



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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary time Year A

Bulletin

13th Aug 2023

Entrance Antiphon : Cf Psalm 73:20,19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9.11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people

Gospel Acclamation Psalm 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel : Matthew 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Communion Antiphon: Psalm

147:12,14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories we can perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew.

To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him.

To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be discipled to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Why did you doubt?' he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!

Historical Context – Separation

The image of Jesus still ashore while the disciples battled against strong winds and rising seas must have been an evocative one for the Matthean community. Like the disciples, they were acutely aware of their separation from Jesus. Unlike the disciples, they were separated by time and the raging storm that beset them was a tide of suspicion and persecution. At times they felt the strength and courage of Peter to step out of the boat and be Jesus in their world, but at other times they doubted their own abilities. It is a message for the Church of the day and the Church of today.

Pilgrimage to Holy Land and Rome (April 2024)

Some parishioners attended a meeting with Rome Pilgrimages company and noted the following details:

- a) It is a 13 days tour beginning with Holy Land (8 days) followed by Rome (5 days).
- b) Current cost (2023 price) is \$,4995.00 per person twin share with minimum 21 people.
- c) Includes accommodation, breakfast daily and most dinners. (Air Fare is not included).
- d) The tour can be extended by 5 days for an additional \$1330.00, to include Assisi and Florence (with minimum 10 people).

Proposed itinerary, starting on 8 April 2024 - depart Sydney; Tues 9 – Tues 16 April Holy Land; Tues 16- Mon 22 April Rome; Mon 22- Wed 24 April Assisi; Wed 24- Sat 27 April Florence.

HOLY LAND: Sites: Nazareth//Sea of Galilee//Bethlehem//Jerico//Jordan River//Judean Dessert// Mount Tabor//Bethlehem//Ein Karem//Jerusalem//Mount of Olives//Mount Zion//Holy Sepulchre// Old Jerusalem//Via Dolorosa//Western Wall//Old Jerusalem.

ROME: Sites: Vatican Museums//Sistine Chapel//Angelus and Audience with the Holy Father//Four major Basilicas//Night walking tour: Spanish Steps, Piazza Navonna, Trevi Fountain//St Peter's Basilica//Colosseum//Roman Forum//Catacombs.

ASSISI: Sites: St Damiano/Ermo delle Carceri//St Maria degli Angeli and Porziuncola//Basilica of St Claire//Basilica of St Francis.

FLORENCE: Sites: Uffici Gallery//City Walking Tour: Il Duomo//Giotto's Bell Tower//Academy of Florence//Leonardo da Vinci Museum//Ponte Vecchio//Basilica of the Holy Cross.

Here is a link to Rome pilgrimages: <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/rome-pilgrimages/> Please contact Michael Fernandes for any queries: 0437 517 758



MASS TIMES		
	St Raphael Church	Mater Dei Church
Tues		No Mass (Painting Church)
Wed		No Mass (Painting Church)
Thurs	9:15am Mass	Will be held in Church Hall 6:30pm Rosary 7:00pm Praise and worship 7:30pm Talk (see program)
Friday	7:30pm Adoration	No Mass (Painting Church)
Sat	4:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass	1st and 3rd Sat 6:15pm only (Next Vigil mass is on 19th August)
Sunday	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass

12th/13th Aug (2nd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5:00pm	8:00am		10:00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Carl Pavia	No Vigil Mass 12/8	Volunteer
EMOHC	Gail D	Ronnie C		Volunteer
Readers	FHC children	Sienna, Zac, Annie		Joan Hanson Jean Dorahy
19th/20th Aug (3rd Sunday)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5:00pm	8:00am	6:15pm	10:00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Earl Lappen	Ray Low	Volunteer
EMOHC	Susi Fabbro	Henrietta	Volunteer	Volunteer
Readers	Karen Volunteer	Yenson Family	Br Michael Nina Milazzo	Alan M Wendy E

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

Pray for the deceased: Mary Toohey, Briega Robson, Monica O'Brien, Jeffrey Bishop, Fr Isidore, Antonius Widjaja, Holy Souls in purgatory.

ROSARY

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

WYD Lisbon 2023 update



<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/pope-to-young-people-at-wyd-god-calls-your-authentic-not-virtual-self/>

Mater Dei Home Rosary

15-8-2023	Nives Care 33 Church Street Blakehurst	11-00 AM
22-8-2023	Nives Care 33 Church Street Blakehurst	11-00 AM
All are welcome		

ST MICHAEL'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Every Thursday night **MATER DEI CATHOLIC CHURCH**

6:30 pm Rosary
7:00 pm Praise & Worship, (Reconciliation)
7:30 pm Talk, Mass or Adoration



(Service will be held in the Parish Hall while the church is painted)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 17 If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation - Abraham George
August 24 Putting on the armour of God Ron Maldigri

Painting of Mater Dei Church

Painting of the inside of Mater Dei church will commence on 14th Aug 2023 for a duration of two weeks. There will be no week day masses at Mater Dei Church during this time

Mater Dei & St Raphael Parish Renewal Workshop

Date: Sat 23rd Sept 2023 at 10:00am
Venue: Mater Dei Michael Kennedy Centre
RSVP: Michael Fernandes 0437 517 758

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

All parishioners who undertake ministries where children are involved are required to procure a WWCC. It is free for volunteers. **Ministries that require a WWCC:** Youth ministers, workers or leaders; Sacramental coordinators and group leaders; Catechists in state schools; Ministers of the altar; Ministers of the word; Ministers to the housebound; Children's liturgy coordinators; Acolytes and senior altar servers; Special ministers; wardens and collectors. If you need help, please contact the Safeguarding Officer, Michael Fernandes on 0437 517 758.

The Catholic Weekly

13th Aug 2023 Pulpit points

- Sacred silence crowns World Youth Day adventure (p1)
- The church is for everyone: Pope Francis to pilgrims (p2)
- Religious vilification laws passed for NSW (p4)
- Robert Falzon: Dads need the gift of appreciation (p7)
- Busting myths about natural fertility (p15)
- Monica Doumit: Misinformation Bill will make govt the judge of truth (p17)

Fr Thomas will be on holidays from 14th Aug to 14th Sept 2023.

Fr Geoffrey Plant will be celebrating the Sunday morning masses and
Fr Jan will be celebrating the vigil masses.



The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast Day Tues 15th August Masses:
Mater Dei: No mass due to painting
St Raphael: 6:30am,
11:30am (School Mass)

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	345.80	257.90
Second: loose	311.80	423.65
Envelopes	375.00	185.00

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The Dog, Veterinarian, And The Cat Scan

There was this man that had a dog. He came home one day, and his dog was belly up with its legs sticking in the air. He wasn't sure if it was dead or not, so he took it to the vet. He told the vet of his problem, and the vet said that there was a sure-fire way to see if the dog is indeed dead. He left the room and returned with a cat. He rubbed the cat in the dogs face, and after a while came to the conclusion that the dog was indeed dead. The man was upset and asked the doctor how much he owed him. The doctor said, "\$550" The man was stunned. He asked the doctor to explain and the doctor said, "Fifty for the visit, and 500 for the cat-scan..."

