



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

Steven Foley
(Chairperson)
stevenlfoley@hotmail.com

New Parishioners
WELCOME



PARISH OF ST JOHN'S WOOD/THE GAP

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SUNDAY 21st August 2016 - Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Customs and Traditions

Customs and traditions are unwritten laws or verbal rules that people of the same cultures are used widely. Wherever people move they carried with them their customs and cultures to a new place of resettlement and that is how customs and traditions spread over national boundaries. Some customs and traditions were acceptable in home soil but received strong objection when applied to a new land. Some of them were sensible in a village setting but became a nuisance and chaos in a city life style. When we migrate to a multicultural society we need to be mindful of our own cultures and other people's cultures. This would help to avoid conflicts and culture clashes and to live in harmony with the main stream society. We are not assimilated but are called to live in multicultural society. There is no clear cut differences between what is a custom and what is a tradition and most of the time the two words are used interchangeably. Customs and traditions are the products of human society and in themselves contain wisdom, gathered through real life experience of previous generations, handed down to the next generation. Through customs and traditions we learn something about the ways in which our ancestors had gone through and how customs and traditions had been created. Customs and traditions are suppose to make life easier but when rigidness is applied to real life situations it becomes a hindrance. We need to be attentive and considerate to avoid burdens for others.

The Gospel recorded several occasions religious leaders of the community placed themselves above customs and traditions and used them as means for their financial achievement. The misuse of customs and traditions became burdensome for the underprivileged. Jesus who was on the side of the poor and marginalized criticized the religious leaders.

Since they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heaven burdens and lay them on men's shoulders... everything they do is done to attract attention. Mat 23,4-5

Jesus criticises the ways in which religious leaders used customs and traditions as for personal gain. They attacked Jesus' disciples for neglecting to keep the traditions, because they did not ceremonially wash their hands before meal. Jesus challenged them, asking why they "break away from the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition" Matt. 15:3.

Jesus loved customs and traditions that are praising and giving glory to God. Jesus loved customs and traditions that give life and support life. He came not to abolish the law but to complete them Mat 5,17. He taught his disciples the law of love and providing loving service for others. He taught them to serve with gentleness and humble of heart. Any custom and tradition that promotes love and protects lives are good to keep because they are aligning with the teaching of Jesus. Customs and traditions are not deep rooted in God's love may be better abolished than to preserve them.

Vudinh Tuong

Next Week's Readings:

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel

Matthew 11:29

Prayers for the Sick

Recently Deceased

Klaus Ingenhoven

Betty Bonney (OAM)

Christine Colwell

Maria Shorley

James Murray

Mary Boudette

Judy Simpson

Anniversaries

Eileen Taylor

Ron Taylor

Barry Weir

Elizabeth 'Bess' Egan

Geoff Arnold

Mary Butler

Pat Butler

Mary Heard

Ken Heard

Alma Brady

Beverley McPhee

Patricia Serico

Veronica Homer

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: 0409 894 904

Rosary

Rosary will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 22 August 2016 at Bruce & Val Bonney's house, 34 Romeo Street, The Gap



Rosary

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

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

Responsorial Psalm:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.



Parish Pastoral Council News

At the last Parish Pastoral Council meeting held on Wednesday 3 August 2016, the following matters were discussed:

- Multicultural Mass;
- Disability Support Program;
- Father Tuong's Silver Jubilee;
- St Steven's Church Fiji Fund Raising Assistance.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 September 2016.



Bible Group

Meeting Wednesday evening

24th August at SPC Parish Office at 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

Anyone interested please contact Luisa
Ph: 0422 919 887



CHOIR PRACTICE

On this Monday night
22 August, from 7pm
to 8pm at SPC

Church.



Everyoung Club

coming up again.
Next meeting is on Thursday 25 August at 10:00am in the Parish hall.

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



Parish Pastoral Council Election

Once again the time has come for some new members for the council. Nominations (both men and women) for the positions will close on Sunday 18th September, 2016 (6 people required).

The purpose of the pastoral council is to assist, support and guide the parish priest (Fr. Tuong) in the spiritual and general development of your parish so that we can go forward in a progressive manner that is expected of the parishioners and a modern church.

These positions are most rewarding as you get a better insight of the running of your parish and your Archdioceses. If you would like to nominate yourself or somebody else (check with them first) please contact the Parish office or a current council member for more information.





Year of Mercy
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Mater Dei Church
Monday 7pm-10pm
Friday 9.30am-10pm

A VOCATION VIEW:

Twenty-first Sunday of the Year - C

A VOCATION VIEW:
 Whom the Lord loves,
 He disciplines. The best
 way to lead others
 through the narrow
 gate is to be formed
 and disciplined as a
 leader. Then you can
 go through the narrow
 gate, yourself. Go out
 to all the world and tell
 the Good News!



Share the Dignity

No women should suffer the indignity of choosing between eating or buying sanitary items.
 Our parish is helping this cause throughout August.
 Please contribute to this worthy cause by leaving sanitary items in the box at the back of the Church.

Your help is appreciated.



Ignite
 Would you like your child to experience a fun-filled, Spirit-filled, Youth-filled Catholic encounter with Jesus and make new friends? Come to the National Catholic Youth Conference during the September holidays. For more information: www.igniteconference.com.au

St Brigid's Red Hill Year of Mercy



St Brigid's Church at Red Hill will open for pilgrimage, private prayer, meditation and reconciliation every Friday night from 5 to 7pm.

Pot Luck Dinner

The Pot Luck Dinner is on Sunday 28th August after 5:00pm Mass at SPC.

Please bring a meal to share.
 Tea, coffee and cordial will be provided.

Tenor Lindsay Gaffney will be serenading us with his beautiful voice. Lindsay's CD's will be available to purchase on the night for \$10.



POTLUCK DINNER



Fundraising for St. Steven's Church, Naboutini, Fiji

Can We Help?? St. Steven's Catholic Church in Naboutini, Fiji is desperately in need of funds to furnish the interior of their church. The church was built 10 years ago and has no proper altar and the congregation sits on the floor for services.

Will You Help? You can help by buying a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets will be drawn at the Pot Luck Dinner on the 28th August 2016. Prizes will be a quilt, a lap rug and a small hamper.

Thank you for your support.



NEW MINISTRIES ROSTER FOR MATER DEI

A new Ministries roster for weekend masses is to be prepared for the next 6 months -

OCTOBER 2016 – MARCH 2017.
 If you wish to join the roster for any of the Ministries or do not wish to continue on a roster please phone or email -

For Coordinators, Readers and Ministers of Communion
 Saturday 5.30pm Mass - Helen Mahoney Ph 3300 2207

Sunday 9.30am Mass - Tricia Wogan Ph 3300 4773 or E Mail tricia.wogan44@gmail.com

For Audiovisual Operators and Altar Servers –
 Cathy Kruip Ph 3366 6942 or E Mail ckruip@bigpond.net.au

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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.



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 and in the bulletin for 2 weeks.

MASS TIMES	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL	FEAST DAYS/NOTES
Monday			The Queen of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	9:00am		
Wednesday		9:00am	Saint Bartholomew
Thursday		9:00am	
Friday	9:00am		
Saturday	5:30pm		Saint Monica
Sunday	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	

Thank you

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out on Monday at the Solemnity of Assumption of Our Lady Mass, together with the volunteers who helped with two funerals recently. With our volunteers like Bev Dick, Jan Anderson, Rosemary Brady, Peter and Margaret Maher, Maureen Foley, Carol O'Brien, Judy Golebiowski, Kate McCarthy, Cheryl Maynes, Fiona Taylor and Michelle Mead, just to name a few, shows the wonderful parish community that we have. If you would like to go on our catering volunteer list or become a volunteer in our parish, please contact the parish office.



Thank you

Thank you to Von Delaney from the Happy Patchers for making the beautiful 'Mercy' banner to be displayed in the parish office for the Year of Mercy.

Thank you Von, it is wonderful.



Thank you

Thanks Mike McGahan, James Davidson, Wayne Le Bon and Peter Waycott and his son for the new TV screen at MD Church.

It looks great!



TUESDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP

Please come and enjoy a cup of coffee and cake with other parents from The Gap Community. It's an informal gathering to chat and meet other parents while our children play and get messy with craft.

When: Tuesday mornings at 9am (after school drop off).

Where: St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Hall.

What to bring: A gold coin donation (in order to keep the coffee pot full and the kids entertained).



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Happy wedding anniversary

Stan & Betty Conlon.

62 Years married on

21st August.

Congratulation



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

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