



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

Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B

Bulletin

14th Jan 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10.

R. vv. 8.9

(R.) Here am I, Lord;

I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord.
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my
mouth, praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and
offerings, but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust
and victim. Instead, here am I.
(R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands
written that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law in
the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20

Your bodies are members of the
body of Christ

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth
and grace.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 1:35-42

They saw where Jesus lived and
they stayed with him.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 22:5

You have prepared a table before
me, and how precious is the chalice
that quenches my thirst.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See' is a powerful image in this week's gospel. It is not a simple reply to the question of where Jesus is living; in some ways it is a summary of his whole ministry – come and see what I am on about and become part of it. It is typical of the invitational nature of Jesus' ministry. Throughout the gospels, Jesus offers and invites, he does not force his ministry onto anyone. When he invites us to 'Come and See' it is an invitation to 'give it a go'; take a chance; let go of what we know.

To 'Come and See' is exactly what Jesus invited the apostles to do. In this week's reading, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, takes up the invitation and becomes a follower of Jesus. He is so impressed with what he sees in Jesus that he finds his brother and tells him that they've found the Messiah and that Simon should come and join them. Jesus immediately gives Simon a new nickname: the Rock (Peter). There are many instances throughout the Bible of people taking or being given new names. Abram became Abraham; Jacob became Israel; Saul became Paul. This change of name is used as a sign that they have encountered God in a special way and have taken on a new life – a new commitment to God. In this instance, Simon is becoming a disciple of Jesus, a trusted and influential one at that.

Unlike the call of Samuel in today's first reading, in which the call to discipleship is heard as a booming voice, Andrew and Simon experience the call through personal encounter with Jesus. A booming voice from the sky might be helpful, but for most of us the call comes in much more subtle ways through our prayer and reflection on interaction with others.

Living the Gospel – Vocation

These days, the word 'vocation' seems to be applied to whatever job someone happens to find themselves in. More traditionally, the word carries with it a sense of undertaking work that has a deliberate purpose about it and that is outwardly focused. Usually, there is a sense that there is 'importance' to the work and that it is linked to God's dream for the world. The Church has tended to use vocation in reference to religious life. The word comes from the Latin, *vocare*, meaning call or name. Realising to what it is we are called can be one of the great challenges of life.

Have you thought? Why disciples?

Why did Jesus call a group of people to follow him closely and share in his ministry? Certainly, it was not uncommon at the time that a charismatic leader might attract a group of followers and 'hangers-on' but Jesus appears to have deliberately called some people to travel with him and share in what he was about. So much of what Jesus spoke about was living in right relationships: with God; and with one another. Rather than simply being a 'back-up group' for Jesus, the disciples provided a lived example of trying to live in right relationships. They didn't always get it right, but they were on the way.

From the perspective of ... The Disciples

We'd been following John the Baptist for nearly a year. He was a great man doing great work. He had called us to repent and baptised us in the river. We were so impressed with him that we began to follow him. There'd been plenty of other healers and preachers to follow but John seemed to be something special – some had talked about him being the messiah! Then all of a sudden John pointed out Jesus and called him the lamb of God. There was something different about this man and it just seemed right to leave John behind and go with Jesus.

MASS TIMES		
	St Raphael Church	Mater Dei Church
Tues		9:15am Mass
Wed		9:15am Mass
Thurs	No 9:15am Mass	No 9:15am Mass
Friday	7:30pm Adoration resumes 2 Feb 2024	9:15am Mass
Sat	4:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass	No Vigil Mass during School Holidays. Next mass is on 17th Feb 2024.
Sunday	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass

13th /14th Jan (2nd Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	5:00pm	8:00am		10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Carl Pavia	No Vigil Mass	Volunteer
EMOHC	Gail D.	Ronnie C.		
Readers	Volunteers	Volunteers		Joan Hanson Jean Dorahy
20th /21st Jan (3rd Sun)	St. Raphael's		Mater Dei	
	4:30pm	8:00am		10.00am
Acolytes	Greg Driver	Earl Lappen	No Vigil Mass	Volunteer
EMOHC	Susi	Henrietta		
Readers	Volunteers	Volunteers		Jolly Jose Wendy E

Recently Deceased: Hilary Barreto

Pray for good health of: Yvonne Amy, Gisselle Clark (Oscurio), Joan Rounds, Graeme Dorahy, Anne Lo, Sunga Family, Adele Shehata, Anna Liza Torres Zapata.

Pray for the deceased: Rafael Monserrat, George, Joan & John Beater; Mary & Patrick Derrig, Souls of all the departed Legionaries and their Families. Meri Beljo, Mary Toohey, Antonius Widjaja, Fr Isidore, Jeffrey Bishop, Fr Kennedy, Fr Kerr, all priests, Holy Souls in purgatory.

ROSARY

St Raphael's Church	Mater Dei Church
Mondays 7:30 pm Rosary & Adoration will resume on 15 January 2024.	Sunday 9:30am before the 10am mass
Fri night 7.30pm Adoration will resume on 2nd Feb 2024	(Will Resume in Feb 2024)

Mater Dei Home Rosary

Rosary will resume on the 6th Feb 2024

There was an elderly couple who in their old age noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down so they don't forget. They went home and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. "You might want to write it down," she said. The husband said, "No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream." She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. "Write it down," she told him, and again he said, "No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream." Then the old lady said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. "Write it down," she told her husband and again he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top." So he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The old wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, "Where's the toast?"

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Every Thursday night **MATER DEI CATHOLIC CHURCH**

6:30 pm Rosary, **7:00 pm** Praise and Worship and Reconciliation, **7:30 pm** Talk or Mass or Adoration



Dates to Remember

Feb 1	The power of Eucharistic Adoration—"Come to me all of you who labour and are heavily burdened"	Fr Hugh Thomas
Feb 8	Healing Mass	Fr George Garzkowski
Feb 15	What is coming and how to prepare (video)	Fr Jim Blount
Feb 22	The Prodigal Daughter	Di Brown
Feb 29	Preparing for Lent	Ron Maldigri

Please Note: Confession will be available from 6:30pm—7pm

The Catholic Weekly 14th Jan 2023 Pulpit points

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/>

- Remembering Cardinal Pell's passion for education
- Christmas cheer as Christ walks the streets
- Fr Vince's ordination dream comes true after mother's gift
- ACT Human Rights Commission seeks broad dying laws
- Monica Doumit: Fiducia Supplicans a gift for the church

Mater Dei & St Raphael's Parish Calendar 2024

31-01-2024	Schools re-open	MD & SR
13-02-2024	Mater Dei Council meeting 7:00pm	MD
14-02-2024	Ash Wednesday. Mass at SR: 6:30am & 11:30am. MD: 9:15am & 7pm	MD & SR
15-02-2024	St Raphael Council Meeting 7:00pm	SR
24-03-2024	Palm Sunday	MD & SR
29-03-2024	Good Friday	MD & SR
31-03-2024	Easter Sunday	MD & SR



There will be morning tea on Sun 4th Feb 2024 at Mater Dei Church after the 10:00am mass and at St Raphael's after the 8am mass.

HOMILY by Fr Geoffrey Plant :

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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

TYPE	St Raphael's	Mater Dei
First	349.45	153.45
Second: loose	188.05	206.35
Envelopes	425.00	290.00

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