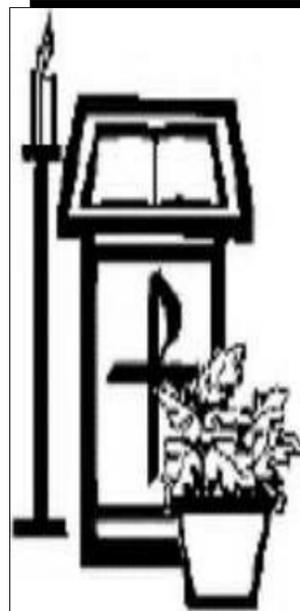


You are invited to a morning of quiet reflection at the Grail Centre, 22 McHatton St, North Sydney, on Tuesday 2nd June from 10am to 12 noon. We will be reflecting on the meaning of stability in the context of Benedictine Spirituality. There will be time for silent meditation and the opportunity to share thoughts in a group. We ask for a small donation to cover costs. For more information or to register your interest, please contact the Grail Centre (9955 3053) or ruth-crowe@ozemail.com.au, or Tricia Gemmell (pgemmell@tpg.com.au).

On the Feast Day of the Assumption Saturday the 15th August 2015, **Fr Hugh Thomas** will be leading a Retreat Day at St. Raphael's from 9.00 to 3.00pm which will be followed by a Holy Mass.



Readers Required to proclaim the word of God in both parish-Masses.

Please come forward to help with this joy full ministry.

ACU Theology & Philosophy Courses. Short courses in Sydney on Jesus and the Gospels start in August. At ACU Strathfield Campus, Gleeson Auditorium, 25A Barker Road, Strathfield. Time: 6.00 – 8.00pm; Cost: \$80 (a Certificate of Attendance issued for Catholic teacher accreditation purposes) or \$40. Registration essential by Friday, 31 July. For more information refer to the attached flyer or visit www.acu.edu.au/theology/shorcourses

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.



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The Most Holy Trinity - Year B

BULLETIN

31st May, 2015

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading: Dt 4:32-34. 39-40

Responsorial Psalm :

Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars.

He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R)

Second Reading: Rom 8:14-17

Gospel Acclamation: See Rv 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20

Communion antiphon:

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Reflection: By Fr Michael Tate: We humans are created into the image of God. If our idea of God is wrong then we can imagine ourselves in a way which is dangerously de-humanising.

If we think of God as solitary Being then we might imagine that the best way of being human is to be solitary, self-sufficient, totally in-dependent of others. However, Jesus Christ revealed a different way for the eyes of faith to see God.

He had a sense of the most intimate communion with 'Abba', Father, and he had such a close relationship with the Holy Spirit that his very breathing on his disciples imparted this Breath of God upon them. The early Church was forced to conclude that Being and Relationship were both fundamentally primordial and true of the Tri-une God, or the Trinity for short.

Now, if we are created into this image of God, then our very existence needs to be relational for us to be fully human in this life and the next. To be totally self-absorbed is to consign oneself to a Hellish existence. To be open to communion with God, other human beings and the whole of creation is to enjoy a Heavenly existence.

We can take a moment to pray to thank God for this revelation not granted to, or at least not believed by, other great world religions. We thank Jesus Christ for satisfying our yearning to know the truth about our Creator, and helping us to understand what it is to be fully human. May we recall this every time we dip our fingers in the holy water font on entering a church, remembering our baptism: 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'

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 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 7.30pm
 1/6-Gail & Teresa Dawson
 38 / 344 West Botany St,
 Brighton Le Sands
 9/6-Mrs Najat Geha (TUESDAY)
 10 / 136 Morshead Drive, Hurstville Grove
Mater Dei Parish - Tuesdays
 2-6-2015. Rita and Michael Mazza
 7 Crawford street Blakehurst. 8PM
 9-6-2015 Concerts Mstroni
 9 Warwick Street Hurstville. 11AM

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 dergy, religious and Church

Please Pray for
Deceased: Sergio Rossi, Peter-Maria-joseph/Anthony/Ana, Colin Asheford, Edward Zacaroploulos

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

Mater Dei Parish and St Raphael's Parish
 Invite you to their annual Parish Dinner

Christmas in July



Friday, 24th July 2015

7pm for 7:30pm start

Doltone House

223 Belgrave Esplanade, Sylvania Waters

Cost: \$75 per person

Includes 3 course meal, beer wine and soft drinks, coffee/Tea
 DJ Included

Dress: Christmas colours

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BE a PART of HISTORY!

ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY of the modern Eucharistic Procession in Sydney, join thousands who will Walk With Christ on the Feast of Corpus Christi (the body & blood of Jesus Christ) in thanksgiving and prayer for our city.

Date: Sunday 7th June, 2015
Time: 2:30 - 4:30pm
Start: St Patrick's Church Hill, Wynyard
Finish: St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt

For more information:
www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist
 or "Walk With Christ Sydney" on Facebook

WALK WITH CHRIST
 Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday 10.00am @ Mater Dei

31/05/2015

*Thanksgiving & Farwell Mass for
 Br Joe Cassar*



and for

the Society of Christian Doctrine.

For the years of service to our parish, our schools & our community.

*Please join us for morning tea after the
 10.00am Mass*

PS. If you would like to make a donation for a gift for our Br. Joe you are most welcome.

Contact parish the office or you can take an envelope and place it on the collection plate.

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

MUSTARD SEED ADVANCED MOVIE SCREENING! 'The Good Lie' Starring Reese Witherspoon. An inspirational film about a group of Sudanese refugees given the chance to resettle in America, where their encounter with an employment agency counsellor forever changes all of their lives. At The Mustard Seed Bookshop, 3 Keating Street Lidcombe - on Thursday, 4 June 4 at 7.30pm. Book your tickets (\$5 each) by phone on 9646 9000. Tickets are strictly limited!