

Amoris Laetitia

The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family

On Friday 8th April 2016, **Pope Francis** published a new papal document called, **Amoris Laetitia, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family'** at the Vatican in Rome. It is about marriage and family life. The papal document is also known as an 'Apostolic Exhortation'. It is available to read and download on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synod-2015/home> If you don't have time to read all 256 pages of the Exhortation, you can access a summary on the bishops conference website.

ANZAC Dawn Service Monday 25th April at 6am, ANZAC Dawn Service will be held at South Hurstville R.S.L. All are invited to honour those who have served our country.

The **ANZAC SOLEMN VIGIL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** at St. Mary's Cathedral will be held on Sunday, 24 April 2016 at 6.00pm. All are welcome to attend and pay their respects to the Fallen.

The Commission for Ecumenism & Inter-religious Relations Archdiocese of Sydney invite you to an **ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE** followed by light refreshments at Chapel of Our Lady, Polding Centre Level 6, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney on **Thurs, 12 May 2016 at 10.00am** This gathering is convened to mark the world wide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 8-15 May'16 **RSVP** by Fri 6 May'16 to interfaith.asst@sydneycatholic.org

[We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land.](#)

THANK YOU for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Lenten Appeal 2016: **St Raphael's Parish** collected \$2047.05 and **Mater Dei Parish** brought in \$2384.80. Your generous donation helps end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Christian Marriage a down-to-earth path to holiness
Date: Sat. **21st May** Hall open: **8.30am**, Mass: **9am**, Finish: **3.30pm**. Location: **St. 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 morning tea and a sandwich for lunch. **To confirm attendance please contact** Gary and Ronnie on (02) 9546 2142 or 0418 781 777



Parishes of Mater Dei Blakehurst & I

Fifth Sunday of Easter -
Year C

St Raphael's South Hurstville

BULLETIN

24th April 2016

Entrance Antiphon : Cf. Ps 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas journey extensively, returning to Antioch.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-13.

R. cf. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R.)**
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading : Rv 21:1-5

John sees a new Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation : Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Gospel : Jn 13:31-35

Jesus issues a new commandment, love one another.

Communion antiphon: Cf. Jn 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Reflection

Everything is new! There is a new law of love, a new heaven and earth that is established in the church, a new depth of communion there, and a new glory of God that shines forth from its members.

The new commandment that Jesus announces is more than tolerance or mutual respect. It requires self-sacrificing love. Perhaps the greatest obstacle to this love is the diversity discussed last Sunday. It is hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? It is no wonder that the commandment is called new. It calls for something completely different.

The new commandment is the law of the new heaven and the new earth that are established in the new Jerusalem. Standards are entirely different there. The greater ones serve; the meek possess the earth; happy are the poor; woe to those who laugh. This is clearly a city that comes down from heaven, not one made by human hands. It is a city that embraces all who come to it. God dwells in the midst of this city, in the heart of this people. God dwells with them and they dwell with God.

Through this new love, this new heaven and new earth, this new depth of communion, the glory of God is manifested in a new way. The eschatological future is anticipated in the present. The age of fulfilment has dawned.

by Dianne Bergant CSS

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.



Next Sunday's Readings

6th Sunday of
Easter - Year C

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Ps 66:2-3,5-6,8, R.v.4

Rv21:10-14,22-23

Jn 14:23-29

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)



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Immaculate Heart
of Mary Pray for us.



Lord you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians.

Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.

Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

PULPIT POINTS SUNDAY

24th April 2016

- Light rail forces Corpus Christi procession of the street
- Pope's refugee rescue: it's a dream come true
- Anzac – movie, myth, reality and an Easter parable
- Special Anzac Day liftout
- Archbishop Fisher joins priests at forum
- Teachers visit Holy Doors on Year of Mercy pilgrimage
- The 'mockracy' as liberty falls prey to the power of pelf
- Did early Christians have regular times of the day to pray
- Why not take study as a travelling companion?

Pick up your copy for \$2 only today from the foyer.

MASS TIMES		
	Mater Dei	St. Raphael
Saturday	6.15pm	5.00pm
Sunday	10.00am	8.30am
Tuesday	8.00am	-
Wednesday	8.00am	-
Thursday	-	9.15am
Friday	8.00am	9.00am
RECONCILIATION: (also by appointment)		
Saturday	-	4.30pm
EXPOSITION		
Friday	7pm— 8pm	8pm- 9pm
Saturday	From	4pm

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.

Bible Reading—Men's Group
 Thursdays 8PM- 9PM @St Raphael's School Hall . All are invited.

Home Rosary
Mater Dei
 26-4-16 Caterina and Greg Colubriale
 68 Hatfield Street Blakehurst. @8-00 PM
 3-5-16 Marquerite and Dennis Derrig
 32 Waratah Street Kyle Bay. @8-00 PM

Home Rosary
St. Raphael's Mon 7:30pm
 25-4-16 Akram & Nana Mourad,
 54 Greenacre Rd, Sth Hurstville , NSW

Please Pray for: 
Recently Deceased: Hendrika Smith, Anna Wong, Thomas Francis Gaffney, Samantha Kee, Ivan Mauro, Edith Azzopardi, Monica McKenzie, Nell Spratt, Mario Borean, Bernie Spratt, Anne O'Brien, Ivan Tatarovic, Barney Pereghy, Richard Adamiak, June Scutts, Charles Harold Morgan, Jeff Bishop, Les Altham, Ellen Green, Tan Cheng Hoon, Matthew Lo

Also pray for: Michael Webster, Catherine Kelly, Clarice Dorahy, Les Woodward, Garry Stewart, Alice & James Pollard, Maria Nikola-Mate Rasic, Sam Greco, George Beater, John Beater, Matthew Cuta, Inuzza, Kathleen Barter, Henry Yenson, Joseph McGloin, Helen Weaver & Ron, Antoine Selvaraj, Iris Rose Kirkwood, Melita Formosa, Eddy Stapleton, Ron Brooks, Francine Kidd, Biaggio Signorelli, Sandra Cesarano, All souls in Purgatory

Sick: Trevor Haney, Roger Elsworthy, Fr Max Barrett, Maria & Frank Turiano, Margaret Moran, Zora Jurcevic, Elaine Wellard, Kate Paulis, Billy Mascarenhas, Michael Higgins, Sam Crawford, George & Therese Mir, Sidney Yenson, Joanne McRea, Sue McDermott, Maria Lefroy, Andreas Grannakouras, Residents of Cheddar Street Nursing Home

New Parishioners, visitors:
 Come along and make yourself known to Fr Isidore, our parish priest. He will be delighted to meet you.
Sick List: If you know any sick people you would like parishioners to pray for, contact the parish office.
Mater Dei Piety Stall: Located at the back of the church. Between the Garage and the Kennedy Centre.
Baptisms and Weddings
 You are very welcome to talk to the Parish Priest, but by appointment only. Please do not set firm dates until you have spoken to the priest. Preparation is essential, for both.

Visitation of the sick and infirm
 If you know of someone who is sick and would like a priest to visit them, and receive the sacraments of the Blessings of the sick, or the anointing of the sick, please let the Parish Office know, with name, address and phone number, if possible. Also if they would like to receive the Eucharist regularly in the home.

JESUS WAITS FOR US IN THIS SACRAMENT OF LOVE
"In the sacred Host, He is present, the true treasure, always waiting for us. Only by adoring this Presence do we learn how to receive Him properly."



During the Year of Mercy there will be
Eucharistic Adoration
 on **Fridays**
 at Mater Dei Church at **7:00PM—8:00PM**
 &
 at St Raphael's Church at **8:00 PM—9:00PM**

This weekend we welcome **Liam Jonah Heppel** (s/o **Jahel & Michael**) and **Tama Rose Auciello** (d/o **Leo & Medalha**) into the family of the Catholic Church at Mater Dei, Blakehurst.
Baptism Congratulations to the family!

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	543.70	535.85
Second: loose	364.25	413.30
Envelopes	459.50	552.09

 Farmer McCarthy lived for many years with only his dog for a companion. One sad day he found his dog dead from old age. He went to his parish priest and asked if services could be said for his dog. The good father said "oh no, we can't have services for a dog here, but there's a new church down the street that might be willing." "Father do you think \$50,000 might be enough of a donation?" asked farmer McCarthy. "Well man, why didn't you tell me your dog was a catholic!!!!?" **FUNNY**

"Mercy is not a virtue that you choose to put on one day. Mercy has to be your deepest way of seeing, a generosity of spirit that draws from your identity, your deepest dignity, which is love. It is basically a worldview of abundance, wherein I do not have to withhold, protect, or hoard myself."
Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation: Everything is Grace.

 **There will be morning tea after the 10:00 AM Mass at Mater Dei Church Hall . All are welcome.**

Prayers & Blessings to Our Parish Priest,
Rev. Fr. Isidore Anantharaj on his 37th Anniversary of Ordination !
 Thank you for your loving service to the Church. May your priestly ministry in Christ continue to be inspiring, fruitful, worthy of the Lord and pleasing to Him. May God bless you abundantly!
"For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you"

- Ways to be Merciful during the Year of Mercy**
- ✓ Write a letter of forgiveness to someone. If you cannot send it, sprinkle it with holy water, ask Christ Jesus to have mercy on you both and then burn or bury it.
 - ✓ Learn to say this prayer: "Dear Lord, bless [annoying person's name] and have mercy on me!"
 - ✓ Plan a mini pilgrimage to a local shrine; make an effort along the way to live the corporal work of mercy of "welcoming the stranger" as Christ.
 - ✓ Be generous enough to allow someone to help you; people need to feel needed.
- ... to be continued

ANZAC Day Mass of Remembrance
 on **Monday 25th April 2016,**
 will be celebrated by
Fr Isidore at 8:00 AM at Mater Dei Church, Blakehurst
 and by
Fr Jan at 9:00 AM at St Raphael's Church, South Hurstville



Lest We Forget

Ministry 23rd & 24th Apr (4th Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes / SS	Greg	Bro. Ben	Bro. Michael	Graeme/Onsi
EMHC	Ellen/ Shirley	Kathy, Henrietta / Sophia	Marguerite	
Readers	Pavia Family	Crosby Family	Sonia Reilly / Fiona Djapouras	Lucy Mitry / Phil Monaghan
Altar Servers				
Children's Liturgy	Kelly / Delaney			No Liturgy
Ministry 30th & 1st May (1st Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes / SS	Greg	Max	Require Acolyte	Paul Watson
EMHC	Moya / Ellen	Annie / Rosie		Marguerite
Readers	Lovat Family	Crosby Family	Sonia R/ Trevor	Gail/ Angela /Luisa
Altar Servers				
Children's Liturgy	Mary, Hannah, Rachel			TBA
Music		Julia	Kim	Marion
Power Point operators	Volunteers	Chris Wong	Adam / Tiana / Bro. Michael/Ray	Wendy & Michael Eather
Remember to arrange for a replacement if you are unable to serve in your ministry.				
Please contact Michael Fernandes 0437 517 758 if there is an error in this table.				

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Mater Dei and St Raphael's Parishes Calendar 2016

28/04/16	MD Pastoral Council Meeting@7 PM	MD Parish
03/05/16	MD Confirmation Reflection Day	MD School
04/05/16	SR Confirmation Enrolment Night 5:30PM	SR School
11/05/16	MD Confirmation @ 7PM	MD Parish
14/5/16	Presentation of Candidates at Parish Mass	SR School
15/05/16	MD Family Mass and morning tea	MD Church
26/05/16	Mass at St Bede's Home @ 11am	No Mass at SR
26/05/16	SR Pastoral Council Meeting @ 7PM	SR Parish
10/6/16	SR Confirmation Reflection Day	SR School
16/06/16	SR Confirmation @ 7PM	SR Parish
23/06/16	SR Parish Team Meet @ 10 AM	SR Parish

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

TRUTH JUSTICE HEALING COUNCIL
 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.