



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

8th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C *Bulletin* 27th Feb 2022

## **Entrance Antiphon :** Cf. Ps 17:19-20

The Lord became my protector.  
He brought me out to a place of  
freedom; he saved me because he  
delighted in me.

## **First Reading:** Sir 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they  
have spoken.

## **Responsorial Psalm:**

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to  
you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the  
Lord to make music to your  
name, O Most High, to pro-  
claim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches  
of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the  
palm-tree and grow like a  
Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of  
our God, still bearing fruit when  
they are old, still full of sap, still  
green, to proclaim that the Lord  
is just. In him, my rock, there is  
no wrong. (R.)

## **Second Reading:** 1 Cor 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us  
through Jesus Christ.

## **Gospel Acclamation :** Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel :** Lk 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his  
heart.

## **Communion Antiphon:**

I will sing to the Lord who has been  
bountiful with me, sing psalms to  
the name of the Lord Most High.

## **REFLECTION** by Greg Sunter

In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an over-arching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life.

On the surface, the idea that one person's opinion is as valid as any other's seems very democratic and sociable. However, it is fundamentally not true. Someone who has spent a lifetime studying and practising in a particular field of endeavour cannot be lightly dismissed as 'that's just your opinion'. Yet, all too often, such learned knowledge and experience is given the same weight as ill-informed and sometimes mischievous opinion – frequently in the name of 'balanced' discussion.

For some people immersed in the post-modern culture this wash of opinion dressed up as fact is not only confusing but sometimes dangerous. Social norms and even laws can be seen as just another opinion that differs from my own. The opinions of friends and complete strangers on the internet or social networks are held with the same level of legitimacy as established sources of social, moral, legal and religious authority. Whilst it is proper to question established authority and require accountability and justification, the absence of universal truths and meta-narratives lead us back to the proverb that begins today's gospel: the blind leading the blind.

### **Gospel Focus – Good from Good**

'The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good.' What makes a person good? Is it that they have had good things happen in their life? There are plenty of people who have had good things in their life but they remain cynical and spiteful people. Similarly there are plenty who have had the hardest of circumstances yet goodness constantly flows from them. It's not the external influences but what we do with them that determines whether we are nurturing 'good treasure' or harbouring 'evil treasure'. This is not just sugary sweetness but a deliberate decision to be a person of hope.

### **Scriptural Context – Three texts; one lesson**

Today's gospel is made up of three separate teachings of Jesus that have been put together by the gospel writer to convey a particular message. When taken together, the three teachings all shed light on the way believers influence one another in community. It is a call to witness to one another through actions as well as words. Before we seek to teach another we must ensure we have adequately learned the lesson ourselves. We must be self-appraising before we critique another. Finally, our actions towards one another are a reflection of our intentions; good actions come from goodness of the heart.

### **The Stations of the Cross commencing Fri 4th March**

St Raphael Church: Friday 7:00 PM followed by adoration

Mater Dei Church: After the 9:15 AM mass on Fridays

**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 our God" (Micah 6:8)*

"Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death."

- Pope Francis

MASS TIMES			Ministry 26th/ 27th Feb (4th Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	St Raphael Church	Mater Dei Church		5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Tuesday		9:15am Mass	Acolytes	Greg Driver	Norman, Michael F	Br Michael	Volunteer
Wednesday		8:45am Rosary, Novena 9:15am Mass		Readers	Rose T Monica F	Lappen Family	Volunteers
Thursday	9:15am (School and Parish Mass)		Ministry 5th/ 6th Mar (1st Sun)		St. Raphael's		Mater Dei
Friday	Stations 7:00pm Adoration 7:30pm	8:45am Adoration 9:15am Mass + Stations	Acolytes	5.00pm	8.30am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Saturday	Reconciliation 4:30pm 5:00pm Vigil Mass	6:15pm Vigil Mass		Greg Driver	Max, Gary	Tony Oscuro	Paul Watson
Sunday	8:30am Mass 6:00pm Croatian Mass	10:00am Mass	Readers	Pavia Family	Yenson Family	Fran Oscuro	Gail, Luisa

Please arrange for a replacement if you are unable to serve - Michael Fernandes 0437 517 758

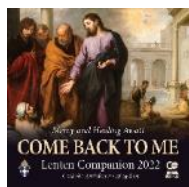
**Pray for good health of :** Judy Lee, John and Shirley Wakefield, Yin Kwan Tsang.

**Mass Offered:** Fr Isidore, Elias Haddad, Jeffrey Bishop

**Also pray for:** Holy Souls in Purgatory

## LENTEN PROGRAM 2022

**COME BACK TO ME: Mercy and Healing Await**



Starting on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March** – the parish is offering the opportunity to make space for time with God in prayer and community over **6 weeks** in preparation for Easter 2022.

Please come and join as we read, ponder, pray and contemplate each of the Sunday Gospels up to Palm Sunday using the Go Make Disciples Lenten Companion booklets which will be supplied.

You can either join face to face or via Zoom. Registration Sheets are also on the desks at Mater Dei and St. Raphael churches (please indicate which meeting option and put your name and contact details).

TIME	Thurs 7:30pm-8:30pm
Meetings in Person	St Raphael's School Meeting Room
Led by	Carl and Susan Fabbro 0418 672 394 cpavshome@gmail.com
Meeting via Zoom link	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/9577646626?pwd=UjZscTFZRXZhZXJ2RjYcnd3dVlrUT09">https://zoom.us/j/9577646626?pwd=UjZscTFZRXZhZXJ2RjYcnd3dVlrUT09</a>
Led by	Monica and Michael Fernandes 0437 517 758 mc@materdei-straphael.org.au

**ALPHA 2022: Date: 8th March 7:30 pm via Zoom**

**REGISTER: With the QR Code or the link**



<https://forms.gle/uvhkDCxKzpKeE2K39>

**Cost: Free to attend. For more info visit:**

[www.materdei-straphael.org.au](http://www.materdei-straphael.org.au)



### Home Rosary Mater Dei

01-3-2022 Josie & Denis Kocina 45 Town-  
son St Blakehurst. 11:00 AM  
08-3-2022 Nives Care 33 Church St  
Blakehurst. 11-00 A.M  
Everyone welcome

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	289.30	227.95
Second: loose	439.10	297.30
Envelopes	532.50	660.00

**FUNNY** A police officer jumps into his squad car and calls the station. "I have an interesting case here," he says. "A woman shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped." "Have you arrested her?" asks the sergeant. "No, not yet. The floor's still wet."

## Ash Wednesday Mass timings 2nd March 2022

**9:15 AM**— Mater Dei Parishioners with the School community  
**11:30AM**— St Raphael Parishioners with the School community  
**7:00 PM**— Evening Mass at Mater Dei Church

### MARCH HEALING MASS

Fri 4th March 2022 7:00pm Rosary 7pm-8pm  
Reconciliation, 7:30pm Praise & Worship, 8:00 PM Mass. Celebrant: **Fr Brian Steele MGL**  
St Joseph's Catholic Church 126 Liverpool Rd Enfield.

### MARIST COLLEGE KOGARAH OPEN DAY

Wed 16th March 2022 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
52 Wolseley Street, Bexley NSW 2207  
[Mckogarah.catholic.edu.au](http://Mckogarah.catholic.edu.au)

### PULPIT POINTS 27 FEBRUARY 2022

- Sydney Prays for Ukraine
- 'Reformers' demand: Stop the Plenary
- Death Duel: Upper House debates euthanasia law
- Somascan Parish Rocks
- Movie review: Conviction: The Case of Stephen Lawrence
- Why I became a Catholic

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