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St Raphael's Christmas Party and Talent Night

Saturday, 30th November, 6:00pm
Cost - \$5 per head
Bring a plate to share
BYO - Coffee & Tea Provided

Register with George Saab at george@cbc.com.au for the Talent Show
Registration Cost - \$10 per performance
Prizes given for the best talent

Raffle tickets on sale. Great prizes to be won.

Santa will make a special appearance



RAFFLE PRIZES

1. A piece of Peter Lang jewellery
2. Basket of hair products
3. A bag of 6 wines
4. Logitech docking station
5. Breville scales
6. A bag of grocery item
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Feast of Christ the King, Year C

BULLETIN

24 November 2013



Entrance antiphon:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading: 2 Sam 5:1-3

They anointed David king of Israel

Psalm: 121

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgment
of the house of David. **R.**

Second Reading: Coll 1:12-20

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 23: 25-43

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom

Communion antiphon:

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

except by Fr Charles Irvin

Christ's kingship is one of humility, service, and compassionate care. He is not a king who imposes; rather He invites. He is not a king who coerces; rather He is a king who leads. He is not a king who issues directives from afar; rather He speaks from within our hearts and souls. He is not an imperial king; rather he is a shepherd king. He is not a king filled with anger and wrath; rather He has a heart filled with compassion and mercy. What He asks of us He has done Himself. Thanks be to God, Pope Francis clearly understands that and is acting accordingly.

Jesus knew the oppressive nature of secular rulers. After all, He was put to death by one of them. In contrast to secular kings He defined His role as king to be that of humble service and commanded His followers to be servants as well.

In the New Testament we find that Christ's kingdom is connected to His suffering and death. Even though Christ is coming at the end of the ages to judge the nations His teachings spell out a kingdom of justice and judgment that are balanced with having radical love, mercy, peace, and forgiveness. So when we celebrate Christ as King, we are not celebrating an oppressive ruler, but rather one willing to die for you and for me and whose "loving-kindness endures forever." Christ is the king that gives us true freedom, freedom in Him. We must never forget that Christ radically redefined and transformed the concept of kingship.

I once heard of a little boy who was being disciplined by his mother. She had just told him to sit down and stay in his chair and not move. Said the little boy: "I may be sitting in this chair but inside I'm standing up!" Not bad, for a little boy! That's exactly the freedom that has given many prisoners of war the power to make it through their torturous ordeals.

What Christ came to give us is what the tyrants of this world fear the most, namely power and freedom, power and freedom to be in possession of our inner selves. That's the power the thought police of any totalitarian system want to have over us, and never can have over us because Christ is our King.

There are other tyrants lurking around today that also want to own and control us, spiritual and inner tyrants. Fear is one, fear that fills us with timidity along with a lack of initiative, procrastination and lethargy. It causes us to withdraw into defensive isolation.

Guilt is another of the tyrants that wants to control us. Often it is accompanied with a sense that everything is ruined and nothing is good. It leads us to play the blame game, finding fault in everyone else around us and demeaning everyone around us.

Hurt and resentment are other tyrants. They cause us to avoid others, to bury of our care and concern for others, to have our own little pity-parties, along with a sense of self-entitlement leading to various forms of sensual gratification.

Christ would be King of your soul but in order to let Him you must dethrone the false gods that seek to own you and manipulate you. But you must be the actor, you must take the initiative. Christ will not do it all for you, but He will do everything with you. He tells us that with men, dethroning these tyrants is impossible. But with God, all things are possible, even moving the mountains, both external and internal, that seek to crush us.

What a blessing we have in Christ our King! What a blessing to be able, with Christ, to walk in the glorious freedom of the sons and daughters of God.

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 - Mondays 7.30pm		
25 November - 2 December - BREAK—no Rosary		
Mater Dei Parish - Tuesdays		
26 November— Marguerite & Denis Derrig		
32 Waratah St., Kyle Bay 8pm		
3 December - Jocie and Denis Kocina		
35 Townsend St., Blakehurst 8pm		
ALL WELCOME		

TRUTH JUSTICE HEALING COUNCIL

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. A copy of the Commitment statement, is available at the doors of the Church if you would like to take one.

FEAST DAYS:
Sat Nov 30: Andrew, apostle

Please pray for Deceased: Fr Joe Carroll CSsR, Bonnie Morgan

Sick: Ann, Margaret Hopkinson, Blaza Kursar, Howard Courtney, Paul Foley, Ann Davies, Joanne McRea, Brigit, Patrick & Sidney Yenson, Matthew Tuffin, Joanne Martin, George & Therese Mir, Jack & Sylvia Wood.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	StR	MD
First	428	376
Second: loose	230	521
Envelopes	382	652

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

Mater Dei Parish Morning Tea

After 10am Mass: come along for a FREE cappuccino, latte, tea or cordial, and cake.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS Put these dates in your diary!

Christmas Party and Talent Night

This coming Saturday night (see advertisement on the back) 6.00pm 30 November in St Raphael's Hall.

Twilight Mass & Christmas Party Picnic

On 8 December Fr Isidore will celebrate a special Family Mass at MD at 5pm which will be followed by a BBQ and carols in the grounds. Families from both Parishes are invited to come along with the kids, their picnic rug, munchies and enthusiasm.

Haiyan Typhoon Appeal

Many thanks to those who contributed to the Caritas Australia appeal to provide aid to those affected by what has been identified as the deadliest and most powerful typhoon to hit land in recorded history. More than \$2000 was given. There are still some envelopes near the doors if you wish to donate something.

Father Macs Famous Christmas Puddings

Family Size 1.6kg, small 800gm, Gluten Free 800gm, delivery arranged. Fax 93492146, phone 93493066, mobile 0419243285. (The Priests Retirement foundation benefits from every pudding sold. Why not order an extra one as a contribution for the Vinnies Christmas Hampers?)

Ministry 23 & 24 November	St Raphael's THISWEEKEND		Mater Dei THISWEEKEND	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes / SS	Greg	Michael	Br Michael	Onsi
EMHC	Shirley Ellen	Kathy, Sophia Henriette		Marguerite
Readers	Shalala Family	Fernandes Family	Fiona	Lucy Phil
Altar	Marcus, Nevin,	Brianna, Senna,	Adam, Maxine	Amy, Bianca
Servers	Elroy, Edward	Melissa, Chrystal	Jasmine	Josh, David
Music	Niko		Jan	Kim
Childrens Liturgy	Mary		Joumana	

Ministry 30 Nov & 1 Dec	St Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes / SS	Vincent	Max	Sofi	Ray
EMHC	Moya Ellen	Annie Rosie		Marguerite
Readers	El Zoghbi Family	Crosby Family	Sonia Volunteer	Gail Angela
Altar	John, Stephanie	Monique	Adam	Amy
Servers	Albert, Daniella	Emilia	Maxine	Bianca
Music	Michele	Julia	Jan	Kim
Childrens Liturgy Leader	Jocie		Angela	

PLEASE NOTE: ON 7 DECEMBER THE SATURDAY VIGIL MASS AT MATER DEI IS CANCELLED (for that weekend only). There is Mass at Mater Dei on Sunday 8 DECEMBER at 5pm, followed by a BBQ and Carols

More Saturday night Readers needed!!!

A couple more people who are willing to read once per month on Saturday night at Mater Dei are needed. Please email the Parish Office if you are willing to do this.



ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS

SUNDAY 7 December at St Mary's Cathedral at 10am. A blessing of the sick and for good health will take place with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. Those receiving the blessing will also be provided with a bottle of Lourdes Water for their personal use. Anyone who expects to attend in a wheelchair is asked to ring 9331 8477 or email info@smom.org.au before 20 November.



Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion needed for St George Hospitals

Candidates must be baptised, practicing Catholics over the age of 18 years. Training starts in early 2014 (at St Bernadette's Carlton) and a police check is essential. If anybody would like to serve in this ministry please contact Sr Margaret Rowe rsm on 040843710. See the flyer on the noticeboards (there are a couple at the doors as well).

Tree Of Hope World Aids Day Ceremony.

The Tree of Hope (ToH) is a CatholicCare service which provides emotional and practical support to people living with HIV, their family and support person. You are invited to attend the ceremony on 29 November - 2.00 pm at 2C West Street, Mary Potter Wing, Lewisham. This service is open to people of any faith or no faith. ToH is based in Lewisham, with outreach at Surry Hills and Liverpool. It is a place of hospitality and welcome, and offers a space for reflection, support and friendship. Your prayers for all people living with HIV, their family and all who support them are appreciated. Enquiries: Margaret - 9509 1240 (direct) or treeofhope@catholiccare.org



A word about paradise. 'Today you will be with me in paradise.' 'Flower gardens were almost nonexistent in ancient times. Arable land was used for growing food. Only the most wealthy could enjoy the luxury of purely ornamental planting. Typically this meant that only a king could afford such a space. In Persia (Iran), the royal garden was enclosed with a high wall, kept behind locked gates. It was secured for the private enjoyment of the ruler and those in his favour. The Persian word for this enclave was pairi-daiza or enclosed park. The English word is paradise.'

An insight from Fr Richard Lonsdale

CONGRATULATIONS

To Luis & Jean-Luc Trovato, Lauren Briggs, Nicholas Canestro & Simona Mallia who receive the Eucharist for the first time at Mater Dei this Sunday.

Annual Remembering Service

Sunday 8 Dec at 3pm: Come, light a candle, and remember those we have loved and lost. All invited to share in this Ecumenical gathering of local Uniting, Catholic and Anglican churches at St Mark's Anglican Church, The Mall, South Hurstville. Fr Isidore is preaching. Participating clergy Revd Vinnie Ravetali (Uniting), Revd Barry Dudding (Anglican), Fr Andre Jacobs (Anglican). Afternoon tea follows.

Catholic Grandparents Association (CGA) Inaugural Mass Sunday 1 December.

An Australian Chapter of this association has been established and will be launched next Sunday, 1 December at the Cathedral at the 10.30am Mass, followed by morning tea in the College Hall. Why not bring along the grandchildren? The CGA has as its mission "to help grandparents pass on the faith and keep prayer in the heart of family life". Flyers at the doors of the churches.



Survey on Family Life

The Vatican has asked bishops around the world to consult with the laity on questions in relation to family life, issues like divorce, contraception and same-sex marriage. The Survey for Sydney Archdiocese is at sydneycatholic.org/Survey.shtml and interested people are asked to complete it by 9 December. The questions are quite dense, but it would be good if you had a look and answered what you felt confident about. If you would like a paper copy please contact the Parish Office.



A FUNNY A man grabbed his suitcase off the luggage carousel and went headed outside to hail a taxi. He was picked up promptly and they were on their way. Twenty minutes into the ride the passenger had a question for the taxi driver, "Excuse me, sir" and tapped the driver on the shoulder. "AHHHHHHH" screamed the taxi driver swerving the taxi across three lanes of traffic finally stopping the car on the opposite shoulder. "What the heck was that all about?" demanded the passenger, thoroughly shaken. "I'm sorry," said the taxi driver, wiping his brow, "this is my first day on the job, I've been driving a hearse for the last fifty years!"

Report from St Raphael's Pastoral Council Meeting 21 November 2013

- Discussion items included
- Expanding Children's Liturgy to have regularly on Sundays & Saturday evenings. (If you would like to help, why not firstly go along and watch? Contact the Parish Office then if you are willing to be on a roster.)
 - Recommendation to have a Parish Picnic next year.
 - Invite anyone who would like to bring up the gifts in the Offertory Procession to talk to Br Ben before Mass starts.
 - Review of an inventory of Parish activities prepared by Max
 - Website update (thanks to Niko, Minh & John)
 - Plan for weekly Home Masses during Lent 2014.

Farewell Mass for Mrs Jo Stores will be celebrated at 9.15am on Wednesday 11 December at St Raphael's Church. It will be followed by morning tea in the Hall.

Advertising in the parish bulletin: If you know a business which might be interested in this opportunity please pass this information on.

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