

"When we baptize a child, the Holy Spirit enters that child, and the Holy Spirit makes... the Christian virtues grow in that child, who will then flourish... We must always give this opportunity to everyone, to all children, to have inside of them the Holy Spirit that will guide them throughout their lives. Do not forget to baptize children!"
- Pope Francis

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	-	7:30 pm — 8:30 pm
Saturday	-	4pm — 4:45pm

Please Pray for:
Recently Deceased: Marcia Shanahan, James Weiss, Anna Jaimal, Ian Gould

Also pray for: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Mass Offered: Elias Haddad, Jeffrey Bishop

Anniversary: Ingolf Leuschner

Sick: Loga Padiachey, Savi Tuling, Marie Zammit, Jimmy Milhem, Susie Zhang, Mary Le Grand, Ian Crawford, Agnes Peluso, Marisa Mundweil, George Mir, Athena Emmanouilidis, Joan Kervin, Bernadette Petersen, Dawn Edwards, Shirley Barbuto, Edna Edwards, Pavo Bosnjak, Betty Swinbourne, Tim Birch, Sue Mc Dermott, Barbara Waterman, Brian Waterman, Mabel Griffith, Moya Smyth, Adriana, Dianne Edwards

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND + Christmas		
TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	351.40	202.50
Second: loose	226.45	266.05
Envelopes	235.00	515.00



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Ministry 12th & 13th Jan 2019 (2nd Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Minh / M Fernandes	Gary Cartmer	Graeme, Onsi
EMHC	Josie El Zoghbi	Sophia, Monica		Marguerite Derrig
Readers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Ronnie Cartmer Louise Tapp	Joan Hanson Jean Dorahy
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Children's Liturgy	No liturgy until Feb 2			
Music	Eddie & Cecilia	Norma	Kim	Kim

Ministry 19th & 20th Jan 2019 (3rd Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Earl, Michael B	Ray Low	Michael E, Norman
EMHC	Rosie Gould	Henrietta, Gail		Marguerite Derrig
Readers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Br Michael Volunteer	Cath Logan Wendy Eather
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
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Stamp Collection : Monica O'Brien has been coordinating the stamp collection at St Raphael church and has received the following letters thanking everyone who assisted:
Mary MacKillop International (MMI): Thank You! Because of your stamps we now can help many poor and underprivileged people. Your used stamps enabled MMI to:
- Give disabled children an education in Papua New Guinea
- Train poor women to learn life-skills in Peru
- Bring vital health care to poor communities in Timor-Leste

Sisters of St Joseph: On behalf of Mary MacKillop Today, I thank you for your generous support in supplying and assisting with used stamps. **2018 was another successful year of us raising approximately \$68,000. A great effort from many, many people! From 2001 till now our total is \$312,000. It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today.**


Thank You All for your support to this noble cause!

Mater Dei & St Raphael's Parish Calendar 2019

30-01-19	School Commences	MD & SR
06-02-19	SR Council Meeting 7:00pm	SR Church
21-02-19	MD Council Meeting 7:00pm	MD Church

Pray for the Plenary Council 2020 - Please continue to pray for the community of the Sydney Archdiocese that we will respond well to the call of the Holy Spirit, by engaging in the preparatory phase of the Plenary with open and humble hearts.

When asked for his name by the coffee shop clerk, my brother-in-law answered, "Marc, with a C." Minutes later, he was handed his coffee with his name written on the side: **Cark.**



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Parishes of Mater Dei Blakehurst &

The Baptism of the Lord -

St Raphael's South Hurstville

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BULLETIN

13th Jan 2019

First Reading: Is 40:1-5. 9-11
In the desert make ready the way of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

1. Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. (R)
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. (R.)
3. How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. (R.)
4. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. (R.)
5. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

Second Reading: Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7
God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Gospel Acclamation: See Lk 3:16
Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 3:15-16. 21-22
The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus at his baptism.

Communion Antiphon: Jn 1:32,34
Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

REFLECTION

What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the Jordan to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit as though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of humanity. His second experience was to sense God's delight and joy sounding, reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul: "You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you." Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you." Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate his followers into such wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity? We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God.

@ Fr Michael Tate

Vocation Discernment Weekend Run By The Capuchin Friars 15-17th February 2019
- to reflect upon the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend retreat is for men aged 18-35. Begins 7:30pm Friday and concludes 4pm Sunday at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. The cost is only \$50. Registrations required by 7th February: contact Father Thomas vocations@capuchinfrs.org.au or 0432 362 052. <https://www.capuchin.org.au>

Catechist Required: Please contact the Parish Office on 9546 2605 if you are able to help teach Catechism for half an hour during school term at our local Public Schools - Years : Kindy - 6. All support and training shall be provided.

St Bakhita's Day - Ethical Sourcing Seminar and Expo (8th Feb)

To commemorate the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Trafficking in Persons on the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Anti-Slavery Task Force is sponsoring this event. It is part of a larger Archdiocesan programme directed at eradicating modern slavery announced by the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP in March of 2017. The Feast Day Mass of St. Bakhita will commence in St. Mary's Cathedral at 1:10 PM. Register here: <https://bit.ly/2FIEROT>

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