



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

Pentecost Sunday- Year A

Bulletin

28th May 2023

Entrance Antiphon : Wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O
Lord! The earth is full of your
riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they
die, returning to the dust from
which they came. You send
forth your spirit, they are creat-
ed; and you renew the face of
the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for
ever! May the Lord rejoice in his
works! May my thoughts be
pleasing to him. I find my joy in
the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all bap-
tised, making one body.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of
your faithful and kindle in them the
fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel : Jn 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send
you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

Communion Antiphon: Acts 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy
Spirit and spoke of the marvels of
God, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

Historical Context – Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

Have you thought? The Spirit

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

Living the Gospel – Come, Holy Spirit

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, 'Veni Sancte Spiritus', has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

MASS TIMES		
	St Raphael Church	Mater Dei Church
Tues		9:15am Mass
Wed		8:45am Rosary, Novena 9:15am Mass
Thurs	9:15am Mass	
Friday	7:30pm Adoration	8:45am Adoration 9:15am Mass
Sat	4:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass	Vigil mass on 1st & 3rd Sat (Next mass is on 3rd June)
Sunday	8:00am Mass 6:00pm Croatian Mass	10:00am Mass



The **Walk with Christ** is an annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney making a joyful public proclamation and act of worship towards the person of Jesus Christ (as King), and to invoke His blessing upon the city. The Archbishop would like to encourage as many people to attend as possible. A bus will be provided if there is sufficient numbers. Sunday 11th June 23 Begins at 2:30pm, corner of Martin Pl and Pitt St.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Mater Dei / St Raphael Church Appeal
will be made on 10th 11th June 2023



IN LOVING MEMORY 15th Anniversary Biaggio Signorelli

Although You are not physically with us, you are always in our thoughts and hearts.

Your loving wife Fina Signorelli, children Nina, Paul, & Anna, and their respective spouses and grandchildren.

HELP END THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS DEVASTATING OLDER WOMEN.

Your generosity will provide shelter, food, clothing and long-term support to older women in crisis - our mothers, grandmothers and aunts - and help rebuild their lives.

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There will be morning tea at Mater Dei Church on Sun 28th May after the 10am mass

Children' Liturgy
There is children's liturgy this Sunday at Mater Dei Church 10am Mass

27th /28th May (4th Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5:00pm	8:00am	6:15pm	10:00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Michael F Norman	No Mass	Volunteer
Readers	Volunteers	Rounds Family		Monica F Gabriella
3rd/4th June (1st Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5:00pm	8:00am	6:15pm	10:00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Gary, Max	Tony Oscuro	Paul Watson
Readers	Barry Lovat Volunteer	Monica F Ronnie C	Frances Oscuro	Gail Abbott Luisa Galea

Mater Dei & St Raphael Parish Calendar 2023		
30&31/5/23	MD Sacrament of Confirmation	Mater Dei
1/6/2023	SR Parish Council Meeting	St Raphael
13/6/2023	MD First Eucharist Parent Info evening	Mater Dei
15/6/2023	SR & MD Parish Renewal Workshop 6:30pm	St Raphael

Death Anniversary: Jose Paulo Fernandes, Biaggio Signorelli

Pray for good health of : Richard Low, Anne Lo, Sunga Family, Adele Shehata, Anna Liza Torres Zapata, Yin Kwan Tsang.

Pray for the deceased: Briege Robson, Monica O'Brien, Vivian Sorial, Jeffrey Bishop, Fr Isidore, Antonius Widjaja, Holy Souls in purgatory.

Mater Dei Home Rosary

30-5-2023	Marguerite & Denis Derrig 32 Waratah St Kyle Bay	11:00 AM
06-6-2023	Marguerite & Denis Derrig 32 Waratah St Kyle Bay	7:00 PM
All are welcome		

The Catholic Weekly 28 May 2023 PULPIT POINTS

- Dempsey medal winners celebrated for parish service
- How grace saved me from addiction
- Remembering the Sisters of Our Lady Help of Christians
- Catholic legal luminary David Jackson KC dies aged 82
- Archbishop Fisher: How leaders today can be inspired by St Paul
- Sydney Catholics inspired to unleash spiritual gifts

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	310.80	281.30
Second: loose	470.05	460.90
Envelopes	345.00	245.00



BAPTISM

This Sunday the Catholic Church of Mater Dei warmly welcomes the RCIA Candidates:

Vincent Choi and Chelsea Gao
Congratulations to the families

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Psalm 23 For Tech Heads

The Lord is my programmer, I shall not crash. He installed His software on the hard disk of my heart. All of His commands are user friendly. His directory guides me to the right choices for His name's sake. Even though I scroll through the problems of life, I will fear no bugs, for He is my back-up. His password protects me. He prepares a menu before me in the presence of my enemies. His help is only a keystroke away. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and my file will be merged with His and saved forever. -- Amen

