

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

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Primary School

Phone: 3514 4100

St Peter Chanel
Primary School

Phone: 3300 1202

PARISH COUNCIL

Steven Foley
(Chairperson)

stevenfoley@hotmail.com

New Parishioners
WELCOME

RCIA - The first enquiry meeting for the RCIA Program is on Monday 5th Sept at 7pm at the Parish Office. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact the Parish Office on: 3300 6099

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SUNDAY 28th August 2016 - Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Public Places



When we go to a public gathering for a celebration we are supposed to enjoy a life free of responsibility, unless we are a member of the organizing team, otherwise we become an anonymous person. If we do run into a friend or someone whom we know it is only an informal greeting and then we quickly are in the moods of the celebration with the crowds. Unlike a public gathering, at a family party each participant has some role to play. In order to enjoy the celebration and avoid being a nuisance for the host family, every participant needs to observe the rules of the house. Every guest at the family party is well known to the host and is invited for a specific purpose. We are invited to share the joy and the happiness on the happy occasion of the host or we are distinguished guests. We may not know all others guests but we are somebody known to the host. Because of the personal relationship with the host we are not anonymous guests but are parts of the celebration.

Jesus and his disciples were invited to dine at a leading Pharisee's house on the Sabbath. Some guests were watching Jesus closely; others were fighting about the place of honour. Tension arose amongst them. Allocating a place for a guest to sit at the party was the job of the host. Guests who allocated a seat for their own reversed the role, taking the place of the host. Tension was escalating and chaos was happening. Jesus told them that expecting the place of honour in public only happened for those who were thinking that they were important. They gave themselves the right to be recognized in public. They had power and lacked no food or clothing. What they now wanted was not necessity things for the living but extraordinary luxury and recognition in public places. The poor, the crippled, the lame and the marginalized were their victims. Public places were their quarters. They come to the party to celebrate, to enjoy the company of friends and to have a good time, not honour and prestige and status. They know that they have done nothing to be invited and are grateful that they are invited. They are happy to enjoy whatever the host has to offer. They celebrate with a thankful heart. In short they come to celebrate, to enjoy the generosity of the host. They were not looking for status or being celebrated and recognized.

The attitude of the poor, the crippled, the lame and the marginalized at the wedding party Jesus praised about is also the same attitude Jesus expects in the heavenly banquet. Jesus is the host of the heavenly banquet and we are guests invited. In the heavenly banquet there is no room for the arrogant and the proud.

Humility is the key to happiness and inner peace. Humility helps us to understand that it is not we who deserve the invitation but entirely depend on God's generosity and mercy. What do we bring to celebrate the heavenly wedding? A humble and genuine heart is the most appropriate gift.

Vudinh Tuong

**Next Week's Readings:
23rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

*First Reading
Wisdom 9:13-18*

*Second Reading
Philemon 9-10, 12-17*

*Gospel
Luke 14:25-33*

Prayers for the Sick

Julia Bell

Recently Deceased

Judy Simpson
Eon Wade
Jane Beevers

Anniversaries

Beverley McPhee
Patricia Serico
Veronica Homer
Martin Eastwood
Col Petersen
Bob Colley

**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**



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OF BRISBANE

The 2016 Annual
Catholic
Campaign starts
on the weekend
of 3rd & 4th
September.

Rosary

Rosary will be held at 7:30pm
on Monday 29 August 2016
at Trish Corby's house, 26
Doncilla Street, The Gap



Rosary

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

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.



Thank you

Once again our Multicultural Mass and lunch was a great success.

There were more people in attendance at both the mass and luncheon. These events don't happen without the generosity of a lot of people. However, there are some people we would like to

say a special thanks for their support and help.

Thank you Rosemarie Brady and Jan Anderson for their time in organising the liturgy and the church for the mass.

Thank you to all the volunteers and the Multicultural Committee (Peter Maher - representing the PPC; Sherille Dolby - representing

SPC School; and Lorelei Frawley - representing MD School) and their helpers and other committees. The principals of SPC - Margo Carwardine and MD - Madonna Sleba. Tim Cotter and Mark McCurdy for their support prior to and on the day. Mike Hardy for doing an excellent job as emcee. Last but not least, all the people who helped setup on the Saturday and worked on the Sunday.

The cooperation between the 2 schools and the parish to bring people of different backgrounds together for the delightful celebration was wonderful.

A big thank you for students for their entertainments and those who brought national dishes to share. May this "reach out" together receive abundant God's blessing upon you and your families.



St Peter Chanel Choir



Mater Dei Dancers



Friends and families enjoying different cultures national dishes

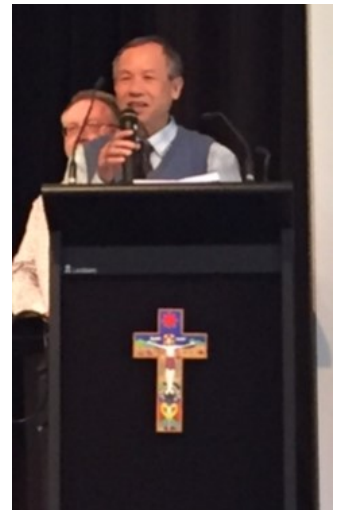


**Year of Mercy
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament**

**Mater Dei Church
Monday 7pm-10pm
Friday 9.30am-10pm**



**Multicultural
Mass**



**Father
Tuong
blessing
the food**



**Pot Luck
Dinner**

This Sunday

The Pot Luck Dinner is on this 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.



People gathering to try out national dishes of different cultures



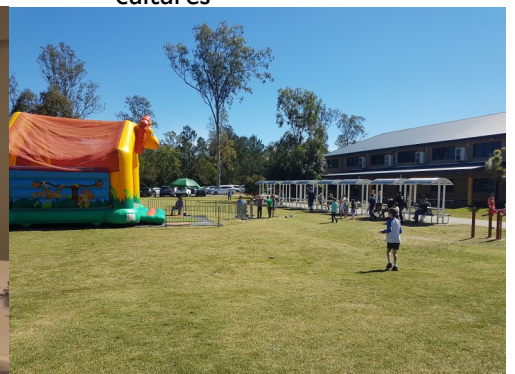
**Share the
Dignity**

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.



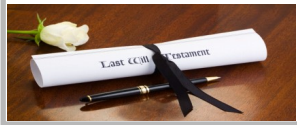
Jumping castle fun



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.

ADORATION GROUP

Meets on the 1st Friday of each month (2nd Sept) 2pm to 3pm at St Peter Chanel Church

ALL WELCOME

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			The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
Tuesday	9:00am		
Wednesday		9:00am	
Thursday		9:00am (Healing Mass)	
Friday	9:00am (Healing Mass)		
Saturday	5:30pm		Saint Gregory the Great
Sunday	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	

Mater Dei School News



Book Week:

Mater Dei School's Annual Book Parade had the atmosphere of excitement which I am lead to believe was as fun and exciting as 'THOR' the movie being filmed in the city. Many characters were in disguise and we welcomed our 2017 Preps on the morning. The hospitality mat was certainly out and we were reminded of the wonderful creative designs and ideas that come forward each year for Book Week Parade. The staff and children enjoy dressing up and celebrating their love of literature. I pay a special tribute to Mrs Sarah Merrett, Mrs Penny Hall and Mrs Angela Platt for putting so much time into the week to ensure its success. Visiting authors, book week performances and Book Fair were well received by all. I hope all our families who were there went away feeling a sense of welcome and belonging.

Visit to Sydney Schools:

Last week along with thirteen Principal colleagues I had the privilege of travelling to Sydney and visiting four schools in the Sydney Catholic Schools dioceses. These schools have been on similar educational journeys to Mater Dei. We met with Principals and Learning Leaders who shared their journey of visible learning, and the positive and growth impact this had on both teacher and student learning.

I found the experience to be very affirming of our own journey here at Mater Dei School, but at the same time I took away a great deal of learning that could be applied in improving our own teaching and learning for our context here at Ashgrove West. We were challenged to renew our own focus on a school, cluster and system level. Personally there were many strategies and practices that I saw and have shared with our staff to improve literacy for all students. I have taken many notes and photos of contemporary classroom learning environments and data



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Stan Conlon
For Friday 2nd September

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