


"Parents Passing on the Faith in the Family": As we celebrate Mass today, thousands of families are gathering around Pope Francis in St Peter's in the culmination of a Pilgrimage of Families to the Tomb of St Peter in Rome. It is part of the celebration of the Year of Faith. Let's pray for all families that they may be ever more effective places where the faith is passed on.

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: Nick Soldas, Fr Vincent Paul Coleman SJ, Orlando Casas, Fr John Michael George, Veronica Louise Eather, Nicholas Saldanha, Vahrig Margarian, Annie Costi, Frank Falzon, Loretta Walter, Kath D'Arcy, Thelma Dillon, John Viera, Sue Kasparian, Valentine Kamadevan, Mary Sakr.
Also pray for: Members of the family of Kursar, Antuloy, Vlahov, Pancer, Cukrov, Mundweil, All souls in Purgatory, David Murphy, Tom Harrington, Members of the Bonacci family and Oscuro family, Frank Toohy, Eileen McGloin, Fr Greg Weaver, Margaret Moran, Antonio Falvo, Mario Jura, Alice & James Pollard, Rina Ricco, Garrett Stewart, Arturo Caruso, Lidia Caruso.
Mass Offered: Jeffrey George Bishop, Mary El Khouri & Karam El Khouri
Sick: Therese Mir, George Mir, John Kervern, Dawn Edwards, Edna Edwards, Penny, Jeanette McGloin, Pavo Bosnjak, Steven M'Grath, Sr Vianney Hatton SBS, Steven McGrath, Violet Brooks, Betty Swinbourne, Sue McDermott, Tony Ostojic, Tim Birch, John Viera, Adriana, Brian Waterman, Barbara Waterman

Annual Remembering Service on Sun, 19 Nov 2017 at 2.00pm at St Mark's, The Mall, South Hurstville

Home Rosary St Raphael Monday 7:30PM
 30-10-17 Florence & Norman Yenson
 44 Queens Rd, Connells Pt
 06-11-17 Max & Annie Montecillo
 48 Planthurst Rd, Carlton
Home Rosary Mater Dei 8:00PM
 31-10-17 Jenny and Mark Longo
 298 Connells Pt Road, Connells Point
 07-11-17 Nives Care
 33 Church Street Blakehurst



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Ministry 28th & 29th	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
Oct 2017 (5th Sun)	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes / SS	Greg Driver	Norman Michael B	Volunteers	Volunteers
EMHC	Susi Fabbro	Kathy, Rosemary, Florence		Marguerite Derrig
Readers	Saab Family	Lappen Family	Volunteers	Debra Amerio Trish Alonso
Altar Servers	Family mass	Volunteers		
Children's Liturgy	Mary & Rachel			Angeline Selvaraj
Music	Niko	Norma	Kim	Kim
Ministry 4th & 5th	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
Nov 2017 (1st Sun)	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes / SS	Greg Driver	Max, Carl	Tony Oscuro	Paul Watson
EMHC	Susi Fabbro	Annie Montecillo Rosie Gould		Marguerite Derrig
Readers	Lovett Family	Yenson Family	Sonia Magpily Frances Oscuro	Gail A, Angela H, Luisa Galea
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers		
Children's Liturgy				Diana Baladi

From the Family Faith Educator, Mater Dei - Tuesday 2nd November: Remembrance craft activity 1.45pm, Service of Remembrance 2.30pm, Finish at 3pm. Open to all, young and old and appropriate for children. Please fill in the form on the table at the back of the church and return by Tuesday 31st.

November Mass Envelopes If you would like to offer Mass for the Holy Souls of your loved ones during November, you can pick the envelope kept in the foyer of the Church. Kindly write the names clearly. The names appear in the *Book of Remembrance* kept near the Altar. Thank you.

There will be morning tea after the 10:00 AM Mass at Mater Dei Church Hall. All are welcome.

"The Inaugural Mater Dei and St Raphael's Combined Christmas Mass and Celebration Christmas Luncheon" is on Sunday the 26th of November at 10:00 AM at Mater Dei Church. The 8.30am Mass at St Raphael's Church for that Sunday is cancelled. We welcome all Parishioners to the 10.00am Mater Dei Morning Mass.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	456.15	271.40
Second: loose	303.40	328.95
Envelopes	450.00	590.00

Mater Dei and St Raphael's Parishes Calendar 2017		
02-11-17	MD Pastoral Council Meeting 7PM	MD Hall
11-11-17	MD School Fair	MD School
23-11-17	SR Pastoral Council Meeting 7PM	SR Hall
25-11-17	SR Christmas Party	SR Church

This weekend the Catholic Church of Mater Dei, Blakehurst warmly welcomes **Tyler Robert Lee Puckeridge** (son of Matthew & Emily) **Congratulations to the parents!**

Father Murphy was playing golf with a parishioner. On the first hole, he sliced into the rough. His opponent heard him mutter, "Hoover!" under his breath. On the second hole, the ball went into a water hazard. "Hoover!" again, a little louder this time. On the third hole, a miracle occurred and Fr. Murphy's drive landed on the green only six inches from the hole! "Praise be to God!" He carefully lined up the putt, but the ball curved around the hole instead of going in. "HOOVER!" By this time, his opponent couldn't withhold his curiosity any longer, and asked why the priest said "Hoover". "It's the biggest dam I know." he replied.

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Parishes of Mater Dei Blakehurst & St Raphael's South Hurstville

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

BULLETIN 29th Oct 2017

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 104:3-4
 Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
First Reading: Ex 22:20-26
 Treat all people with generosity.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2
(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Thes 1:5-10
 The Thessalonians have become a model for others.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:23
 Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 22:34-40
 A lawyer asks Jesus which commandment is greatest.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 19:6
 We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.


CWF CHARITABLE WORKS FUND
 (CWF) APPEAL. Our parish will be holding the appeal on the weekend of **4th & 5th Nov** – we ask you to kindly consider giving a donation. Funds raised will be used to support the Sydney Archdiocese fulfil its mission to be a 'sign and instrument of our communion with God and our unity with all people'. The CWF still issues tax deductible receipts for donations of \$2 or more. Please be aware of this and that this is separate to the planned giving donations previously credited to the School Building Fund. Thank you.

All Saints day (1st Nov) Mass
 8:00am at Mater Dei
 9:00am at St Raphael's
All Souls day (2nd Nov) Mass
 8:00am & 6:30pm at Mater Dei &
 9:15am at St Raphael's


REFLECTION
 Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour. Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.
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Living the Gospel – Compassion Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.



Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts & prayers - for joining in Jesus' life-giving mission and supporting women and children's health in Uganda and around the world. Your generosity makes it possible for local missionaries like Sister Mary Goretti to provide essential services for women and children in their time of need. We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continuing your support of this life-giving work of mission.
Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/uganda



BINGO & Dance Night Friday 3 November 2017 6:45pm – 10:30pm
VENUE: Hope & Harmony Hall, at St Raphael's Catholic Primary School. BYO drinks & snacks. Tea, coffee & cakes will be available for a small donation. Bring your own gold coins and your own pens/markers. Silent auction of class portraits. **Please contact the school office on 9546 4898 by Friday 27 October.** Payment can be made direct to the school or can be paid on the night.

"History of St. Raphael's church" - A Book by Rosie Gould will be launched by Most Reverend Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese of Sydney on **Sunday, 19th Nov'17** after Mass. Bishop Umbers shall celebrate the 8:30am mass at **St Raphael's Church**. All are welcome.

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