

PARISH OF ST JOHN'S WOOD / THE GAP



Parish of St John's Wood/The Gap

WELCOME

RECONCILIATION

Mater Dei
Saturday 5.00-5.20

St. Peter Chanel
Sunday 4.30-4.45

BAPTISMS

Mater Dei
3rd Sunday

St Peter Chanel
4th Sunday

Baptism preparation
details available on
our website under
Parish Activities

PARISH SCHOOLS

Mater Dei
Primary School
Phone: 3514 4100

St Peter Chanel
Primary School
Phone: 3300 1202

PARISH COUNCIL

Kylie Gaul
(Chairperson)
kylie.brian@bigpond.com

New Parishioners
WELCOME

Please complete the form
in the newsletter.



Website: www.stjohnswoodthegap.net.au

Facebook page: [StJohnsWoodTheGapCatholicChurch@St John's Wood / The Gap Parish](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsWoodTheGapCatholicChurch)

Parish Office: PO Box 408, The Gap, Qld 4061

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8.30 am—3.00 pm

Contact: Phone: 3300 6099 Fax: 3300 6255

Churches: Mater Dei: 16 Philomene Drive, Ashgrove
St Peter Chanel: 41 Chaprowe Road, The Gap

Parish Priest: Fr. Vu Dinh Tuong mdei@bigpond.com

Parish Manager: Richard James manager.thegap@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Secretary: Caryn Lee thegap@bne.catholic.net.au

Sacramental Program enquiries only: ps.thegap@bne.catholic.net.au

SUNDAY 23rd July 2017 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gentleness

Gentleness is one of the virtues in the Beatitude.

"Blessed are the gentle they shall have the earth for their heritage" Mat 5,4.

Gentleness is not to be understood as meekness or weakness but rather it is the internal strength of a person that empowers us to control one's will and place God's will as a priority in our lives. It is the strength to practice what we confess in the Lord's Prayer: *Your will be done on earth, not ours.* Gentleness invites us to learn from the human heart of Jesus who humbled himself to be born on earth and to live amongst us, to show us the way to the Father and to make sacrifice of his own life to save us from sin and gave us life eternal.

The strength of earthly power can make people submit to you and material rewards can make recipients feel happy and proud about their achievement but it may not soften a heart. It is through the power of gentleness that we win the hearts of others. When we serve others with love and gentleness our heart meet their hearts and that makes charity and tenderness merges and that makes the act of charity worthwhile.

During his life on earth Jesus showed us about faith, love and charity. We Christians have no other interpretations apart from the one Jesus gave. His teaching about faith is to have faith in him. We have faith in Jesus and he told us that:

'whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works' Jn 14,12.

The Rabi asked Jesus what is the most important commandment? Jesus replied:

'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength and the second is this you must love your neighbour as yourself' Mk 12,29-30.

Charitable work is done in the name of Jesus will be remembered when he says:

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward' Mk 9,41

We are free to choose the way of life - choose to follow our own will we will be led by the way of the world. We can be lord of our own life. We choose to follow the way of Jesus, submit ourselves to do God's will on earth by providing services for others, the poor and the needy. When we choose God's way, caring for others requires gentleness and love.

The way of one's will aims to gain more power and money and success that makes one believe that s/he has the power to control his/her own future. This misguided judgment about our future is problematic. Whatever we possess makes us believe it will give us protection. World materials come and go; power is something given and we need to work hard to take hold of it. These powers quietly come into our lives and soon take control of our lives and we become slave for what they are suppose to serve us. Learn how to take control of what we own is challenging for many.

Doing God's will we don't do it alone but with God's grace will show us to walk in the right path and a community of believers will come to our assistance. God's gifts were given to us to work at their best when acts of love or charity are done with gentleness because God's love is the source of tenderness and wisdom.

Vudinh Tuong

Next Week's Readings:
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading
Romans 8:28-30

Gospel
Matthew 13:44-52

Prayers for the Sick

John Perks (Nellie's husband)
Marion Bowden
Stefan Golebiowski
Keith Hall (Louise's husband)
Marina Wightman
Mary-Lou Hay

Recently Deceased

Con Lucey
Noel Gayler
Peter Kuchler

Anniversaries

Astra Dihm
Pansy Gomes
Joe Martins
Verissimo Morato
Thomas Sexton
Sid Everingham
Patrick Roberts
Irene Rive
Doreen McCormick
Patricia Valentine
Guiseppe "Bepi" Pittis
Maxwell Bastick
Louise McGahan
Maureen Stewart

Please let us know about the sick

Every so often we learn of people confined to their home for quite a while or even transferred to permanent care in a hospice or nursing home.

We would like to bring the sacraments to them so please let the Parish Office know if family members are so confined.

Please contact the parish office: 3300 6099 or Vi Hall: Mob: 0477 894 904

Rosary

Rosary will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 24th July 2017 at Chris & Ron Jackson's house, The Gap



Rosary

If you would like to pray the Rosary in your home please contact **Bruce Bonney**
Phone: 3300 2959

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
In the place of sin, you give repentance.

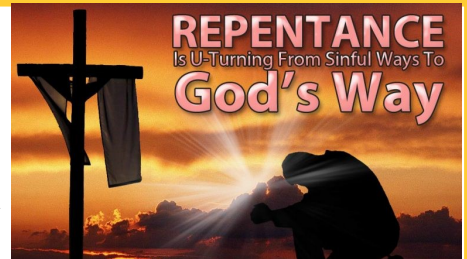
Responsorial Psalm:
Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27
The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-43
Let them grow together until the harvest.



PARISH KIDS MOVIE EVENT

As you can see the parish kids movie event last Sunday afternoon was a huge success. We had a great turn out of families and have received positive feedback. Thank you to Chelsea Clark and Dorene Parsonage for organising the event and thank you to the parents, grandparents and carers who bought the children along.

We look forward to the next one!! Thank you also to Peter Waycott for installing the new projector, screen and sound system in the Parish Hall. It made it possible to watch **The Boss Baby** on the **BIG SCREEN** with surround sound!!



MD Children's Liturgy Leaders Needed

The Mater Dei Children's Liturgy program is in need of new leaders and assistants to join our team. We have tonnes of experience between us, so you don't need to have any - all training and guidance is provided at a pace that suits you. To juggle the roster around everyone's busy family schedules and life events, we just need more people to be able to confidently cover all of the dates within the school year. We presently each cover just 2-3 Sundays per term, but you can do as little as one Sunday if required. Please contact Donna Lynn 0418931203, or lynn@lynnfamily.org

PARISH COOKING CLUB

The next cooking club is scheduled for Friday 4th August 2017 at 6pm at the Parish Hall. \$15 includes dinner and a glass of wine. Limited spaces so please book early.

Email your interest to Sherille sherilledoly@gmail.com. Cash can be dropped off in an envelope to the Parish Office with your name and number marked 'cooking class'.

Thank you to Conor Wilson's Year 3 class from St Peter Chanel Primary School for the beautiful art work of the sacraments displayed at the back of the SPC Church. The colours and pictures are beautiful.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Mater Dei Church
Monday 7pm-8pm
Friday 6pm-10pm

BEQUEST OR WILLS

All parishioners are asked to consider including our parish St John's Wood/The Gap in your will.

One of the greatest contributions you can make to our parish is to ensure a legacy of faith for the young and to provide proper care for the old.



NEW PARISHIONER CONTACT FORM

Family Name: _____
 Other Names: _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Marital Status: _____
 Spouse Name: _____
 Spouse's DOB: _____
 Children & DOB's: _____

 Address: _____
 Home Phone: _____
 Mobile: _____
 Email: _____

Tick to commence Parish
 Planned Giving

Please place this completed form in the collection plate or email your details to the Parish Office at: thegap@bne.catholic.net.au or contact the Parish Office on 3300 6099.

If you or your family have been in the parish for over 25 years and would like yours or your family's picture in the upcoming parish history book, please give photos and names to the parish office (thegap@bne.catholic.net.au) before the end of July.

This history book comprises of three parts:

- The existing history book remains unchanged;
- The groups and events in recent times; and
- Individual or family photos submitted.



The history book will be published at the same time of the 80th anniversary celebrations of Mater Dei Church.



St Peter Chanel Primary School
Family, Food & Fun Festival Fair

The SPC Church Carpark will be closed on Sunday, 30th July, in support of the St Peter Chanel School Fete. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Disabled parishioners can park in front of the parish office in the parish office car park.

St Peter Chanel Primary School - Family, Food & Fun Festival

Raffle Tickets \$2 each

1st prize: Gold Coast Holiday Rentals Voucher valued at \$1500

2nd prize: Mini iPad 4 valued at \$779

3rd prize: Resort Club Voucher valued at \$500

Tickets will be available outside the SPC Church after 8:00am mass this Sunday 23 July.



Marist friends, associates, students and ex-students are invited to the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the first community of Marist Brothers at LaValla France 1817 by St Marcellin Champagnat.

11 am 12 August 2017

at the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

For catering purposes please rsvp your attendance to Helen Quirk helen.quirk@marists.org.au or phone 3354 0600 by Monday 7 August 2017

It will be important to be seated by 10.45 am at the Cathedral for Mass



NO. 1 FOR WRITING

Mater Dei Primary School is the No. 1 school for Writing across all 139 schools within Brisbane Catholic

Education.

We are well and truly on the journey of achieving our Writing Smart goal for 2017.

Congratulations to the staff and students for their continued focus on achieving the highest results for their learning in literacy.

Come to our

OPEN CLASSROOM MORNING
 Friday July 28th 8:40am to 9:40am
 7 Lynwood Crescent, Ashgrove West

Everyyoung Club

Next meeting is Thursday 27th July 2017 at 10:00am in the Parish hall.

All welcome to come and enjoy a cuppa and get together.



Bible Group

Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Next meeting Wednesday evening 26th July at SPC Parish Office at 7:30pm to 9pm.

Anyone interested please contact Luisa Ph: 0422 919 887



RCIA -

Do you know someone who is considering becoming a Catholic? Have you been considering becoming a Catholic yourself or have a school age child who would like to be a Catholic? The next RCIA program is commencing shortly. Please contact the parish office on 3300 6099.

Birthdays for this week in July
Laurence Mooney
Peter Monaghan
Denise Arnold



Prayers for the sick:

When there is a request to pray for a sick person their names will be in the Prayers of the Faithful for 2 weeks and in the Bulletin for 2 weeks. If you wish to continue after that, please contact the parish office.

Names of recently deceased will be on the prayer list for 2 weeks

The Editor retains the right to edit any items that are submitted to the bulletin.

The cut off for the Parish Bulletin is Wednesday 3pm.

If you have any queries please contact the Parish Office on: 33006099

MASS TIMES	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL	FEAST DAYS/NOTES
Monday 24/07			
Tuesday 25/07	9:00am Catholic Education Week All School Mass		Saint James
Wednesday 26/07		9:00am Catholic Education Week All School Mass No morning tea after mass	Saints Joachim & Anne
Thursday 27/07		9:00am	
Friday 28/07	9:00am		
Saturday 29/07	5:30pm mass		Saint Martha
Sunday 30/07	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm mass	

SPC School News....

Term 3 is already in full swing and we are rapidly approaching two significant events in our school community and one has just wrapped up.

This week our Year 6 students, along with several members of staff ventured to Sydney and Canberra for a week long adventure. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. It was an amazing experience for all involved.



Next week we will celebrate Catholic Education Week. We will embrace the theme of *Sharing the Journey* by inviting Grandparents to join us for the morning on Wednesday, 26th July. Following Mass, our honoured guests will enjoy morning tea and special performances by many of the students across the school. Our Grandparents will then be invited on a guided tour to see learning in action in the classrooms.



See our school website for more details.

(<http://www.spcthegap.qld.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>)

Sunday, 30th July sees the celebration of our school's Fair, which is held every second year. All are warmly invited to join in the fun and enjoy delicious food and other treats. We would love you to come and join us after Mass. There is every chance you will pick up a bargain and take home something yummy! Not only that, you will be supporting a significant event in the life of our school. We hope to see you there.



Blessings,
 Margo Carwardine,
 Principal



Pender & Whitehouse Solicitors Since 1917

JOHN WHITEHOUSE
 PH (07) 3356 6589

Deceased Estates, Fixed Fee Conveyancing,
 Business - Leasing and Buying & Selling

Email: pwh@qld.chariot.net.au
 250 Enoggera Road, Newmarket.. Qld 4051

Michael Messery

(Advanced certificate of horticulture)
 (Associate diploma of science-horticulture)

- Landscaping
- Gardening
- Mowing

Ph:3300 0572
 Ph:0407 645 559



HOLY CROSS FUNERALS

The only funeral service owned and operated by the Catholic Church

Ph: (07) 3293 0555 Web: www.holycrossfunerals.com

