia and concentrates on Spirituality, Friendship and Loving Service for senior or retired people. Everyone Welcome! For more information telephone: Roy Cooke 9771 3609.

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24 Hours for the Lord, Fri 13th – Sat 14th March In response to Pope Francis' Lenten call to participate in 24 hours of Adoration and Reconciliation on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th March, St Mary's Cathedral will make the "Lady Chapel" available from midday on Friday 13th March until midday on Saturday 14th March. Continuous Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout this time except for Mass times (1:10pm & 5:30pm Friday, 9am Saturday). The 24 Hours will culminate with the regular Saturday midday Mass. After hours access will be through the Eastern doors. Various groups will facilitate times of Adoration with prayer and/or music. This is an evangelisation event so bring a friend to this gentle time of prayer and encounter with Christ's love and mercy! For a full program go to www.credosydney.org/24-hours-for-the-lord.

Volunteers Needed
To proclaim the word of God for the Holy Week Liturgy at both Parishes.
Singers & Musicians are needed for the Holy Week especially for the Easter Triduum & Vigil Mass at Mater Dei.. Contact or email Parish

Stations of the Cross at St Raphael's
 From 7.30 to 8pm every Friday
 There will be Holy Hour
 From 8pm - 9pm.
Stations of the Cross at Mater Dei
 Fridays during lent at 7pm

Life Ascending Australia, a spiritual movement for seniors, will meet in the Marian Hall, St Joseph's Church Oatley at 10 am on Friday March 13. **Visitors are always welcome!** Access is through the Church. Enquiries Barry Gilmore, 9585 1220.

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StRs: Rosary and Meeting every Friday at 9:30 am downstairs in the Hall.

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