

## ANZAC Commemoration

Sunday 24 April 2016 at 2pm

In association with South Hurstville RSL with participation from

Clr Stephen Agius, Mayor of Kogarah, Mark Coure MP, State Member for Oatley

David Coleman MP, Federal Member for Banks, local clergy, & representatives of New Zealand and Turkish communities.

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A collection will be taken for Legacy

## 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.



There is to be a Fashion Parade on the 28th April at Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor

(Brown Sisters), 35 Dudley Street,

Coogee. Time: 11.30 for 12 Noon. Price:\$15

including a light lunch. Bookings: 96656331 by the 26th April. We will also have Raffles Tickets for sale \$3 for 5.

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.



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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 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.

## ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES.

The 2016 *One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies* is scheduled to take place **06, 07 and 08 May**. all those who wish to participate in this multinational pro-life prayer event are invited to pray a rosary for the protection of the lives of unborn children. to register, please visit:

[www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org](http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org).



The Truth Justice and Healing Council is coordinating the Catholic Church's engagement with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. For more information on the Truth Justice and Healing Council go to: [www.tjhcouncil.org.au](http://www.tjhcouncil.org.au) For more information on the Royal Commission go to: <http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/>

## 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

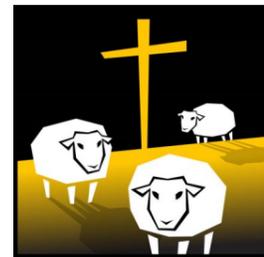
sandwich for lunch. **To confirm attendance please**

**contact** Gary and Ronnie on (02) 9546 2142 or 0418 781 777

**Women's Day Retreat.** A day to find out more about consecrated life and vocation discernment with time for personal prayer and reflection as well as meeting and chatting with other young women and consecrated women. **Saturday, 30 April at 9.30am.** JPPII Student Centre, 150 City Road, Darlington NSW 2008. For single women (18-35). Donation: \$10.00. **RSVP** is essential by 25 April via [www.vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au).

## Paschal Eucharist - Mass Of Thanksgiving.

The Paschal Eucharist will be held at 10.30am on Sunday, 01 May at St Mary's Cathedral Sydney. A presentation to the Neophytes will follow the Mass in the Chapter Hall. All are welcome! To RSVP or for further information please contact Catherine or Christina at the Catechumenate Office on (02) 9307 8499 or email [rcia@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:rcia@sydneycatholic.org).



## Parishes of Mater Dei Blakehurst &

## St Raphael's South Hurstville

Fourth Sunday of Easter

- Year C

BULLETIN

17th April 2016

## Reflection

This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. However, the readings for today focus more on the flock than on the shepherd. The overarching theme appears to be unity in diversity. Placing this theme within the context of the Easter season, we might refocus it slightly and suggest that today we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in communities of difference.

Unity in diversity is first found in the divine union of the Trinity. All other models of unity flow from it. Both the first and the second readings depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, people and tongue, Jews and Gentile alike. This is precisely the makeup of most communities today. Parishes and religious groups that were born with a particular cultural identity have changed in complexion and composition. Despite the obvious differences, all are children of the one God, all are joined in their common confession of faith.

Not everyone is happy with diversity. Some within the early community resented the success of Paul and Barnabas and they tried to turn the people against them. This sounds strangely familiar to us. Religious groups born out of struggle and hard work, that were lovingly nurtured and that grew strong, often resist what they perceived to be the invasion of foreigners. If these people could only take as their model the company of the blessed revealed in John's vision, they would see that those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb come from every nation and race and people and tongue.

by Dianne Bergant CSS

## Prayer after Communion

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



## Next Sunday's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year C  
Acts 14:21-27  
Ps 144:8-13.  
R. cf. v.1  
Jn 13:31-35

**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)

**Entrance Antiphon** : Cf. Ps 32:5-6  
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**First Reading**: Acts 13:14, 43-52  
Paul and Barnabas are expelled from Antioch.

**Responsorial Psalm** : Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

**Second Reading** : Rv 7:9, 14-17  
John sees people of every race before the throne.

**Gospel Acclamation** : Jn 10:14  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

**Gospel** : Jn 10:27-30  
The gift of eternal life.

**Communion antiphon**:  
The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b> (also by appointment)		
Saturday	-	4.30pm
<b>EXPOSITION</b>		
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**  
 19-04-16. Caterina and Greg Colubriale  
 68 Hatfield Street Blakehurst @8-00 PM  
 26-4-16 Caterina and Greg Colubriale  
 68 Hatfield Street Blakehurst. @8-00 PM

**Home Rosary St. Raphael's** Mon 7:30pm  
 18-04-16 Orly & Tina Macaraeg  
 13/18-20 Kairawa St, Sth Hurstville

**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:** 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.

**THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY**  
 PULPIT POINTS SUNDAY 17th April 2016

- Love, family are the future, says pope – but it's a minefield!
- Filling a publishing 'void' with faith, fashion – & femininity
- Bad times and good can be times of wonder and awe: archbishop
- Abortion is 'a sin' – Jeremy Irons comes under fire as he says the Church is right
- Muslim students back Christians in uni row
- Freedoms at risk with blinkered exclusivity of campus 'inclusivity'
- The Mercy that's Divine: a Polish nun's mystical experience
- Rising (and falling) of hope – a changing political landscape
- Why the Lord's Day is celebrated on Sunday, not Saturday
- Relics of saint found in rubble of desecrated church

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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	538.10	265.30
Second: loose	321.15	335.95
Envelopes	433.50	392.00

She would stand on her front porch and shout "PRAISE THE LORD!" Next door to her lived an atheist who would get so angry at her proclamations he would shout, "There ain't no Lord!!" Hard times set in on the elderly lady, and she prayed for GOD to send her some assistance. She stood on her porch and shouted "PRAISE THE LORD. GOD I NEED FOOD!! I AM HAVING A HARD TIME. PLEASE LORD, SEND ME SOME GROCERIES!!" The next morning the lady went out on her porch and noted a large bag of groceries and shouted, "PRAISE THE LORD." The neighbour jumped from behind a bush and said, "Aha! I told you there was no Lord. I bought those groceries, God didn't." The lady started jumping up and down and clapping her hands and said, "PRAISE THE LORD. He not only sent me groceries, but He made the devil pay for them. Praise the Lord!

*"Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in every need."* - Hebrews 4:16

**SAINT OF THE WEEK—ST. ANSELM**



St. Anselm was born in Italy in 1033 and studied in Normandy with Lanfranc; a highly regarded teacher of that time. In his late twenties Anselm became a monk in Lanfranc's monastery and spent his time in prayer, meditation and study. Many years later he reluctantly succeeded Lanfranc as the archbishop of Canterbury. This appointment brought him into many conflicts with the English king over the rights of the church and eventually resulted in Anselm's exile in 1097. He was regarded highly as a philosopher and theologian, and was considered the most important Christian writer in the time between Augustine and Thomas Aquinas. Anselm was named a doctor of the church in 1734.

**Ways to be Merciful during the Year of Mercy**

- ✓ Resist Sarcasm; it is the antithesis of mercy: "Set, O Lord, a guard over my mouth; keep watch, O Lord, at the door of my lips!"
- ✓ Pare down possessions: share your things with the needy.
- ✓ Call someone who you know is lonely, even if you understand why they're lonely. Especially if you do.
- ✓ Do something kind and helpful for someone who you don't get along with, or has wronged you. ... to be continued

**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 & at St Raphael's Church at 8:00 PM

	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Ministry 16th & 17th Apr (3rd Sun)	Greg	Earl	Ray	Require Acolyte
Acolytes / SS	Moya / Rosie	Henrietta / Adele	Br. Michael / Cettina Raiti	Marguerite
EMHC	George Saab / Carl	Fernandes Family	Cath Logan / Wendy Eather	
Readers				
Altar Servers				
Children's Liturgy	Mary/Hanna/Rachel			No Liturgy
Ministry 23rd & 24th Apr (4th Sun)	Greg	Bro. Ben	Bro. Michael	Graeme/Onsi
Acolytes / SS	Ellen/Kathy Conroy	Henrietta / Sophia	Sonia Reilly / Fiona Djapouras	Marguerite
EMHC	Pavia Family	Crosby Family	Lucy Mitry / Phil Monaghan	
Readers				
Altar Servers				
Children's Liturgy	Kelly / Delaney			No Liturgy
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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**St. Raphael Primary School:** (02) 95464898  
 Principal: Mrs. Annette McKenzie

**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".

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.

