

Our Church Collections

The First Collection at Sunday Masses is taken up soon after the homily. This directly supports the priests of the Archdiocese who serve us. Their work includes the normal liturgical and pastoral services at our church, but often extends further as they offer their services to other parishes and schools in their time of need. Your generous support of our priests through the First Collection is appreciated.

The Second Collection at Sunday Masses supports the Parish in its financial commitments. These include:

- Repayment of Loans.
- Payment of Staff Salaries
- Administrative costs of the Office
- Diocesan Subsidies
- Pastoral, Sacramental and Educational expenses, Annual Grants to Charities beyond us

Supplementary Collections are taken up from time to time. These are taken up after communion and directed in full to the announced cause. These include:

- Diocesan Charitable Works Fund
- Disaster Relief
- Retired Priests Fund

Thanksgiving or Planned Giving are terms used across Australia. Begun in the 1950's, it is our way of being able to budget to pay our expenses in relationship to the promised level of giving from parishioners. Through their Annual Commitment, parishioners are invited where possible to contribute an amount equivalent to their first hour of work for the week. This contribution is made by either Debit Card or a weekly/monthly envelope contribution. The Debit Card option is becoming more popular and is more secure.



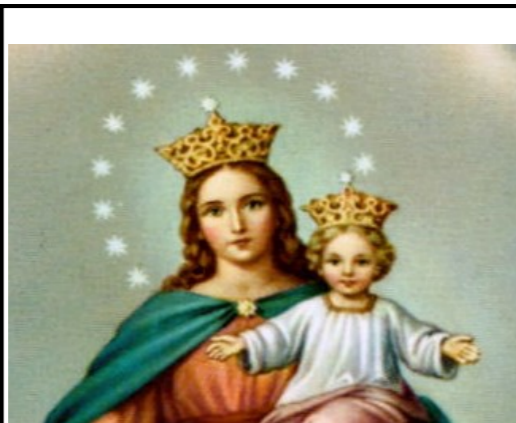
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Immaculate Heart of Mary

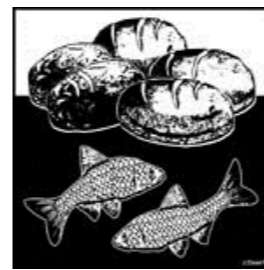


Lord you place deep in our hearts the
love of Mary Help of Christians.

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.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN. Join Sr Mary Rachel OP, Francine Piro-la, Fr Epeli Qimaqima, Sr Judy Bowe MGL, Elizabeth Arblaster and others for an inspiring retreat. This event is for any single woman (18-35 years) who is seeking to enter into a deeper relationship with God and take a step towards a fuller sense of the purpose of her life. Retreat includes talks on prayer, scripture, discerning your vocation, marriage, consecrated life and more. There will also be opportunities for private spiritual guidance, Confession, Adoration and Mass. Cost: \$190. Takes place at the beautiful Mt Schoenstatt Retreat Centre at Mulgoa. Enquiries/bookings: elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org or 9307 8425.



Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time— Year B

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

BULLETIN

26th July 2015

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his
house; he himself gives might and
strength to his people.

First Reading: 2 Kgs 4:42-44

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:10-11, 15-18.
R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.

1. 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. (R.)

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due
time. You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading: Eph 4:1-6

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among
us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 6: 1-15

Communion antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate:

The disciples fell into the verbal trap which Jesus set. They believed that market forces should dictate how the hunger of the crowd could be satisfied. It was a young lad who put the disciples to shame, simply handing over five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus. It was because of his generosity that Divine generosity was able to feed the crowd.

Divine desire to satisfy the hungers of humanity for the various necessities of life (food, shelter, companionship, education, medicines) require human generosity. Otherwise, Divine Compassion cannot be effective in the world.

Voluntary renunciation of property and sharing of wealth still occurs in the little oases of monasteries and convents, echoes of the radical redistribution of wealth recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:32-35). St Luke makes it clear that this was essentially linked to the Apostles' testifying to the Resurrection 'with great power'.

Francis of Assisi and now Francis of Buenos Aires remind us that the Church itself needs to engage in the redistribution of its wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied. This will give authenticity to its preaching of the Gospel, and enable its evangelising to be undertaken 'with great power'.

We could take a moment to pray that we become more like the little boy in the Gospel, more like Francis of Assisi, more like Francis of Buenos Aires, voluntarily sharing our wealth to satisfy the hungers of humanity.

*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's
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 St. Raphael Church		
Friday	8:00pm to	9:00pm
Saturday	From	4.00pm

RCIA: Want to be catholic?

The RCIA is a course run by a team of people in the parish for those wanting to know more about the catholic faith.

Course will be starting on the 12th August, everyone is welcome to attend.

Please contact Graeme Doherty on 9546-6032.



Prayer to the Holy Family by Pope Francis

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer!
Amen.

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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.

RETREAT DAY
ALL WELCOME

Father Hugh Thomas C.Ss.R will be giving a one day retreat on the following theme :-

God's gift of creation

Date: Saturday 15th August
 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 morning tea and a sandwich for lunch.

Marriage and Family Sunday,
 26 July 2015

Today in the Archdiocese we are celebrating Marriage and Family Sunday. This day is an opportunity to pray for marriages and families and to reflect upon the ways families share the love of Christ with each other and with the world. A brochure on this theme, "The Thirst for Love", has been prepared for this occasion. Please take a copy home to read and to pass on to others.

Please Remember to collect your planned giving envelopes

Home Rosary:

Mater Dei: Tuesdays 8.00pm
 28/07/2015 : Caterina & Greg Colubriale.
 68 Hatfield Street Blakehurst.

St Raphael's: Mondays 7.30pm
 27/07/2015 : Isabel Gonzalez
 5 Woniora Rd Hurstville
 03/08/2015 : Richard & Sophie Zakhem
 8 Belmont Avenue San Souci

15th August 2015
FEAST OF ASSUMPTION
Day of obligation
 There will be two masses at
Mater Dei 8am St . Raphael's 9am

Bible reading - Men's group.
 Thursday's 8pm to 9pm at St Raphael's School Hall.

All Invited.

Contact: Carl Pavia 0418 672 394

Please Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Fr. Tyson Donnelly MSC aged 94, Kevin Philpot, Natale Pelle, Nguyen Manh Wong Joseph, John Murphy, Robert Holt, Jin Duggan, Neville Rumble, Sister Helen Leary, , Domenico Cardillo, Edward Zacaroploulos, Amerigo Di Cicco, Catherine Lin Siew Ngik, Margaret Low, Bronwyn Walter

Sick: Mary Mullens, Joanne McRea, Sue McDermott, Maria Lefroy, Andreas Grannakouras, Jack & Sylvia Wood, Brian Waterman Sr Vianney Hatton, Neuyen, T Houng.

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A nun lettered a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

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Sunday 26 July: National Vocation Awareness Week

Next week is Vocations Week, dedicated to explore our role in society as Catholics, living out the words of Pope Francis: "This is the Church we all love, this is the Church I love: a mother who has the good of her children at heart and who is able to give her life for them. We must not forget, however, that the Church is not only the priests, or we bishops, no, she is all of us! The Church is all of us!"

Seminary Open Day: Sunday 9th August
 Men seeking an insight into seminary life and the vocation to the priesthood are invited to this event at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd. The program includes Sunday Mass, brunch, a talk and a guided tour as well as time to chat with seminarians.
Details: 9:00 am - 2:30 pm, Seminary of the Good Shepherd: 50-58 Abbotsford Rd Homebush NSW, Cost: Free, but registration essential. Enquiries/registration: vocations@sydneycatholic.org or 9307-8424.

Weekend retreat: Prayer and Memory

Presenters: Fr Greg Homeming OCD and Mr Geoffrey Stumbles
 Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566
 When: July 31 – August 2
 Cost: \$220 (concessions apply)
 Phone: 02 8795 3400
 Email: retreats@carmelite.com

Celebrating

One Year to WYD with GRACEFEST! A night of Praise and Worship.

This Year we are extremely excited to have our very own Archbishop Anthony give the catechesis on the WYD Theme "Mercy". Once again we will Adore our God and be led in worship by Stephen Kirk and the Graceband. Reconciliation will be available throughout the night provided by the priests that will accompany us on our WYD journey and NET will inspire us with testimonies and dramas.
 If you are thinking about/are excited/haven't even heard about WYD, then Gracefest is for you! Meet fellow pilgrims and begin the journey NOW! 31 July 2015, 6:30pm at St Joachim's Parish – 2 Mills Street, Lidcombe

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.