

# PARISH OF ST JOHN'S WOOD / THE GAP



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**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](http://www.stjohnswoodthegap.net.au)

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

Facebook group: St John's Wood / The Gap Parish

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](mailto:mdei@bigpond.com)

Parish Manager: Richard James [manager.thegap@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manager.thegap@bne.catholic.net.au)

Parish Secretary: Caryn Lee [thegap@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:thegap@bne.catholic.net.au)

Sacramental Program enquiries only: [ps.thegap@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ps.thegap@bne.catholic.net.au)



*SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## Continuous Growth

Since the time of the resurrection of Jesus up to the present day and it will continue to the end of time, the message of the Good News of and about Jesus of Nazareth will continuously be preached to all corners of the earth. There has been times it was strong and flourished and at other times it was steady and underdeveloped. In places where the message was suppressed it stays like a seed buried under the snow and when conditions were permitted it burst sprouting out. The message of the Good News could have never been freed from persecution and restriction. Persecution of the Catholic faith is seen as the shadow of the Church. It had been with the Church right from the beginning of the establishment of the Church. One can say where there is the faith being preached there is a history of the Church being persecuted. Because the Good News preached is for the poor, it makes claim the equality treatment of justice for all; it promotes the sanctity of life and that is contradicted to society's beliefs and that is the root of all struggles. It is a struggle happened between good and evil or light and darkness. The message of the Good News requires change to a new way of life and change often meets with opposition and resistance. As a result missionary is the main target of persecutions. Persecution happened to the prophets in the Old Testament; to John the Baptist; to Jesus and it continues to exist today.

After John the Baptist was arrested, Jesus withdrew to Galilee and began his public ministry at Capernaum. It is a fishing village, located on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. It was at Capernaum Jesus called some of his apostles and they walked with him day after day. They began to preach about Jesus after his Ascension. These ordinary men were eye witnesses for the Passion and the Resurrection of Jesus. They have committed to what they saw and heard. Since then the spreading of the message about Jesus Christ has never stopped.

Because God's chosen people refused to welcome Jesus as their expected Messiah, he began his public ministry for the poor, fishermen, and for the Gentiles. He lived amongst them and taught them about God's love, mercy, forgiveness and eternal life. His message was identical to John's: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand' Mat 3:2. People may argue that the two thousand year old message belongs to the ancient world. It is unfit for the modern day. The interpretation is a misconception of the message because it calls for repentance not of the world but of a human heart to change, to renew. A human heart stays young as long as it is connected to God's love. A young heart isn't tired in doing charity works. It is active in its ministry sowing God's love for the world.

Vudinh Tuong

**Next Week's Readings:**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*First Reading*  
Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13  
*Second Reading*  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
*Gospel*  
Matthew 5:1-12

#### Prayers for the Sick

Eamonn O'Dwyer  
Fr John Newman  
Peter Kuchler  
Carolyn Webster  
Travis Gerreyn

#### Recently Deceased

James Humphreys  
Betty Stevenson

#### Anniversaries

Margaret Breslin  
Matilda Batch  
Jennifer O'Brien  
Irene Eaton  
Anton Corera

#### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 at Brian & Bernadette Bennetts' house, 14 View Parade, Ashgrove



#### Rosary

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

#### First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.



## Lenten Program



Lent begins Wednesday 1st March 2017. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

Last year we had a number of the Lenten Prayer Groups held at private homes around the parish. It was a noble and holy thing to do and I would like to thank these host families for their generosity and charity work and hope that this year you continue to do the same.

There are folders at the back of the church for Group Leaders to indicate your interest to be a Group Leader in the Lenten Program. Please fill your names on these folders or contact the Parish Office.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



The dates for the Sacramental Program for 2017 have now been set.

### First Holy Communion - Students in Year 4

First Holy Communion will take place at one of the weekend masses of 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Enrolment forms are available now on the Parish website or please contact the parish office.

Forms must be returned no later than **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017** to be included in this year's sacramental program.

### Confirmation - Students in Year 3

Confirmation will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 and 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

Enrolment forms are available now on the Parish website or please contact the parish office.

Forms must be returned no later than **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017** to be included in this year's sacramental program.



The Parish of St John's Wood / The Gap is now on Facebook.

Please like our Facebook page and join our Facebook group. It is a great way to keep informed of our Parish activities and be involved in our Parish community.



Facebook page: StJohnsWoodTheGapCatholicChurch@St John's Wood / The Gap Parish



Facebook group: St John's Wood / The Gap Parish



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

**Urgent Adorers needed**  
**Fridays from 6-7pm &**  
**7-8pm contact Veronica**  
**Rice on 3300 3627**

**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](mailto:thegap@bne.catholic.net.au) or contact the Parish Office on 3300 6099.



**THE LITTLE KING'S MOVEMENT FOR THE HANDICAPPED**

The Little King's Movement once a year Parish Appeal will be held next weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. This year, 2017, the Parish offers any donations from the exercise class to the movement.

There is no Government funding, and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement. This is the major fundraiser for the year. In previous years the Parish has been very generous even in the most difficult financial times, for which the Movement is most grateful.

**menCONNECT- Date Claimer**

**Our first Gathering is on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017**  
 The focus will be "Discipleship" (Being a Disciple of Christ)

with **Jeff Lawrence** presenting.

Jeff has a Master of Ministry, he serves as a local church pastor and chaplain, as a spiritual director and biblical storyteller. He is involved in the Christian Meditation community and men's work.

**Date - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Cost - \$20.00 (breakfast included)**

**Time - 7 am to 1 pm (Half Day)**

**Venue- Brookfield Centre for Christian Spirituality (The Friary)**

**139 Brookfield Road Kenmore Hills 4069**

(Refidex Map 177:15) 15 minutes from MD or SPC

**RSVP - by 4<sup>th</sup> February by email [justmichael@bigpond.com](mailto:justmichael@bigpond.com) or Ph: 0459 992 228**

**Bible Group**

Meeting Wed evening 11<sup>th</sup> January at SPC Parish Office at 7:30pm to 9pm. Anyone interested please contact Luisa Ph: 0422 919 887



**A VOCATION IEW: Third Sun in Advent - A**

A VOCATION VIEW: "As your models in suffering hardships and in patience, friend, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord." (James5:10)

**There is a parcel from Hungary at the office for Gulyas Gabor Boluu Fulie Audor, Grete, Teyla ????? To collect please contact the Parish Office on 3300 6099.**

**Help needed with After School RE**

On Tuesday afternoons this parish community provides an opportunity for primary age children who do not attend our parish schools to learn more about the catholic faith. Sessions are from 3:15pm to 4:15pm and are conducted by volunteers. With the new term about to start we are calling for new members to join our team. We need people of good heart prepared to LEAD A CLASS - ASSIST A LEADER - MOVE FURNITURE - MAKE SANDWICHES - PLAY MUSIC - PAINT WITH US or just be with us. If you can help talk to Caryn at the parish office 3300 6099. All volunteers work subject to the Archdiocese's Working With Children policy.

**After School Religious Education**

The parish of St John's Wood / The Gap again invites you to enrol your child in our After School Religious Education Programme for 2017. We offer an experience of the catholic faith tradition and assistance with preparation for the sacraments. Sessions are held on Tuesday afternoons at Mater Dei Church, West Ashgrove 3:15pm-4:15pm. Sign on from Tuesday 7th Feb. Enquiries to the Parish Office 3300 6099.



**Brisbane School Leavers**

In an effort to help bridge the gap between year 12 school leavers and the wider Catholic Church, the Youth Evangelisation Office has created a website called

'[www.schoolleavers.org.au](http://www.schoolleavers.org.au)'.

This website helps the youth to stay connected with the wider Catholic Church after school.

**Mothers' Prayers Group**

Mothers' Prayers Group is a group for mothers who wish to pray together for their children and grandchildren and includes mothers whether married or single. Since 1995 Mothers' Prayers has spread to over 80 countries and at the meetings mothers are Blessed by being able to share and pray for their children. We meet on the 1st Monday of each month from 10:00am to 11:30am. If interested please contact Helen Knight on 3300 2271.

# AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017

St Peter Chanel Church

9:30am

followed by morning tea

MASS TIMES	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL	FEAST DAYS/NOTES
Monday 23/01			
Tuesday 24/01	9:00am		Saint Francis de Sales
Wednesday 25/01		9:00am	The Conversion of Saint Paul
Thursday 26/01		9:30am	Australia Day
Friday 27/01	9:00am		
Saturday 28/01	5:30pm		Saint Thomas Aquinas
Sunday 29/01	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	

## Birthday's for this week in January

Collette Eastwood



## 2017 Counting Roster

The new parish counting roster for 2017 has been finalised and available from the parish office for collection.

Thank you again to those that have volunteered.

## 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

## Upcoming Events

- Australia Day - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January
- Lunar New Year - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January
- MD School Opening Mass - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January
- Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February
- SPC School Opening Mass - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February
- Parish Finance Committee Meeting - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February
- Baptisms 9:30am MD - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February
- Information Night for First Holy Communion - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February
- Information Night for First Holy Communion - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February
- Baptisms 8:00am SPC - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February
- Pot Luck Dinner - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February
- 7pm Vigil Mass for Ash Wednesday MD - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February
- Ash Wednesday 9am Mass SPC - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Lent Groups begins - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- World Day of Prayers 10:45am SPC - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March
- Children's Liturgy - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March
- Baptisms 9:30am MD - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March
- Reconciliation for Children in Year 4
  - 3:30pm MD Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March
  - 3:30pm SPC Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March
  - 3:30pm SPC Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- Baptisms 8:00am SPC - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Reconciliation for Children in Year 4
  - 3:30pm MD Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March
  - 3:30pm SPC Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March
  - 3:30pm SPC Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March
- Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April
- Palm Sunday - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April
- Holy Week
  - Holy Thursday - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April
  - Good Friday - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April (Stations of the Cross 10:30am MD) (The Passion of the Lord 3:00pm MD & SPC)
  - Easter Vigil Mass - 6pm SPC Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April
  - Easter Sunday - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April (SPC 8am Mass) (MD 9:30am Mass)

Priests and deacons are 'Ordinary' ministers of holy communion. Lay ministers who assist with communion are therefore called 'Extra-ordinary'.

The PRIEST is the only Minister of the Eucharist. Lay people who assist with the distribution of holy communion are therefore always called MINISTERS OF COMMUNION (never Eucharistic Ministers).

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