

A lay Ursuline associate group, **The Companions of St Angela**, invite you to participate in their 2016 program 'A Serviam response to Pope Francis' encyclical letter Laudato Si'. The first session for 2016 will be **Thursday 18th February from 5-6.30 pm** at Ashbury. If you would like to participate, but the time or day does not suit, you may like to suggest an alternative. It may be possible to convene a second group. Email for reflection materials and further information: info@stursulakingsgrove.catholic.edu.au



Get Involved **Project Compassion** is all about getting involved! So check out the many different things you can do to raise awareness and stand in solidarity with the world's poorest people. And don't forget to use the #ProjectCompassion hashtag. Get your friends and family involved. No matter how you support Project Compassion this year, your compassion and kindness truly makes a difference, empowering communities to bring about change in their own lives. The envelopes are on the pews for you to take home and be a part of it.

Jesus Christ is the face of Mercy, as Pope Francis writes in *Misericordiae Vultus*. "Encounter the Face of Mercy", this Lent, through a guided silent retreat given by the **Verbum Dei Missionaries: Saturday, March 12 (9am) - Sunday, March 13 (2pm finish)**. For more information contact Kylie 0403453620 or verbumdeisydney@gmail.com

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Xt3.com, has released their annual **Xt3 Lent Calendar App** with the theme 'Open wide the Doors of Mercy'. The Lent Calendar App is available to download now for **FREE** on your iPhone, iPad devices (download for Android devices will be available soon)

Mater Dei Parish needs a Youth Ministry Coordinator. This will give the candidate an opportunity to visit Poland for the WYD 2016. For more details contact the Parish Ministry Coordinator Michael Fernandes 0437 517 758

[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.](#)

You are invited to a **morning of quiet reflection** at the Grail Centre, 22 McHatton St, North Sydney, on **Tuesday 16 February from 10am to 12 noon**. We will be reflecting on the theme of ecological conversion, in response to Laudato Si. There will be time for silent meditation and the opportunity to share thoughts in a group. We ask for a small donation to cover costs.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL

DAYS 2016 at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. Tel: 9653 1159. Sundays: 21 February, 15 May, 21 August and 20 November. Arrival: 10am for 10:30am. Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. Conclusion: around 3pm. Books and CDs are available for sale, BYO picnic lunch, tea and coffee provided. Self-catering overnight accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry : 0438 282 318. Enquires: anniebergman@hotmail.com 9498 2625

Join the staff from Catholic Youth Services for a **Journey Through Lent**. We'll share a meal at the voluntarily run Two Wolves Cantina on Broadway and then work our way through the Six Week Lenten Program provided by Heartbeat Ministries. This program helps participants to meditate on and understand the readings as a spiritual and practical preparation during Lent leading up to Christ's Resurrection. Beginning 11 FEB and **every THURSDAY** though LENT, we'll be working in a small group format of only 20 people, so registration is ESSENTIAL! Email events@catholicyouthservices.org and add this to your Lenten Preparation.



The big news this week has been the decision by Royal Commission Chair Justice McClellan, to hear Cardinal Pell's evidence by video from Rome. He also agreed to Bishop Mulkearns' request to give evidence, albeit in constrained circumstances. Part III of the Ballarat hearing will start in just over a week on 22 Feb. Cardinal George Pell will give evidence by video from Rome from 8:00am from 29 February.

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.



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

First Sunday of Lent - Year C

St Raphael's South Hurstville

BULLETIN

14th February 2016

Entrance Antiphon : Cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First Reading: Dt 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Responsorial Psalm : Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

- 1.He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)
- 2.Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
- 3.They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)
- 4.His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

Second Reading : Rom 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Gospel Acclamation : Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel : Lk 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Communion antiphon: Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Reflection

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.

- Dianne Bergant CSS

Prayer after Communion

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.



Next Sunday's Readings

Second Sunday of Lent - Year C
Gen 15:5-12. 17-18
Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1
Phil 3:17 - 4:1
Lk 9:28-36

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		
	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
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EXPOSITION (St. Raphael Church)

Friday	-	8pm- 9pm
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Saturday	From	4pm
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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.
Contact: Carl Pavia 0418 672 394

Home Rosary

16-2-16 Marquerite & Denis Derrig 8-00 P M
32 Waratah St, Kyle Bay.
23-2-16 Nives Care 8-00 PM
33 Church Street , Blakehurst.
St Raphael's:
No family rosary for the month of February .
Home rosary will commence after Easter-

Please Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Bernie Spratts 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, Margaret Mary Maude, Michael William O'Sullivan

Also pray for:

All souls in need, 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, Vincenzo Di Marco, Tina & Giuseppe Capobianco

Sick:

Margaret Moran, Ivan Mauro, Therese Mir, Zora Jurcevic, Elaine Wellard, Kate Paulis, Billy Mascarenhas, Mario Borean, 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.

YEAR OF MERCY

During the Year of Mercy every Friday, there will be adoration at Mater Dei Church, commencing from the 4th of March '16 from 7:30—8:30 PM

TRIDUUM CHOIR

Singers Wanted—Please add your voice to the Choir especially during the Triduum . Contact Marion Binns / Parish Office at 9546 2605



Mater Dei Pastoral Council requires new members. Registration forms will be handed out at the Mass. A member of the Pastoral Council will be speaking at Mass. Next meeting is on **18/02/2016** at **7:00PM**

RCIA Wednesday, 2nd March at 7:30PM
At St Raphael's
Topic : Pope Francis "The name of God is Mercy"

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	492.40	255.80
Second: loose	374.80	387.50
Envelopes	852.00	1415.00

St RAPHAEL'S OPENING SCHOOL MASS
20 February, 2016 5pm

An invitation is extended to Families and Parishioners to celebrate the St Raphael's School Mass on Saturday 20 February at 5pm. This Mass will be celebrated outdoors in the School amphitheatre.

Alan bought a horse, a religious horse it appeared. Strangely, the horse only reacted to two words: the word "Jesus" to make it go, and "Amen" to make it stop. Excited, Alan took his new horse out on the range and was riding it happily when he realised he was heading towards the edge of a cliff. Terrified, Alan forgot which word was the one to stop the horse. Obviously wanting to prevent falling over the cliff to certain death, he bellowed out a prayer ending with the word - Amen. Phew! The horse stopped.

'Jesus,' shouted the relieved Alan.



"The season of Lent in this Jubilee Year is a favourable time to overcome our existential alienation by listening to God's word and by practising the works of mercy." -Pope Francis

LENTEN NOTICES

LENTEN PROGRAM has commenced. Please contact Michael Fernandes (0437 517 758) if you are interested. Lenten program books and DVDs will be provided to the host.

Two groups have so far been set up—one at St Raphael's School Hall on Thursdays at 8:00PM—led by **Carl Pavia** and one at Michael & **Monica Fernandes'** place on Wed at 7:30 PM.

MASS DURING THE LENTEN SEASON—Father is saying mass at people's homes Those who are interested please contact the parish office. This mass is for family and friends in their neighbourhood.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Fridays - **Mater Dei - 7pm St. Raphael - 7:30pm** followed by adoration



St. Brigid **ST Brigid** was born around 452 in Ireland. Her father was a pagan chieftain and her mother his slave. Her mother was sent away and sold but after Brigid was old enough she was returned to her father and put in charge of the dairy. Brigid was known for her generosity to the poor and needy. Stories are told of her giving away flour and milk and even her father's jewel-encrusted sword. Once old enough and freed from slavery, Brigid was sought after for marriage but she vowed to enter the religious life. It is said that she asked God to make her undesirable and her face became disfigured until she made her vows at which time her face recovered its beauty. She and several, women were consecrated to religious life by Bishop St Mel. In the 470s Brigid founded the Kildare Abbey, "church of the oaks" on the plains of Cil-Dara. This small oratory developed into a Cathedral city supporting a double monastery, one for men and one for women. From this monastery, missionaries were sent out to preach and to teach. Brigid travelled extensively and founded many convents. She founded a school of art which specialised in metalwork and illumination. Known for her wisdom and her generosity, stories of miracles surround the life of Brigid. She died around 524. Her feast day is the 1 February. She is the patron saint of Ireland, babies, blacksmiths, chicken farmers, midwives, poor, printers, scholars and travellers. Presented by Sandra Coogan and Rosie Gould.

Ministry 13th & 14th Feb (2nd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes / SS	Greg	Michael	Gary Cartmer	(Acolyte reqd)
EMHC	Ida C /Shirley W	Sophia Z / Monica		Marguerite
Readers	George Saab / Carl Pavia	Zakem family	Ronnie Cartmer / Louise Tapp	Joan Hanson / Jean Dorahy
Ministry 20th & 21st Feb (3rd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes / SS	Greg	Earl Lappen	Ray Low	(Acolyte reqd)
EMHC	Moya / Rosie	Henrietta / Adele		Marguerite
Readers	McCluskey/ McKenzie	Lappen family	Br. Michael / Cetti-na	Children's Mass
Altar Servers	Altar	Servers required	Tiana / Bianca	
Music		Julia	Kim	Marion
Children's Liturgy Leader	Mary Pereira/ Anna Cindric/Kelly & Delaney Efrimidis			14/2 Angeline S 21/2 Grace/Angela
Power Point Operators	Volunteers	Chris Wong	Adam / Tiana / Bro. Michael/Ray	Michael Eather / Trevor

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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WYD EASTER RAFFLE Donations are welcome for Easter Hamper to raise money for sponsoring our Youth Minister Coordinator, Natalie Prego to attend WYD in Poland. Donations can be kept at the Sacristy/Office.

Thank You! for the donations of \$160 received from our Parish towards the purchase of 50 Bibles for public school children .

Mater Dei and St Raphael's Parishes Calendar 2016

Date	Event	Location
18/02/16	MD Pastoral Council Meeting @ 7PM	MD Parish
03/03/16	SR Pastoral Council Meeting @ 7PM	SR Parish
20/03/16	Palm Sunday	-
24/03/16	Maundy Thursday	-
25/03/16	Good Friday	-
26/03/16	Easter Vigil	-
27/03/16	Easter Sunday	-

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

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.

