

"The king will answer them, 'I tell all of you with certainty, since you did it for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.'"

**VINNIES WINTER APPEAL**

Vinnies will hold their Annual Winter Appeal on **11th and 12th June**. Please support Vinnies generously. It's much appreciated and go a long way towards helping those in our Community who are less fortunate & need our help. Vinnies regularly get many calls for help from people in our local area, mainly for assistance with food, clothing and furniture or household items.



Envelopes are kept in the foyer & can be collected in advance. Thank you!

**Sydney Night Patrol**

It's a Special Work of the St Vincent de Paul Society and a part of the Sydney Vinnies Van Services. The service consists of two vans, operating seven nights per week excluding New Year's Eve, providing a meal, blankets, toiletries, snacks, hot beverages and most importantly, companionship to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness within the inner city of Sydney. Last year 84,000 light meals were prepared and distributed by our teams.

St Raphael's Primary School is having an appeal at school over the next two weeks. The items will be delivered on **16 June**. St Vincent de Paul has informed that they are 'desperate' for toiletry packs for the homeless— toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant (for men & women), packets of tissues, small bottles of shampoo & conditioner, pocket combs, hygiene products. Interested Parishioners are welcome to join in and support the drive. For your convenience a basket will be kept in the Church at all times for your contribution. **God bless!**

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.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK** St Barnabas was a Jew from the island of Cyprus. He was an apostle, although not one of the Twelve. It was Barnabas who introduced St Paul to the other apostles. Paul later joined Barnabas who had been sent to Antioch to lead the growing Christian community there. Together, Barnabas and Paul set out on the first missionary journey which began in Cyprus, but later they split up after an argument over their companion Mark (the author of the Gospel) who had returned to Jerusalem. Barnabas returned to Cyprus where he established the church and where he was also later martyred around year 61AD.



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**Planned Giving Financial Year 2016.** Thank you to all who contribute to the Planned Giving Program. I will be on **Annual Leave** from 24 June and return on 28 July. For those that give via Credit Card, the last date for processing your donations for the 2016 financial year will be **Thursday 23 June**. No Credit Cards will be processed during my absence. For those who contribute weekly (cash) or would like to make an annual donation, the last date for giving to ensure inclusion in the 2016 financial year, will be **Sun 26 June**. **Thankyou for your support, Maria** (Accounts - Mater Dei & St Raphael's Parishes)

**Life Ascending Australia**, a spiritual movement for seniors, will meet in the Marian Hall, St Joseph's Church Oatley at 10.30 am on Friday June 10. **Visitors/new members are always welcome!** Access is through the Church. Enquiries Ray Byers 9570 3507 - ray.byers@bigpond.net.au

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**Cloud Of Unknowing.** Presented by Bishop David Walker at The Centre for Christian Spirituality, 14 Frances St, Randwick. Dates: Wednesday nights 8, 15, 22, 29 June - 7.00-8.30pm. Course Cost: \$40. For Direct Bookings: Sally 9398 2211/sally@thecentre.com.au

**SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN** on discernment and the priesthood led by Fr Greg Morgan. The retreat will be on **24-26 June** at **Mt Shoenstatt, Mulgoa**. To enquire or register go to [www.vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au)

**3D Movie Invite.** The Sydney Archdiocese is hosting screenings of the new movie 'St Peter's and the Papal Basilicas of Rome 3D' at the Dendy Theatre Circular Quay on **20 June** at 1pm and 3pm. Tickets available in advance at \$10 each by phoning 1800 753 959. (Please Note: Tickets cannot be purchased directly from the cinema.)

**Differing paths but the one vocation**  
This Friday, 3 June, on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP ordained two Priests for the Archdiocese of Sydney at St Mary's Cathedral. **Deacon Daniele Russo** and **Deacon Joseph Hamilton**. **Congratulations!!** Their Ordination is a reminder that God continues to call people from all walks of life to follow Him in the vocation of the Priesthood.

**THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY**  
PULPIT POINTS SUNDAY  
6th JUN 2016

- Corpus Christi takes to streets: 8-page liftout featuring Camperdown, Church Hill, Como, Engadine, Granville, Leichhardt, Surry Hills, & Tangara School for Girls.
- Election: Massive family benefit cut to slip under the radar
- ACU honours poet Les Murray
- Phone calls, texts will never equal face-to-face contact: Archbishop Fisher
- Ukrainian Catholic parish packed for Matins service
- Joy of 'spreading the gospel to young people': Richie Dantas on Youth Mission Team experience

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*Parishes of Mater Dei Blakehurst & St Raphael's South Hurstville*  
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C | BULLETIN | 5th June 2016

**Entrance Antiphon :** Cf. Ps 26:1-2  
The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

**First Reading:** 1 Kgs 17:17-24  
God heals through Elijah.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.  
1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R)  
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R)  
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R)

**Second Reading :** 1 Gal 1:11-19  
Paul tells the Galatians of his past

**Gospel Acclamation :** Lk 7:16  
Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

**Gospel :** Lk 7:11-17  
Jesus heals the only son of a widow.

**Communion antiphon:** Ps 17:3  
The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

**Reflection**  
It may be daring to say that Jesus did not bring the man back to life out of concern for the man. What do we read? 'When the Lord saw her, he felt compassion towards her' – not him! Who is this 'her' Jesus really focused on, the one he particularly saw in that little procession of mourners? The 'her' was a widow in a patriarchal society. The dead son is not a youngster but a man. He is the breadwinner and protector for his mother. Without an able man in her household, she will be reduced to poverty and be very vulnerable.  
We may say that Jesus restored the life of this man in order to restore the life of the mother. The Gospel emphasises this by telling us the purpose of this saving ministry of Jesus: 'He gave him to his mother.' She would now have enough to eat, and be able to live out her years in a secure household. Can you see those who are vulnerable? Can you perceive how society is organised in such a way as to deny some people the necessities of life: food, shelter, health care, education, companionship? Does the seeing and perceiving send a shudder of compassion through your body, as it did for Jesus? We could pause for a moment to ask for the grace to see how we might respond in life-giving ways to those who need to know that 'God has visited his people'.  
by Fr Michael Tate

**Living the Gospel – Restoring to life** We may not have the capacity to enact a miraculous 'resurrection' as Jesus did with the widow's son, but we certainly have the capacity and frequent opportunity to restore someone to life in the manner that Jesus restored the life of the widow. Whenever we encounter someone who has been cast out by life circumstances or by the cruel actions of others, we have the capacity to restore them to a fuller life through our actions. We restore life when we restore dignity; when we refuse to participate in grinding someone down and instead extend a hand to help them up.

**Prayer after Communion**  
May your healing work, O Lord, free us, we pray, from doing evil and lead us to what is right.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Next Sunday's Readings**  
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C  
2 Sm 12:7-10. 13  
Ps 31:1-2. 5.7.11. R. v.5  
Gal 2:16. 19-21  
Lk 7:36—8:3

**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
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**  
 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 **We need more members!**

**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. **Call:** Carl Pavia 0418 672 394

**Home Rosary Mater Dei**  
 07-06-16 France's and Tony Oscuro, 51 Stuart St. Blakehurst. @8-00 P.M.  
 14-6-16 Cheddar Street Nursing Home, Cheddar street Blakehurst. @11-00 A.M.

**Home Rosary St. Raphael's** Mon 7:30pm  
 06-06-2016 John & Mary Khoury  
 24 William Street, South Hurstville  
 13-06-2016 Anton & Marguerite Pillai  
 13-A Australia Street, South Hurstville

**Please Pray for:**   
**Recently Deceased:** Salvatore Demasi, Kevin Cullen, Bette Rees, Habib Nasser, Margaret Grieves, Frank Turiano, Rudolf Sossinka, Annie Honer, Hendrika Smith, Anna Wong, Thomas Francis Gaffney, Barry Robson

**Also pray for:** Natale Pelle, Arturo Caruso, Michael Webster, Catherine Kelly, Clarice Dorahy, Les Woodward, Garry Stewart, Alice & James Pollard, Terry Dawson, 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, All souls in Purgatory

**Mass Offered for the whole Year:** Jeffrey George Bishop, Mary El Khouri & Karam El Khouri

**Anniversary:** Amerigo Di Cicco

**Sick:** Bernard Holdsworth, Robyn Mattern, Mary Foar, Trevor Haney, Roger Elsworth, Fr Max Barrett, Maria 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.

**Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love**  
 During the Year of Mercy there'll be **Eucharistic Adoration** every **Friday** at **Mater Dei Church** from 7:00—8:00PM & **St Raphael's Church** from 8:00—9:00PM and on **First Fridays of each Month** at Mater Dei Church, We'll have a special **Hour of Grace and Mercy** to pray and reflect on Our Lord's mercy.



**Catholic Church at St Raphael's, South Hurstville**  
 warmly welcomes into it's family **Rok Radocaj** (s/o Jasenka & Ivor) **Congratulations !!**



COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	482.00	359.55
Second: loose	437.05	264.95
Envelopes	374.50	387.00

Sometimes wives are overly suspicious of their husbands. When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. "You're running around with other women," she charged. "You're being unreasonable, Eve" Adam responded. "You're the only woman on earth." The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by Eve poking him in the chest. "What are you doing?" Adam demanded. "Counting your ribs," said Eve.



**FUNNY**

**"One reason we keep coming back to Mass is, of course, so that we can be a support to and receive support from one another, as a community of saints and sinners, hopefully sinners-becoming-saints,"**  
 — Archbishop Fisher reflected on the significance of The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

Baptizing infants before they know what is going on is an expression of God's great love for us. It shows that we are wanted and loved by God from the very moment of our birth. To say that a person must reach the age of reason and believe in Christ BEFORE he may be baptized is to make God's grace in some way dependent on man's intelligence. But God's grace is NOT dependent on any act of ours, intellectual or otherwise; it is a pure gift of His love.



We bring infants to baptism not because they believe but in order that they might believe. Baptism is like the planting of the seed of faith in the human soul. Nourished and fed by Christian training, in the family and in the church school, the seed of faith will grow to produce a mature Christian. Baptism introduces the child to the love of God and opens him to the grace of the Holy Spirit. These are great riches even if the child is unaware of them at the beginning. To deny a child baptism is to deprive him of this inner grace that is so necessary to Christian growth. St Chrysostom writes, 'For this reason we baptize children, although they have no sins... in order to confer upon them sanctification, adoption, inheritance... that they may be members of Christ & become the abode of the Holy Spirit.'

- Fr. A. Coniaris God

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

- ✓ Read John Paul II's "Dives in misericordia" bit by bit through the year.
- ✓ Create a short end-of-day ritual to ask for (and extend) forgiveness with those you live with "...do not let the sun set on your anger" (Eph 4:26)
- ✓ Make a point to smile, greet or make conversation with someone who is not in your everyday circle. ... to be continued.

	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
<b>Ministry 4th &amp; 5th Jun 2016 (1st Sun)</b>	Greg	Max	Acolyte required	Paul Watson
<b>Acolytes / SS</b>				
<b>EMHC</b>	Moya / Ellen	Annie / Rosie		Marguerite
<b>Readers</b>	Lovat Family	Lappen Family	Sonia Magpilly / Maureen Wells	Gail A/ Angela H/ Luisa Galea
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Joshua, Marc, Gabriella, Ginia			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Mary, Hannah, Rachael			Diana Baladi
<b>Ministry 11 &amp; 12th Jun 16 (2nd Sun)</b>	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
<b>Acolytes / SS</b>	Greg	Michael	Gary Cartmer	Graeme Dorahy
<b>EMHC</b>	Ida / Shirley	Sophia / Monica		Marguerite
<b>Readers</b>	George Saab / Carl Pavia	Crosby Family	Ronnie / Louise	Joan Hanson / Jean Dorahy
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jed, Max, Will, Annabelle			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Kelly, Delaney			Angeline Selvaraj
<b>Music</b>		Julia	Kim	Marion
<b>Power Point operators</b>	Volunteers	Chris Wong	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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There will be **morning tea** after the 8:30am Mass at **St Raphael's Church Hall**. As a support for **Natalie Prego's** trip to **World Youth Day** in Poland we'd appreciate a gold coin donation. Please come and enjoy a warm cuppa, some cake & good company.



Mater Dei and St Raphael's Parishes Calendar 2016		
09/06/16	MD Pastoral Council Meeting @ 7PM	MD Parish
10/6/16	SR Confirmation Reflection Day	SR School
14/06/16	SR Confirmation @ 7PM	SR Parish
23/06/16	SR Parish Team Meet @ 10 AM	SR Parish
30/06/16	Public School Catechist Mass @ 7PM	SR Hall
22/07/16	Annual Parish Dinner @ 7PM	Doltone House
30/10/16	Mater Dei Church 60th Anniversary	MD 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.