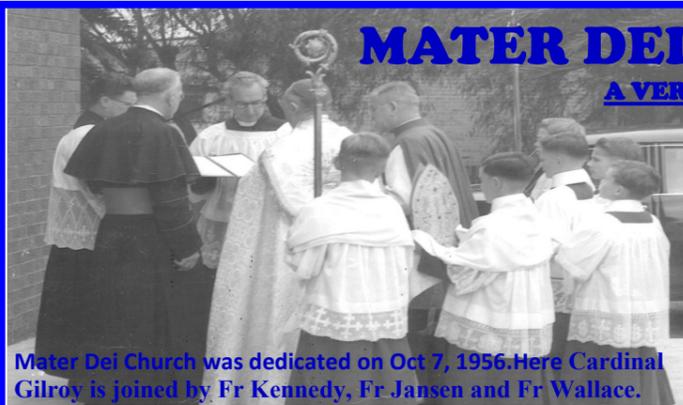


MATER DEI – BLAKEHURST

A VERY SPECIAL PARISH



Mater Dei Church was dedicated on Oct 7, 1956. Here Cardinal Gilroy is joined by Fr Kennedy, Fr Jansen and Fr Wallace. The Hough brothers & Michael Harper are among the altar servers



Either the original altar or an improved version of it



Mater Dei Church — 2016



Michael Kennedy Hall



The baptismal font was donated by the Bishop family in 1974



50th Anniversary of Mater Dei Church - Bishop Cremin celebrating Mass

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.



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Mater Dei school and convent

Father Kennedy's journal reads: 'In 1959, I had ten months' leave, which I spent in Europe and America. Returning towards the end of 1959, I began to plan a school on the ground facing Heath Road which I had purchased gradually. The first two blocks were bought for 6,500 pounds (\$13,000). In 1956, I purchased the garage on the Corner of Princes Highway and King Georges Road for 32,000 pounds. This was my dream site for the future church.'

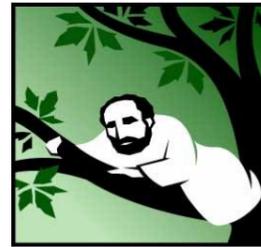
Construction of the school started in 1960 and, over the years, many parishioners helped with voluntary labour. Jack Hatton was particularly active, digging trenches and laying concrete day after day.

The school was mainly built by Ronald Keane and Colin Bradley who worked full-time on the job. According to Frank Ward, their work was paid for but they put in a great deal of voluntary hours. Later they built the convent.

Father Kennedy's journal records that the original primary school was built for 20,000 pounds (\$40,000).

He wrote: 'I opened the school in 1960 with two lay teachers - Miss Stuart, a retired Public School teacher, and Miss Judith Barrett, trained in our (Catholic) college in North Sydney. The school was started with Kindergarten, first and second.'

Stephen McGloin, one of the first pupils, went on to become an engineer with BHP. Stephen's mother, Jeanette, was the school librarian for about ten years.



Parishes of Mater Dei Blakehurst &

Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

St Raphael's South Hurstville

BULLETIN

30th Oct 2016

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 37:22-23
Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading: Wis 11:22 – 12:2
The Lord loves all creation.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1
(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

Second Reading: 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2
The day of the Lord is not yet here.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 3:16
Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 19:1-10
Jesus enters the house of Zacchaeus

Communion antiphon: Cf. Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

What a joy it is to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Mater Dei church's founding! We are thankful to Mother of God— our Patron for walking with us all the way.

Mater Dei church was officially blessed and opened on Sunday 7th October 1956 and the parishioners celebrated the golden anniversary in 2006.

We have now journeyed together to its 60th Anniversary. The sense of identity as a Catholic parish has continued to be built up by the efforts of our past Parish Priests and parishioners.

Few parishioners who helped build the church and landscape the grounds are still with us but we remember those who have passed away and acknowledge the immense contribution they and their families have made to its establishment.

The sharing in the spiritual, educational and social experience of Mater Dei has enriched the lives of us all.

As we look back over the years, we must pause and be thankful to the Lord who has blessed us with His presence year in, and year out.

May we be united in prayer and works of charity and taste the mercy and compassion of God our loving Father!

God bless us all.

Fr Isidore

REFLECTION

Zacchaeus was an over-the-top character, not only figuratively but, in this incident, quite literally up in a sycamore tree. He thought he was keeping an eye out for Jesus, but Jesus was keeping an eye out for his sort of character!

'Zacchaeus' means 'clean'. But his fellow Jews regarded him as a filthy collaborator with the Romans. However, Jesus looked up and saw Zacchaeus in a double perspective, not only as he was but as he could become if only he responded to the grace on offer. He did, and the response was truly 'over the top'!

We come to Mass to catch a glimpse of Jesus in the scriptures and sacrament. But, we find that our Risen Lord is constantly gazing at us. He is the Divine Seer who sees us as we are, but also as we are capable of becoming.

@ Fr Michael Tate

Prayer after Communion

May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. Through Christ our Lord.



Next Sunday's Readings

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14
Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15
2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5
Lk 20:27-38

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		
1-11-16 Rita and Michael Mazza 7 Crawford St. Blakehurst 8-00 P.M.		
8-11-16. Cheddar Street Nursing Home Cheddar Street Blakehurst. 11-00A.M.		
Home Rosary St. Raphael's Mon 7:30PM		
31-10-2016 Ralph & Grace Monserrat 5 / 77-79 Flora St, Kirrawee		
07-11-2016 Richard & Alumita Mar 19 Rickard Rd, South Hurstville		
Please Pray for:		
Recently Deceased: Pasquale Spagnolo, Roslyn Marmez, Jamila Safar, Betty Danvers, Josephine Binding, Wilhemina Sims, Ursula Therese Wambeek, Georges Antoine, Max Sullivan, Benny Virgona, Sr Jean Marie Brennan, (RSC), Trevor Haney, Peter Lynch, Margaret Moran, Ruth Hayes, Elaine Wellard, Bill Herden Patricia Quirk, Maureen Whelan, Fr Kevin Spillane, Dermie Fewkes, Terrance Clifton		
Also pray for: Jose Oliveira, Fernando, Conseisao, Jose, Maria, Albine Alvarez, Sam Greco, Domenico Portolesi, Tony Gonzales, Maria Angeles, Francine Kidd, Ron Brooks, Antonieta Mayorga, Jose Caicedo, Robert Holt, Natalina Beghetto, Natale Pelle, All souls in Purgatory		
Mass Offered for the whole Year: Jeffrey George Bishop, Mary El Khouri & Karam El Khouri		
Mass Offered: Felice & Josephine DeFina		
Healing: Barbara Waterman & Brian Waterman		
Sick: Paul McCann, Robyn Mattern, Mary Foar, Roger Elsworthy, Maria Turiano, Zora Jurcevic, Kate Paulis, Michael Higgins, Sam Crawford, George & Therese Mir, Sidney Yenson, Joanne McRea, Sue McDermott, 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.

CWF CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL. The parish will be holding the appeal next weekend - it will be the final for this year, and we ask you to kindly consider giving a donation. Funds raised will be used to support the Sydney Archdiocese' social, training and advocacy programs. Thank you.

A PUBLIC FORUM WITH FR SEAN MCDONAGH. *Bringing Laudato Si' to Life.* Come along to this event with Irish Columban missionary priest, Fr Sean McDonagh and a panel of expert respondents. Fr McDonagh was one of the consultants in drafting Pope Francis' recent encyclical, *Laudato Si'* and is well-placed to navigate this very interesting topic. It promises to be an insightful and entertaining evening. Light Supper Provided. Thursday, 10 November 2016. 6.00pm (for a 6.30pm start)-8.30pm Gleeson Auditorium, Australian Catholic University, 25 Barker Rd, Strathfield NSW 2135. Please RSVP to Columban Mission Institute, Phone: (02) 9352 8000 or email: cmi@columban.org.au All welcome.

Installation of remaining acolytes and Ministers of Communion will take place on 5th/6th November weekend Please let Michael Fernandes (0437 517 758) know which mass you wish to attend for the Installation.

Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession - On Sunday, 20th Nov 2016. Location: Cnr of Pitt St & Martin Place Time: 2pm for a 2:30 pm Procession Start. This year the procession will mark the completion of the Year of Mercy. You are welcome to write your petition in the Prayer Book

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	595.35	307.15
Second: loose	386.95	450.50
Envelopes	701.00	452.00

COMMANDMENTS
A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

"Jesus, with his merciful behaviour, shows the church the path it must take to reach out to every person so that each one can be healed in body and spirit and recover his or her dignity as a child of God."
- Pope Francis, Papal Audience 31st August, 2016

Mater Dei Parish is born

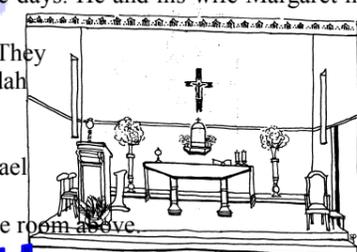
Until the mid-1950s, Blakehurst was attached to the parishes of South Hurstville and Kogarah, the boundaries being established in 1933 by Archbishop Michael Kelly. As the local population grew, so did the need for a new church - and Mater Dei became a reality. The founding priest briefly recorded its early days in a journal that started:

'On May 12th 1955, I, Michael Francis Kennedy, was appointed by His Eminence, Cardinal Gilroy, to the parish of Blakehurst. The first Mass was celebrated in the new parish on the back verandah of the cottage on Ascension Thursday. The congregation numbered 12 and the plate eight shillings.

'After much searching for a suitable place to say Mass, I was lucky in meeting Mr Ernie Ireland, a non-Catholic, who owned the Riverview Restaurant, at Tom Uglys Bridge. He offered the use of his ballroom free. For the next 16 months two Masses were said there each Sunday and the grand piano used as the altar.'

The late Neil McGloin and Jeanette his wife, were among the first parishioners. He recalled: 'Every Sunday morning we would clean up the remains of the party held the night before. We would clean up streamers, bottles and leftovers before we could commence. The restaurant had a great view over the bay and often we'd find it difficult to concentrate on Mass while overlooking the magnificent view. Sunday Mass was held there, weekday Masses on the verandah of the dairy house.'

The late Geoffrey Hough also had vivid memories of those days. He and his wife Margaret had moved to Blakehurst in 1946 and subsequently raised four sons and three daughters in the parish. They were present for Father Kennedy's Holy Mass on the back verandah of the old dairy house on Ascension Thursday, 1955. Father considered the verandah too small for Sunday Mass, hence the switch to the Riverview café. Geoff also remembers Father Michael celebrating Midnight Mass in the Riverview Café cabaret hall in 1955, at the same time as a rowdy party was held in the room above.



Mother of God - Bless Us All! by Pedr Davis '96

Ways to be Merciful during the Year of Mercy

- ✓ Pray your "Morning Offering" in front of a crucifix and kiss each of his five wounds.
- ✓ When you hear someone use the Lord's name in vain, change it into a prayer and offer it up for that person.
- ✓ Recite the following prayer on your way to church with your family.

...to be continued

Ministry 29th & 30th Oct 2016 (5th Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes / SS	Greg Driver	No Mass	No Mass	Anniversary Mass
EMHC	Shirley Wakefield	No Mass	No Mass	
Readers	Lovat Family	No Mass	No Mass	Jean Dorahy / Cath Logan
Altar Servers	Caitlin, Kezia, Cheryll, Keira	No Mass	No Mass	6 Servers
Children's Liturgy	Mary, Hannah, Rachel	No Mass	No Mass	
Ministry 5th & 6th Oct 2016 (1st Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes / SS	Greg Driver	Max	Acolyte required	Paul Watson
EMHC	Moya Smyth	Annie M / Rosie Gould		Marguerite
Readers	McCluskey / McKenzie	Lappen Family	Sonia Magpilly / Maureen Wells	Gail A / Angela H / Luisa Galea
Altar Servers	Mikaela, Ginia, Aaliyah, Mia	Volunteers Needed		
Children's Liturgy				Joumana El Khouri
Music		Julia	Kim	Norma

Please arrange for a replacement if you are unable to serve in your ministry - Michael Fernandes 0437517758

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St. Raphael Primary School: (02) 95464898
Principal: Mrs. Annette McKenzie

Adoration/Holy Hour timing at St Raphael's Church will be changed. It will commence at 7:30pm from Friday, the 4th November 2016.

There will be a **Multicultural Mass on Sunday 27th November at 2pm at the Cathedral** with representation from as many Ethnic groups that would like to participate. The readings, prayers of the faithful and songs will be in various languages. After the Mass there will be afternoon tea and a multicultural dance and song spectacular on the steps of the Cathedral celebrating the diversity and richness in our Australian church. All communities are asked to bring biscuits and cakes to share for afternoon tea outside the crypt after the celebration. All are welcome. Contact Kylie Cullen FMVD for more information on 9390 5923 or immigration@sydneycatholic.org

Mater Dei and St Raphael's Parishes Calendar 2016		
5 & 6/11/16	CWF Appeal	SR & MD
24/11/16	SR Pastoral Council Meet @ 7PM	SR Parish
26/11/16	SR Christmas Party after Evening Mass	SR Hall
27/11/16	First Sunday of Advent 2016	-

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

