

Prison Sunday (falls this year on 11 November 2018)– Remembering the Prison Community - Marking two years since the Holy Father's Year of Mercy 2016 Jubilee for Prisoners. We call to mind the need for compassion and care for those in our prisons.

MASS TIMES		
	Mater Dei	St. Raphael
Saturday	6.15pm	-
Sunday	-	10.00am
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

Ministry 10th & 11th Nov 2018 (2nd Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	10:00am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes			Gary Cartmer	
EMHC		St Raphael 90th Anniversary Feast Mass 10:00am		
Readers	No Mass		Ronnie Cartmer	No Mass
Altar Servers			Louise Tapp	
Children's Liturgy			Volunteers	
Music		Norma/Julia	Kim	
Ministry 17th & 18th Nov 2018 (3rd Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	10:00am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Earl, Michael B	Ray Low	Michael E, Norman
EMHC	Rosie Gould	Henrietta, Gail		Marguerite Derrig
Readers	Fernandes Family	Anne Lo Pat Bates	Br Michael Volunteer	Cath Logan Wendy Eather
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Children's Liturgy	Mary & Rachel			Mary-Clare
Please arrange for a replacement if you are unable to serve in your ministry - Michael Fernandes 0437 517 758				

Please Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Mate Tesija, Anthony Casacelli, Sadha Padiachey, John Collins

Also pray for: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Mass Offered: Elias Haddad, Abdallah Samman, Felice & Josephine De Fina, Ron Brooks, Violet Brooks, Francine Kidd, Robert Holt, Mary El Khouri & Karam El Khouri, Jeffrey Bishop, Giovanni & Giovannina Favaloro

Sick: Loga Padiachey, Savi Tuling, Marie Zammit, Jimmy Milhem, Fr Isidore, 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, Tony O. Adriana, Brian & Barbara Waterman, Mabel Griffith, Moya Smyth

Remembrance Day 11.11.2018

Honour their Spirit

Sunday, 11 November 2018 marks the **100th anniversary of the Armistice** which ended the First World War (1914–18). One hundred years ago, on 11 November 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after four years of continuous warfare. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years - the moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. We remember all those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.

Position vacant - St Charbel's College at Punchbowl is seeking a CA or CPA qualified accountant for a full-time role as its Business Manager. Contact Mr Greg Smith 0404 607870.

Position vacant PARISH ADVISER (FULL TIME)- Parish Support & Development Team, Sydney City. Must have an accounting qualification and be a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, CPA Australia or IPA or equivalent. More info at: <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/jobs/parish-adviser-parish-support-and-development-sydney-2/> **Application closes on 18 Nov 2018.**

RCIA On Wed 14th Nov '18 7:30PM 'Structure of the Mass' in St Raphael's Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend. Any queries please contact Graeme Dorahy on (02) 9546 6032.



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Home Rosary St Raphael (7:30PM)
12-11-18 Ralph & Grace Monserrat 5/77-79 Flora St, Kirrawee
19-11-18 Orly & Tina Macaraig 13/18-20 Kairawa St, Sth Hurstville

Home Rosary Mater Dei (11:00AM)
13-11-18 Cheddar St Nursing Home Cheddar St Blakehurst
20-11-18 Maria Perugini 52 Ferry St, Beverly Park

Just Like God

A grandson was visiting his grandmother one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" As the grandmother mentally polished her halo, she said, "No, how are we alike?"

"You're both old," he replied.



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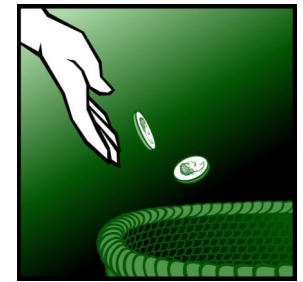
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Parishes of Mater Dei Blakehurst & St Raphael's South Hurstville

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

BULLETIN 11th Nov 2018

Dear Parishioners,

What joy it is to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the dedication of St Raphael's Church!

St Raphael's Church was built in 1928 and blessed on Sunday 23rd December. Earlier, in 1923, Fr Joseph Henry Morris, Parish Priest of Hurstville Parish encouraged Fr O'Brien to acquire four blocks of Land on the Florinda Estate in South Hurstville to meet the needs of the Parish. Kogarah Council records show Block Plan 50 in South Hurstville as 'RC Church'. It is on these lots that the present St Raphael's Church is situated.

We have now journeyed together to its 90th Anniversary. The sense of identity as a Catholic parish has continued to be built up by the efforts of our past Parish Priests, Sisters of Charity and parishioners.

We gratefully remember those who helped build the church and landscape the grounds. We acknowledge the immense contribution they and their families have made to its establishment. We especially thank Rosie Gould, for her book "An Ornament to the District- The founding of St Raphael's Church, South Hurstville", a worthy keepsake on the history of our Church and Parish. St Raphael's Church retains its traditional period charm with its many unique and classical features including our tall ornate columns and ceilings. It stands proud as a wonderful example of Australian craftsmanship.

The sharing in the spiritual, educational and social experience of St Raphael's has enriched the lives of us all. St Raphael's Primary School began with the arrival of four Sisters of Charity in 1929. They held classes in the Church, as many schools did in those days, on verandas, in local houses and even in a tennis shed.

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



Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 87:3
Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading: 1 Kgs 17:10-16
Elijah and the widow at Zaraphath.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2
Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading: Heb 9:24-28
Christ will appear again to bring salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 5:3
Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 12:38-44
The widow's mite.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 22:1-2
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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

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The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models. Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him. It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity. God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.

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"to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8)