



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

The Most Holy Trinity -
Year A

Bulletin

4th June 2023

Entrance Antiphon :

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading: Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

Responsorial Psalm: Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)
Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

Second Reading: 2 Cor 13:11-13

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel : Jn 3:16-18

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Communion Antiphon: Gal 4:6

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an opportunity to reflect on the nature of God. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost – both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Today's gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, today reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love. The gospel reminds us that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son and Spirit. God loved the world into being and loved the people so much that God made a covenant relationship with them and repeatedly drew them back into that relationship when they strayed. God loved the world and the people so much that God became physically present through Jesus as yet another attempt to draw all people into an awareness of the loving relationship God desired for them. When Jesus could no longer remain a physical presence in the world, God's Spirit became more evident to continue the work of drawing people into that loving relationship with God.

Rather than focusing on the mystery of the Trinitarian God, today is an opportunity to marvel at the single-mindedness of God who is so determined to reveal the length and breadth of God's love to us. That revelation has been made manifest in different ways throughout time but remains constant and unchanging.

Historical Context – We believe...

The teaching on the Trinity was not formally constructed until the 4th Century and was documented in the creed that emerged from the Council of Nicaea. The Creed that is said today in the Sunday liturgy is a version of that original Nicene Creed. The Nicene Creed spells out Christian beliefs about the nature of God, Jesus and the Spirit and was worded very carefully to negate a variety of heretical views that were held at the time. It is as much a statement about what we do not believe as it is a statement about what we do believe!

Scriptural context – Trinity

At no point in the New Testament is the term 'Trinity' used. That understanding of the nature of God came much later. However, there are a number of scriptural references that led to this theological understanding. The Annunciation, the baptism of Jesus and the great commissioning of the disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all examples of the three persons of God being recognised or active in the gospels. Today's second reading shows St Paul using the three experiences of God as a blessing of the people of Corinth.

Living the Gospel – Sign of the Cross

Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice.

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



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.

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
10th/11th June (2nd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5:00pm	8:00am		10:00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Michael B	No Vigil Mass	Volunteer
Readers	Pavia Family	Rose T Annie M		Joan Hanson Jean Dorahy

Death Anniversary: Ferry Ariyanto, Biaggio Signorelli

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

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

Mater Dei Home Rosary

06-6-2023	Marguerite & Denis Derrig 32 Waratah St Kyle Bay	7-00 PM
13-6-2023	Nives Care 33 Church Street Blakehurst	11-00 AM
All are welcome		

The Lord is my Shepherd

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, 'The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know.'

BY RUMNY

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 are sufficient numbers. Sunday 11th June 2023
1:00 pm: Festival at Martin Place .
2:30 pm: Procession begins from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street



Parish Renewal Workshop

for Mater Dei and St Raphael Parishioners

Date: Thurs 15th June 2023 at 6:30 pm

Venue: St Raphael Parish Hall

All are encouraged to attend as we are one body in Christ. Pls RSVP to Michael Fernandes.

There will be morning tea in St Raphael's Parish Hall on Sun 4th June after the 8:00 am mass.



Vinnies Winter Appeal



Envelopes will be placed on the pews this weekend, to be taken home and returned the following weekend. The collection will take place at Mater Dei and St Raphael's church on 10th and 11th June 2023. Thank you for your generosity.

Mater Dei & St Raphael Parish Calendar 2023		
9/6/2023	SR Sacrament of Confirmation 7PM. Bishop Umbers	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

The Catholic Weekly 4 June 2023 PULPIT POINTS

- Dancing with the Stars judge Mark Wilson's dance with God
- 92-year-old Cooma taser victim was devout Catholic
- Calvary Hospital: Prime Minister supports ACT Government takeover
- Catholic street poet David Marsh's latest hymn from the street
- Monica Doumit: Calvary is a national test case
- Anthony Cleary: Don't underestimate young men's need for beauty

Petition to Save Calvary Hospital Bruce

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/petition-to-save-calvary-hospital-bruce/>

Also Join us to pray this Novena.

NOVENA TO SAINT ELIAS THE PROPHET

<https://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/p03981.htm>

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