



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

Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary time Year C

Bulletin

14th August 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading: Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

You bore me to be a man of strife
for the whole world.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.)
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay. He set my
feet upon a rock and made my
footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my
mouth, praise of our God. Many
shall see and fear and shall
trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me. You are
my rescuer, my help, O God, do
not delay! (R.)

Second Reading: Heb 12:1-4

Let us bear patiently the struggle
placed upon us.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says
the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel : Lk 12:49-53

I have come not to give peace, but
discord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

This week's short and sharp gospel brings to mind two popular sayings (sometimes regarded as blessings, and sometimes regarded as curses). The first is fictitiously ascribed as an ancient Chinese saying, 'May you live in interesting times!' The inference of the blessing/curse is that 'interesting times' equate to disturbing, tumultuous times or times of rapid change. Some people thrive on such change and upheaval, while others dread the thought of change.

The second blessing/curse is, 'May the peace of Christ disturb you!' It occasionally turns up around Christmas or Easter and is sometimes provocatively used by those who advocate for justice and peace. The saying cuts to the heart of what Jesus says in today's gospel: the message he brings is not a cosy, complacent peace, but rather a message that confronts and challenges, even turning loved ones against each other.

Jesus reminds us that if we take on his message of compassion, hospitality and table fellowship then it can set us apart from those who have not accepted the message – even family members. It's a challenging message that even love and loyalty within a family can be disrupted by seeking to authentically live the model of Jesus. If we authentically place the needs of the lowly and the outcast ahead of our own and ahead of our family, then this can be very confronting and very disrupting. What are the consequences for family gatherings? What might the gathering at Christmas dinner look like if we take this message seriously? Jesus says that the normal obligations to family have to take second place to acting on his message and bringing about the kingdom of God.

Living the Gospel – Speaking a hard message

Today's gospel reminds us that the message of Christianity is not always a popular one. Sometimes we are called upon to speak a hard message; a challenging message; a confronting message. The message of the gospel frequently confronts our popular culture and accepted social practice. It often contradicts the expedient decisions of our political leaders. There is a responsibility on us to speak the hard message of the gospel even at the risk of unpopularity and even in the face of threat. The Christian heroes of our time are those who call leaders to measure up to the demands of the gospel.

Scriptural context – Turning point

As we've seen over the last few weeks, chapter 12 of the gospel of Luke presents a collection of sayings by Jesus exhorting his followers to take up his message fearlessly and assuring them that if they do so then God will protect them – even in the hardest of times. The chapter captures what must have been a period of frustration for Jesus in his ministry: he has been preaching and performing miracles, yet his followers don't seem to understand his purpose. The chapter has an urgency and a sharpness of tone that reflect the frustration of Jesus at this mid-point in the gospel.

Historical Context – Family ties

In the ancient world, and particularly in Jewish culture, family meant everything. One's identity was completely tied up with family. Families absolutely depended on one another for survival and for personal identity. Young men were identified by who their father was. Women quite literally 'belonged' to their father or husband. The entire fabric of society and tradition was held together by extended families. For Jesus to say that his message would tear families apart was to say that all of society would be transformed by the message. The kingdom of God turns expectations and society on their head, breathing new life into tired, restrictive structures.

MASS TIMES		
	St Raphael Church	Mater Dei Church
Tuesday		9:15am Mass
Wednesday		8:45am Rosary, Novena 9:15am Mass
Thursday	9:15am	
Friday	7:30pm Adoration	8:45am Adoration 9:15am Mass, Cenacle
Saturday	4:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass	6:15PM VIGIL MASS Every 1st and 3rd Sat (except school holidays)
Sunday	8:00am Mass 6:00pm Croatian Mass	10:00am Mass

Feast of Assumption
Mon 15th August 2022
Holy day of obligation
St Raphael's mass 6:30am
Mater Dei mass 9:15am

Please Note:
The next 6:15pm vigil mass at Mater Dei will be on Sat 20th August 2022.

Catholic Lay Chaplains
St George Public Hospital

Gary Cartmer from our Parish and Sister Maria Pineda are Catholic Care Lay Chaplains at St George Public Hospital Tue, Wed and Thu. They are there to provide emotional, spiritual and sacramental support for you or your family member. If you would like their support, please feel free to call the Chaplains office on **9113 2189** and leave a message with the patients name and they will provide ongoing support during their stay.

Recently Deceased: Tuyt Tran Dang

Death Anniversary: Jannette, Laury and Habib Battikha

Pray for good health of : Analiza Torres Zapata, Yin Kwan Tsang.

The Catholic Weekly
PULPIT POINTS 14th Aug 2022

- Five more for the vineyard.
- Scott Hahn. Don't lose heart. Get going!
- Seventy years married
- Women in the church
- Movie review: DB Cooper: Where Are You?
- Who's a priest? You are!

Fr Thomas PP on Leave

Fr Thomas will be going on holidays to his home in India from 22nd Aug to 22nd Sept 2022. During this time we will have a visiting priest to celebrate the masses.

13th / 14th Aug (2nd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.00am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Minh	NO MASS	Volunteer
Readers	Pavia Family	Fernandes Family		Joan Hanson Jean Dorahy

Africa Food Crisis (Caritas)

Drought and conflict in the Horn of Africa have left over 18 million people facing severe hunger. Four consecutive failed rainy seasons have devastated the crops of millions across the region.

We must act now and Make Hunger History.

Your generous donation means our partners in countries like Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Eritrea can respond quickly to support vulnerable communities during this crisis. Visit www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.


SCHOOL of ROCK The Musical

At Mater Dei two of our senior students, have been successful in their auditions for roles in the main student chorus for the show and attend regular rehearsals. Additionally, over 50 of our Year 4, 5 and 6 students have been rehearsing throughout Term 2 and 3 to be a part of a massed dance and vocal ensemble for this performance. It will indeed be very exciting to see Mater Dei so well represented in this exciting production. Tickets can be purchased at: <https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=SCHOOLOR22>

20th / 21st Aug (3rd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5.00pm	8.00am	6.15pm V	10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Earl, Carl	Ray Low	Volunteer
Readers	Volunteers	Rounds Family	Br Michael Nina M	Jolly Jose Wendy E

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

Sunday Morning Games at St Raphael: We had a good response with good fellowship with parents and children.



SCHOOL of ROCK THE MUSICAL

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PARISH STUDENTS


Come along to School of Rock The Musical
at Qudos Bank Arena
11 & 12 October

Tickets through Ticketek

ROSARY	
St Raphael's Church	Mater Dei Church
Every Monday at 7:30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Every Sunday 9:30am before the 10am mass

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	398.80	407.50
Second: loose	391.55	396.85
Envelopes	400.00	490.00

CENACLES OF THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS Every Friday after the 9:15am mass at Mater Dei Church



Mater Dei Home Rosary
16-8-22 Marguerite and Denis Derrig
32 Waratah St Kyle Bay 11-00 AM

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The car accident had landed me in hospital in a pretty bad shape. On the third day my eight-year-old granddaughter arrived with her mother. She looked in awe at the wrist-to-shoulder cast on the left arm, then asked to see the rest of the damage. I showed her my broken right ankle, which wasn't in a cast yet; my left leg, bruised knee to thigh; and, pushing back my hair, a raw bump the size of an egg above my eyebrow. Her blue eyes wide, she asked earnestly, 'Grandma, can I take you to school tomorrow for show and tell?'



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