

Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria

in partnership with the Southern Metropolitan Cemetery Trust (Woronora and Eastern Suburbs)

have partnered and identified our wish to provide support to those who have lost a loved one through suicide. We are undertaking a number of initiatives to support the families, friends and communities of those who have been lost.

* Mention My Name Remembrance Service - This service will be hosted by Bishop Terry Brady at St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday 2 September commencing at 7pm. This service will honour and remember the names of those who have lost their lives through suicide or misadventure. A Juniper Tree of Hope will symbolically highlight and recognise those loved ones who have been lost. This service will be non-denominational and open to all in the community. Providing opportunity for consolation, reflection, solace, prayer and solidarity. It will be an opportunity to remember and not forget those who have gone. Acknowledging the impact, stigma for many who mourn after suicide. We would like to invite you to attend and also to please pass this information on to your own communities (work and personal) so that many are aware of this special evening.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND.

Preparing for the vocation of marriage? Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Catholic Adult Education Centre. Places still available for 07 & 08 November 2015. \$230 per couple. For more information, call 9646 9010 or go to www.caec.com.au

A wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime.

Grief & Loss in our Lives

A free Community event. An opportunity to ask questions, explore and learn about life's grief.

Monday 31st August 2015, 11am -1pm

The Tree of Hope Room Mary Potter Wing

2c West Street (Corner Thomas Street), Lewisham

Easy bus/train connection

Bookings are essential,

Patricia Thomas 0438 263 036 / 9649 6423

patriciat@catholiccemeteries.com.au

INFORM CAEC NEWSLETTER.

The latest issue - Embracing the Year of Mercy is now available. Pope Francis has proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (8th December 2015) to the Feast of Christ the King (20th November 2016). Fr Ken Barker MGL discusses why we need a Holy Year of Mercy, and what Pope Francis is hoping to achieve. Copies available at the back of St Joachim's Church, Lidcombe or from the Mustard Seed Bookshop.

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.



Twenty-first Sunday in

Ordinary Time— Year B

Parishes of Mater Dei Blakehurst &

St Raphael's South Hurstville

BULLETIN

23rd August 2015

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading: Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

Responsorial Psalm : Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

Second Reading : Eph 5:21-32

Gospel Acclamation : See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel : Jn 6:60-69

Communion antiphon:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate:

I remember seeing a James Bond film in which the Voodoo priest could summon the Living Dead – called Zombies – people hovering between life in the grave and life above ground level, but ultimately trapped as human beings living a grave-dominated existence.

There are billions of the Living Dead around the world. People, apparently like you and me, but in fact living with the belief that the grave will mark the extinction of their life.

But our ears are attuned to pick up words which sound the possibility of a different destiny, a different reality. We have heard a voice which speaks the truth, a voice which speaks of a more beautiful reality. That voice says that you and I, individually, personally, are star dust with a marvellous destiny: a destiny that will see our ensouled bodies transformed, transfigured, translucent with Divine Light and energy.

The voice is that of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We hear that voice from within the Church, which has transmitted the tradition of 'The Voice' for twenty centuries.

Heeding that Voice, I move from the company of the Living Dead to the companionship of the Conqueror of Death. I am no longer a 'Dead Man Walking' but a man alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

That is why when I hear the challenge: 'Do you also wish to go away?' I enter into that tradition and answer with St Peter, I answer in the company of billions of others over twenty centuries: 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'

We could pause for a moment and pray that, living in the tradition of the Church, I may hear the Word in the Gospel and take that Word within myself in Holy Communion so that I might be no longer a 'Dead Man Walking', but a human being alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

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)



ormonde
dental centre

Integrity & care

Suite 2
2 Ormonde Parade
Hurstville NSW 2220

ph. (02) 9580 2728
fax. (02) 9586 3067
info@odc.net.au

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

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.
 Thursday's 8pm to 9pm at St Raphael's School Hall. All invited.
 Contact: Carl Pavia 0418 672 394

Home Rosary:
Mater Dei: Tuesdays 8:00pm
 25/08/2015 : Nives Care 8:00PM
 33 Church Street Blakehurst.

St Raphael's: Mondays 7.30pm
 24/08/2015 : Mladen & Maryana Zubonja
 19 Yarran Rd Oatley
 31/08/2015 : Akram & Nana Mourad
 54 Greenacre Rd, South Hurstville

Please Pray for: 

Recently Deceased: Marie Bartels, Kathleen Morgan, Henry Phaltas, Edward Yenson, Florence Maloney, Nguyen Manh Wong Joseph, John Murphy, Catherine Lin Siew Ngliik, Margaret Low

Also pray for: Natale Pelle, Lauren Saldler, Sam Greco, Daren Reyes, Auyoung, Domenico Cardillo, Giuseppe Maurici, Bronwyn Walter, Robert Holt, Souls in purgatory.

Sick: Sam Crawford, George & Therese Mir, Sidney Yenson, Joanne McRea, Sue McDermott, Maria Lefroy, Andreas Grannakouras, Jack & Sylvia Wood, Brian Waterman Sr Vianney Hatton, Neuyen, T Houng, Leslie & Michael Higgins, Iris Kirkwood

The University of Notre Dame Australia Open Day

104 Broadway, Chippendale
Experience life on campus, attend information sessions & workshops, meet academic staff and enjoy free entertainment.

Saturday 29 August 2014, 9am-3pm,
Broadway
 <<https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/104+Broadway,+Ultimo+NSW+2007/@-33.8844413,151.1981419,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x6b12ae287a130f77:0xcdd12edb95091f6e>>

Darlinghurst
 <<https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/The+University+of+Notre+Dame+-+School+of+Medicine/@-33.881369,151.218853,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x6b12ae1a7f0ae879:0x1fe9240ac2d0ea3>> Campus

Applications will be accepted on the day.
 For more information and to personalise your day visit
www.notredame.edu.au/openday/sydney/
www.notredame.edu.au/openday/sydney/
 All Welcome

Fulfilling International Mission for Skilled Volunteers

Communities in East Timor, PNG, Kenya, Kiribati, Samoa and elsewhere are asking for teachers, health and community development workers, administrators, agricultural workers and others. You can assist to mentor local workers in your field of expertise. This will provide opportunities for those who have not had the advantage of an Australian education; improve the operations of organisations in vital sectors of local communities and so assist poverty reduction.

 For 55 years Palms Australia has assisted such communities to recruit, prepare and support Australian Catholics who volunteer to share their lives and skills. We have increasing numbers of requests from communities who believe **this approach, more than anything else, assists their self-reliance and sustainable development.**

Want to know more? Information Session will be held on Saturday 12 September at 11:00am, at Aquinas Academy, 141 Harrington Street, The Rocks. RSVP to leanne@palms.org.au or call 02 9518 9551.

Annual Catechist Mass

2:00pm Sunday 20th September 2015 St Mary's Cathedral

An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding.

The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.

He says, "Father, have you been drinking?"
 "Just water," says the priest, fingers crossed.

The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Praise be to God! He's done it again!"

Combined Parishes Dinner/Dance

The Combined Parishes Dinner/Dance was a great success. We collected \$10.363 from the night. The money will be divided between Mat Dei and St Raphael's. We thank all those who made the evening memorable—Fund Raising Committee.

Youth Ministry Partnership Program

There is an initiative undertaken by the catholic youth services (CYS) that is looking at trying to build up the youth ministry in our parish. This initiative incorporates the upcoming World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland and is known as the "Youth Ministry Partnership Program".

This program involves the parish taking on a young adult over a 12 month period to serve as a youth ministry coordinator (YMC) at the parish. In turn, the parish is asked to offer a donation to the YMC's World Youth Day pilgrimage.

This would be a great way to start a youth ministry in our parish. The Catholic Youth Services people will support both the parish and the YMC throughout the whole process with formation evenings, resources, regular updates and parish visits (if required).

It would be much appreciated if any young adult in our parish who feels that God is calling them, to take part in this program. For more details contact the Parish Ministry Coordinator Michael Fernandes 0437 517 758

Gospel Concert 'Spirit of Joy': 5 September

Gospel Concert 'Spirit of Joy' is presented in association with the Sydney Sacred Music Festival
<http://www.sydneysacredmusicfestival.org/program/>.

It will be held on Saturday 5 September 2015 from 3pm-5.30pm at Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre. It aims to bring together people of all religious traditions to feel the joy of God, through spiritually uplifting/upbeat music and song. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$8 school-age children, \$35 family – two adults with up to four school-age children, children under five free.

Bookings <http://www.trybooking.com/144537>
 For further information please contact Ann-Maree Timmings tel (02) 4773 8338 ext 236 or send an email to manager@schoenstatt.org.au

Weekend retreat: All is Grace

Presenter: Fr Paul Maunder, OCD
 Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566
 When: August 28 - 30
 Cost: \$220 (concessions apply)
 Phone: 02 8795 3400
 Email: retreats@carmelite.com<<mailto:retreats@carmelite.com>>
www.carmeliteretreats.com.au<<http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au>>
 All is Grace: spiritual guidance in prayer, holiness and mission from the writings of St Therese of Lisieux.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate the annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn on Friday 11 September at 7.00pm at St. Mary's Cathedral.

The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the lives lost to abortion and in solidarity with the women and men who grieve this profound loss. During the Mass 82 candles will be bought forward to represent the 82 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre, 9307 8404 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Mater Dei Catholic Church
Parish Priest: Fr. Isidore Anantharaj
pp@materdei-straphael.org.au
www.materdei-straphael.org.au
Presbytery & Parish Office:
 Tues, Wed & Thurs 9:30am to 2:30pm
 1008 King Georges Rd
 Blakehurst 2221 NSW
 Phone: 95462605 Fax: 95472323
Parish Secretary for both parishes:
 Mrs. Jenny Stanley
admin@materdei-straphael.org.au

St Raphael Catholic Church:
 84 George St, South Hurstville
 Phone: (02)95462544
Parish Ministry Coordinator for both parishes: Mr. Michael Fernandes
 Phone: 0437517758
 Email: mc@materdei-straphael.org.au
Br. Ben Krupowicz
 email: strsh@outlook.com
Priest in residence: Fr. Jan Chrzczonowicz (French Chaplain)
 Phone: 0412786245
Mater Dei Primary School:
 (02) 95467298
Principal: Mr. Peter Cranney
St. Raphael primary School: 95464898
Principal: Mrs. Annette McKenzie

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.
Third session: 26th Aug 2015 7:30pm Topic: Christology
St. Raphael's school.
 Everyone is welcome to attend.
 Please contact Graeme Dorahy on 9546-6032.

Please Remember to collect your planned giving envelopes

 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.