



Parish of St John's Wood\The Gap

WELCOME

Baptisms
Sarah &
Ellen McAdam (SPC)
Viva Ryan

• **Rosary**
 Monday 25th
 May at
 Gordon
 Simpson Street, 24 Arkana
 St., The Gap at 7:30pm



**EVER YOUNG
 GROUP**

Meets next Thursday
at 10am in the SPC
Hall. Come and
enjoy good company,
bingo and morning
tea.

Planned Giving
If there have been
any changes to your
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NEWS IN BRIEF

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PARISH OF ST. JOHN'S WOOD / THE GAP

PENTECOST SUNDAY

24TH MAY 2015

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Vultus Misericordiae

On the second Sunday after Easter, also known as 'Sunday of Divine Mercy', Pope Francis solemnly proclaimed that as a Church we will have a Jubilee Year celebrating Divine Mercy. It is to begin on December 8th, which is both the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the fiftieth anniversary of the close of the Second Vatican Council. He did this by issuing a Papal "bull" named, *Vultus Misericordiae* (The Face of Mercy).

A Bull is used when a Pope wants to make a solemn pronouncement. They are by nature serious and it demands both our attention and action. Even how it is presented tells us it is important as it is written on parchment, and a lead seal (bulla) is attached with cords of silk. On one side of the seal would be the image of the reigning pope, and the other side would bear the images of St. Peter and St. Paul. By comparison, an encyclical denotes a pastoral letter written by the Holy Father for the entire Church. It is broader in scope and less solemn. This type of document focuses on a pastoral issue concerning a matter of doctrine, morality, devotion, or discipline.

However as solemn as this decree is, the unmistakable richness and gentleness of Pope Francis radiates throughout this document. Like his encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium*, this new document finds its evangelical and theological centre in Christ. The very first sentence reads: "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy." Francis is showing us exactly who Jesus Christ is and reveals to us that the essence of His relationship from the Father and to ourselves is mercy.

In the second paragraph the Holy Father says:

We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

Some have argued that the Pope's message has a broad understanding of the concept of mercy, that the term could be replaced by a number of others—the Incarnation; the Resurrection; Grace; Love—any of which would ring true in these various sentences. However for me, as theologically true as that argument may be, it misses the point that, Pope Francis is less concerned with precise theology than he is with conveying a message of pastoral care and loving tenderness.

And there is no doubt that Pope Francis believes that this manner of message is necessary in order to evangelise the modern world. For me this makes this man a great modern day prophet who we need to not only listen to but to take the example of his action into our world.

Richard James

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Next Week's Readings: The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading

Deuteronomy
4:32-34,39-40

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

Prayers for the Sick

Mary Lou Haynes
Robert Bergin
Helen Ross
Angie Webster
Klaus Ingenhoven
Monica Judd

Recently Deceased

Wayne Palmer
Catherine Blighen

Anniversaries

Brian Collins
Joe Arnold
Jill Beaton
Ross McLeod

Prayers: when there is a request to pray for a sick person their names will be in the prayers of faithful for 2 weeks and in the bulletin for 4 weeks. Names of recently deceased will be on the prayer list for 2 weeks and in the bulletin for 2 weeks.

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.



Introduction:

Today we celebrate the birthday of the Church when the Holy spirit came on the disciples fortifying and impelling them to continue the mission of the risen Jesus.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Luke describes the beginnings of the Church's universal mission through the power of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost when faithful Jews would gather fifty days after the Passover.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

Gospel Reading: John 15:26-27;16:12-15

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

• Father Tuong on holidays

Father Tuong will be on holidays from the 18th May until 5th June. Please note there will be no weekday Masses during this period or Healing Mass in June however weekend Masses remain unchanged.

• RCIA Program

A new Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) group will start soon in this Parish. Do you know of someone who has expressed interest in finding out more about the Catholic Church? Please contact Richard at the Parish Office (3300 6099) for more details.

• Sale of Peruvian made goods – Relieving Poverty – Bringing Hope

A Mary MacKillop Ministry www.Ethica.org.au

The weekend of 30th and 31st May at Mater Dei and 14th June at SPC there will be a stall after each Mass in the parish selling articles made by Peruvian women living in poor areas of Peru. Assistance in this ministry is always welcome. Contact chris.symonds@sosj.org.au 0487234386

• The Order of the Mass

Liturgy Brisbane has printed The Order of the Mass which contains all Eucharistic prayers, solemn blessings and Rite for Sprinkling water. If you would like to order a copy please contact the office.

• Faith Education - "Retreat in Daily Life"

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE FOR MEN & WOMEN on the theme; PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP OF JESUS.

SPC Wednesday Sept 16 9-2.30pm (BYO Lunch)

MD Thursday Sept 17 7-9pm (A shorter version of the same theme)

Elizabeth Kerr is a member of the Faber Centre of Ignation Spiritually team and will lead us in prayer. FREE ADMISSION

• Enrolments closed

Enrolments for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist have now closed. We welcome 130 children who now begin their preparation.

• Movie Night

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped on Movie night to make it a wonderful community event. It was great to see so many support this event in our Parish. The seventy people that attended all enjoyed a BBQ and drinks. Thanks also to Meixner's Meats for supplying the burgers.

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A VOCATION VIEW:

Be guided by the Holy Spirit, because with the Spirit comes love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self control. With God's help, come forward to proclaim to those who are searching for meaning in life. As the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit. What about you? To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Brisbane.
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 Email: vocation@bne.catholic.net.au
www.catholicpriesthood.com

Date	Event	Time	Location
May 30/31	Sale of Peruvian made goods	After Mass	MD
June 7	Children's Mass		MD & SPC
June 14	Sale of Peruvian made good	After Mass	SPC
July 15	Fr Bill O'Shea talk "Evangelium"	7-8pm	SPC
July 22	Fr John Chalmers talk "Gospel of Joy"	7-8pm	SPC
Sept 16 17	Retreat in Daily Life—Elizabeth Kerr A shorter version of the above	9am-2.30pm 7-9pm	SPC MD

• **Mater Dei celebrates**

Mater Dei School celebrated the blessing of the new administration building and Student Amenities last Friday morning. Father Tuong celebrated the liturgy with the whole school and special visitors.



Wine Sales
 Our New Wines From Seven Hills winery in SA are available for purchase. There are 2012 Merlot and 2013 Riesling. The cost is \$15 per bottle or \$160 per carton of 12. Contact the office.

- The Editor retains the right to edit any items that are submitted to the Bulletin.
- Names will be placed in the sick list for a period of four (4) weeks, if you wish to continue after that please contact the Parish Office.
- The cut off for the Parish Bulletin is Wednesday 3pm.
- If you have any queries please contact the Parish Office.

Around the Parishes

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE 75TH JUBILEE DINNER

All parents, past parents and Old Boys are cordially invited to attend this dinner at Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday 1 August 2015. Visit our website, www.marash.qld.edu.au for details or contact Kay Wells (3858 4586) or wellsk@marash.qld.edu.au for further information.

Mass for the Deaf. St Michael's Church, 250 Banks Street, Ashgrove, for the Central Deanery Pastoral Council, will host an Auslan-Supported Mass on **Sunday 7 June at 8.30 am**. A warm invitation is extended to all who would like to attend this Mass, with morning tea afterwards. Other Auslan Masses will be on **1 September, and 22 November**.

Enquiries to dorrington@bne.catholic.edu.au

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8.30am to 3pm
Tuesday to Friday

RECONCILIATION

Mater Dei
Saturday 5.00-5.20
St. Peter Chanel
Sunday 4.30-4.45

PARISH SCHOOLS

Mater Dei Primary:

Ph: 3514 4100

St Peter Chanel
Primary:

Ph: 3300 1202

BAPTISMS

Mater Dei
3rd Sunday
St Peter Chanel
4th Sunday

BAPTISM PREPARATION
Details available on our website under Parish Activities

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New Parishioners are welcome
Please place your name in the Book at the back of the church.

MASS TIMES	MATER DEI Air conditioned	ST PETER CHANEL	Feast Days/Notes
Monday			No Weekday Masses of Liturgies as Father Tuong is on holidays
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday	5.30pm		Vigil Trinity Sunday
Sunday	9.30am	8am 5pm	Trinity Sunday



Happy Birthday Terry Foley who celebrated his birthday on Friday 15th. Terry is the leader of the Communion for the Sick at Regis.

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