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**Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 9 October (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. Due to changes to the school playground, parking is no longer available, **Disabled parking will be limited** to the main drive-

**AN INVITATION TO YOUNG WOMEN** from The Sisters Of The Good Samaritan. Join us for a day of prayer, reflection, and conversation and find out more about us. For further information please see the flyer attached; visit our website [www.goodsams.org.au](http://www.goodsams.org.au) or contact [bbeinke@goodsams.org.au](mailto:bbeinke@goodsams.org.au), phone **02 8752 5311**.

**Annual Catechists' Mass** which will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony (Tony) Randazzo. It will commence at 2.00pm in St Marys Cathedral, on Sunday 9 October to be followed by afternoon tea in the College Hall. Some Catechists will be receiving special awards at the Mass. For catering purposes, kindly advise Laura or Julia on 9507 8330 of your attendance. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

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.

**MARY, AND HER LIGHT OF MERCY. Saturday, 15 October.** At All Saints Catholic Church Corner George & Elizabeth Sts, Liverpool. 1.30pm Adoration and Benediction; 2.00pm Fr Anthony Bernard talks about 'Our Lady's Role in this Year of Mercy' and Fr Bong Pamintuan on 'Mary & Her Light of Mercy'; 4.15pm Veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe's Relic Icon (Confession available); 5.00pm Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil Mass). For enquiries, call **0404 881 811**.



**WALK WITH CHRIST COMPLETING THE YEAR OF MERCY.** The annual CBD Walk With Christ Eucharistic procession will take place this year at 2.30pm on **Sunday, 20 November**; the Feast of Christ the King. As the procession coincides with the closing of the Jubilee doors at St Peter's Basilica, Rome, it will be the completing event for the Year of Mercy in Sydney. Participants will gather for the start in a closed section of Pitt St, between Hunter St and Martin Place. The Blessed Sacrament will be brought to meet us there from St Patrick's, Church Hill. For more details visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist).

**A little piece of Australia was presented to Pope Francis** on 14 September by members of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, giving the Holy Father a copy of their eponymous icon 'written', as the tradition would have it, by the esteemed, NSW-based iconographer, Michael Galovic. The Ordinariate is a Catholic group steeped in the traditions of Christianity as they emerged in England, celebrating its own unique rites and liturgy with communities and priests throughout Australia, the UK and the USA. The leader of the Australian Ordinariate, Mons Harry Entwistle, was joined at the presentation by Ordinariate priest Fr Stephen Hill, currently based in Maitland-Newcastle, and ordinariate layman Brian Moyle. The icon was presented on the Feast of the Holy Cross, a significant day in the calendars of the Ordinariate and the Roman and Eastern Catholic Churches.



*Parishes of Mater Dei Blakehurst & St Raphael's South Hurstville*  
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C **BULLETIN** 2nd Oct 2016

**Entrance Antiphon Cf. Est 4:17**  
Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**First Reading:** Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
The just one shall live.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8  
**(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

**Second Reading :** 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14  
The Spirit makes us strong.

**Gospel Acclamation :** 1 Pt 1:25  
Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

**Gospel :** Lk 17:5-10  
The apostles ask for increased faith.

**Communion antiphon:** Lam 3:25  
The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

**Reflection**

In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why? We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on.

Faith in God is a gift for which we pray. It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep. We will be called to serve at table. The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community. Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God. Furthermore, what Paul taught had first been handed down to him from those who preceded him.

by Dianne Bergant CSS

**Scriptural context – A lesson for the disciples**

For the last few months, in the Sunday gospel readings, we have been working our way through the second half of the gospel of Luke. From the end of chapter 9 onwards, the gospel charts the journey of Jesus towards Jerusalem. Throughout this journey, Jesus teaches his disciples and attempts to prepare them for his departure and their need to step up and take on his ministry. Today's passage is an example of this instruction to the disciples. Jesus makes clear that they are being called to give their lives to faith in service of others without expecting any return – just as Jesus does!

**Prayer after Communion**

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume.  
Through Christ our Lord.



**Next Sunday's Readings**

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C  
2 Kgs 5:14-17  
Ps 97:1-4. r. see v.2  
2 Tm 2:8-13  
Lk 17:11-19

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**RCIA** 05<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016  
"Continuous Search for God" - 7:30PM in St Raphael's Meeting Room. For any enquiries please contact **Graeme Dorahy** - 9546 6032.

Across NSW in October, year 12 students sit their first HSC examination. We want them to know that they are in our prayers over the next few weeks. We pray that they remain calm and are able to concentrate during each exam, understand each question, and answer to the best of their abilities. Amen!!

**Pope appoints ACU Vice-Chancellor to Congregation for Catholic Education**  
Pope Francis has appointed Australian Catholic University (ACU) Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Greg Craven as a Consultor to the Holy See's Congregation of Catholic Education - the Vatican dicastery that oversees Catholic schools, universities and institutes of higher education around the world.

**Royal Commission hearings return to Sydney**  
The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse sat in Sydney again in recent weeks, with a public hearing into the case of former Priest, John Joseph Farrell, who ministered in the Dioceses of Armidale and Parramatta. The hearing was Case Study 44 for the Royal Commission.

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**  
 04-10-16 Caterina and Greg Colubriale  
 68 Hatfield St Blakehurst 8-00 P.M  
 11-10-16. Cheddar St. Nursing Home  
 Cheddar Street Blakehurst 11-00 A.M

**Home Rosary St. Raphael's** Mon 7:30PM  
 03-10-2016 Henriette Prego  
 31 Waterview St, Carlton  
 10-10-2016 Jose Luis & Lulu Ynfante  
 3 Annie St, Hurstville

**Please Pray for:**

**Recently Deceased:** 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, Bernie Holdsworth, Mgr John Walsh, Fr Dominic Ceresoli, Billy Mascarenhas,

**Also pray for:** Albine Alvarez, Sam Greco, Domenico Portolesi, Tony Gonzales, Maria Angeles, Francine Kidd, Ron Brooks, Antonieta Mayorga, Jose Caicedo, Robert Holt, Natalina Beghetto, Natale Pelle, Arturo Caruso, Michael Webster, Catherine Kelly, Clarice Dorahy, Les Woodward, All souls in Purgatory

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

**Mass Offered:** Felice & Josephine DeFina

**Sick:** Paul McCann, Robyn Mattern, Mary Foar, Roger Elsworth, 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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
 The parishes run Children's Liturgy of the Word sessions during Mass on Saturday evenings at St Raphael's and Sunday mornings at Mater Dei.  
 We need more volunteers to help (on a roster) with this very worthwhile work. Resources are provided. If you are interested, you are very welcome to tag along some time and see how it works. Please contact the Parish Office on 95462605/95462544 or email at admin@materdei-straphael.org.au

**Thanksgiving Prayer**  
 O Great St. Joseph of Cupertino who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favour in the examinations for which I am now preparing. In return I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked. Through Christ our Lord.  
 St Joseph of Cupertino.  
 Pray for us.  
 Remember, when you succeed in the exams then you should thank St. Joseph of Cupertino in the Newspaper.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	829.65	311.40
Second: loose	365.30	381.20
Envelopes	552.00	793.00

**Mind your language** On the first hole, Fr Murphy sliced into the rough. His opponent heard him mutter, "Hoover!" under his breath. On the second hole, the ball went straight into a water hazard. "Hoover!" again, a little louder this time. On the third hole, a miracle occurred & 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.



*"Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful... Help me, O Lord, that my ears may be merciful... Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful... Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful... Help me, O Lord, that my feet may be merciful... My true rest is in the service of my neighbour."*  
 - Saint Faustina Kowalska

**Saint of the Week : St Francis of Assisi** was born the son of a wealthy merchant of Assisi in 1181. After a conversion experience as a young man, St Francis renounced his inheritance and even his clothes, instead wearing the simple garments given to him by the bishop of Assisi. Living a life of extreme poverty, St Francis preached in the streets, begged for his sustenance, served the sick and lived in harmony with nature. After attracting followers, he founded the Franciscan order in 1209. He continued living in poverty, preaching and working with lepers. In the end he resigned as the head of the Franciscans. After living in meditation on Mount Alvernia he received the stigmata, which bled periodically for the remaining two years of his life. His prayer, 'Canticle of the Sun', epitomises St Francis' communion with God and the universe and makes him an obvious patron of environmental causes.

**MONTH OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES:** The Australian Catholic Bishops have called for a month of prayer and fasting for marriage and families during October. All parishes in Australia will be praying for this intention **during October**. Each of the Sundays in October has a different theme and prayer and there is a prayer card for the whole month to use. Each parish and family can incorporate these themes into their schedule of Masses, adoration, rosaries and groups. Download the resource kit at [www.acmfc.org.au](http://www.acmfc.org.au)



**Daylight saving begins in NSW on Sunday, 2 October 2016 when clocks go forward one hour**

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

- ✓ the seven spiritual works of mercy:  
 to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, pray for the living and the dead
- ✓ the seven corporal works of mercy:  
 to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the Sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead  
 ... to be continued

Ministry 1st & 2nd 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 / Rosie		Marguerite
Readers	Lovat Family	Yenson Family	Sonia Magpilly / Maureen Wells	Gail A / Angela H / Luisa Galea
Altar Servers				
Children's Liturgy	Mary, Hannah, Rachel			No Liturgy
Ministry 8th & 9th Oct 2016 (2nd Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm V	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes / SS	Greg Driver	Michael F	Gary Cartmer	Graeme Dorahy
EMHC	Ida Chandra / Shirley Wakefield	Sophia Z / Monica F		Marguerite
Readers	George Saab / Carl Pavia	Fernandes Family	Ronnie Cartmer / Louise Tapp	Joan Hanson / Jean Dorahy
Altar Servers				
Children's Liturgy	Kelly & Delaney			No Liturgy
Music		Julia	Kim	Kim
Power Point operators	Volunteers	Chris Wong	Bro. Michael/Ray	Wendy & Michael Eather

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

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**60th MATER DEI CHURCH ANNIVERSARY 30/10/16**  
 We would like to request our Parishioners and friends to share/contribute their photos, articles and memoirs of Mater Dei Church and it's community of the times gone by. If you have any old photographs or newspaper clippings that you think would be good to share can they be brought to the office/emailed please. We will scan the photograph or document so you can have the original back. Please **contact Parish Office on 95462605** or email [admin@materdei-straphael.org.au](mailto:admin@materdei-straphael.org.au)

**Mater Dei and St Raphael's Parishes Calendar 2016**

13/10/16	MD Pastoral Council Meet @ 7PM	MD Hall
30/10/16	Mater Dei Church 60th Anniversary	MD Parish
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".**

**TRUTH JUSTICE HEALING COUNCIL**  
 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

