

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

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St Peter Chanel Primary School

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New Parishioners
WELCOME



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SUNDAY 11th September 2016 - Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Being Lost

From time to time we experience losing something. Loosing things happen to both adults and children and it extends to animals too. In general we can talk about two common kinds of loss. They are physical loss and mental loss.

Physical loss means losing something tangible or something that comes from within or attaches to a person. Things that are being lost from within a person include losing control of one's own temper or recalling an event or naming of another person. Sickness and carelessness can cause us to have a poor vision or losing skills and loss of appetite. Things that are being lost outside of a person are sentimental gifts and the belongings and directions.

Mental loss includes memory and forgetfulness and loss of faith. It includes loss of one's own identities and feelings and friendships and things that surround a person. Losing confidence and hope and trust in humanity and in God.

It is heartbreak and devastation that affect one's mind and heart for a long time when a person loses someone whom they love. This is the experience of the father in today's Gospel. For the world the father simply has lost a son but for the father he actually has lost more than just his younger son. First, the father had no other choice than to grant his son's request to half his property for his son. The second loss is that his son had lost the way of life his father had taught him. It made him feel that he was a successful businessman but a failed family man. The next two losses are much more personal and more painful for the father. Leaving home is a direct attack of his integrity and the love he has for his sons. It means the father has failed to show his love and trust for his son. The relationships between the father and son had broken down to a level that was beyond amendable. The most important loss for the father was that the son had gone down the path that would lead him to lose faith in God and eternal life.

The father had experienced many losses but he had never lost hope or shown his anger and resentment towards his sons. He had a strong hope that one day he would again see his son returning home. He was in the mood of patiently waiting in hope and hopefully waiting to celebrate with great joy. We don't know what made his hope strong and firm. Probably his love for his son was much stronger than his son's mistake - leaving him and betrayed his trust and love. His love for his son was more important than wealth - half of his property. The father had quietly prepared to welcome his son back. It was an extraordinary act of kindness and forgiveness. The father strongly believed that one day his son would come to his senses and returned home. To prepare for the grand celebration the father had fattened the cow for that purpose. He had made new shoes and suits waiting for his sons returned. When everything was ready, day after day he was waiting at the front door to welcome his son back. His love and mercy finally won his son back as expected. God's love and mercy opens to welcome us all.

Vudinh Tuong

Next Week's Readings:
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Amos 8:4-7

Second Reading
1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel
Luke 16:1-13

Prayers for the Sick

Dominic Smith
Irene Foxcroft

Recently Deceased

Katherine Burnett

Anniversaries

Jeremy Luddwyk

Bertrame L'Estrange

Margaret O'MeNeill

Tony Rive

Aubrey Harrison

Terrane Doyle

Lynette Barry

Mona Lewis

Johannes Bouman

Len Johnstone

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm:

I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Christ came to save sinners.



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-32

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

Children's Liturgy Volunteer Needed

Our parish is looking for a volunteer (or 2) to be part of our Children's Liturgy roster each Sunday. It really is very easy, and fits nicely into the weekend for people who otherwise find it hard to volunteer due to work commitments. Teaching experience is an advantage, but not essential. You can do as little as one Sunday per term - we just need help to be able to ensure coverage for this ministry around everyone's busy family schedules. Please contact Donna Lynn on 0418 931 203 or lynn@lynnfamily.org if you would like to find out more.

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

It was great to see so many children taking part in last weekend's children's liturgy. Here are the kids singing in the children's choir.



Bible Group

Meeting Wednesday evening 14th September at SPC Parish Office



at 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

Anyone interested please contact

Luisa

“Everything I have is yours.”

Luke 15:31

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 Archdiocese. 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.

NEW MINISTRIES ROSTER FOR ST PETER CHANEL

A new Ministries roster for weekend masses is being prepared for the next 6 months - OCTOBER 2016 – MARCH 2017.

If you wish to join the roster for the Ministries of Coordinator, Reader, Minister of Communion, Audio-visual Operator or Altar Serving or if you do not wish to continue on the roster please phone or email – Rosemarie Brady (3300 5249) rosemarie@jdbrady.com



Rosary

Rosary will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 12th September 2016 at Michael O'Connor's house, 3 Tamara Street, The Gap



Rosary

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



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

Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the Raffles winners from the Fiji Church appeal:

First prize went to Jenny Ray;
 Second prize went to Richard James;
 Third prize went to Chris Hazzard.

Thank you everyone who bought a ticket.

Friends and Partners with East Timor

Next meeting – Monday 12th Sept, 7.30 pm, Mater Dei Meeting Room. All welcome.



Veronica was settling into village life in Atabae when she received the news that her mother had passed away suddenly. She had to drop everything and fly home to Malaysia. Please keep Veronica and her family in your prayers. Veronica is now back in Atabae and meeting as many locals as she can. She has been evaluating the situation and prioritising ways FPET can help.

Interested in meeting other families?

The Parish of St John's Wood/The Gap has this year been running an exciting new initiative 'Family Groups' which involves interested families or individuals meeting up for an activity once a month or so to connect with others in the Community. The aim is to develop a closer Community. Our next activity will be dinner at the Samford Valley Hotel, Samford.

When: Friday 16th September, from 5:30pm.

The hotel is children friendly with lots of space for them to have a play. Come along and say hello and get to know families in your community. Contact Joe if you are interested or join our Facebook page.

Contact

Joe Sutton

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E: joe_sutton@optusnet.com.au

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1973201506237309/>



Wilderness Walks

Peter McMahon and Bob Dale volunteered for several years with Brisbane Forest Park. They have located the old trails that were built in the Enoggera Creek catchment and have also designed and mapped many additional diverse walking routes throughout the catchment from Enoggera Dam to the headwaters of Enoggera Creek near Jolly's Lookout. These routes are wilderness walks suitable for adults. They have been mapped and logged by GPS so that they can be easily followed. The walks start and finish at different locations along Mt Nebo Road and can be structured as short walks of 1 to 2 hour's duration. We invite interested walkers to explore this wonderland with us and would be pleased to accompany small groups of walkers along these routes. There are no fees involved. Adequate footwear, food and water for your own safety. There are trip hazards as always. Spring has arrived and the flowering orchids and epiphytes are wonderful to behold. If you wish to explore this wonderland and experience creation at its best, please feel free to contact Peter on email emu.squirrel@bigpond.com or mobile 0437674062.

Can You Help??

St. Vincent de Paul Society urgently require a washing machine in good working order. If you can help, please phone Noel on 0413 731 105.



Vacancy School Crossing Supervisor

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at SPC (and at some other schools throughout the region). Please tell neighbours, friends and family of these positions and help us to help our students.

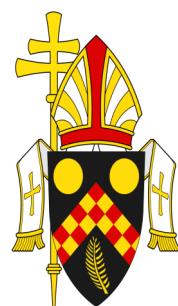
Casual School Crossing Supervisor positions are for up to 5 days per fortnight on a roster. Remuneration \$28.18 per hour.

Contact the Brisbane North Road Safety Office for more information.

Phone: 3863 9839

Email:

zillmere_road_safety@tmr.qld.gov.au



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The 2016 Annual Catholic Campaign

Today envelopes have been provided for a special collection for the Annual Catholic Campaign which supports the vital works of the Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

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.



A VOCATION VIEW:

Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year - C

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We are like the lost sheep when we have not found our place in life. Are you part of the herd, lost from the herd, or a leader of the herd?

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.

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			
Tuesday	9:00am		Saint John Chrysostom
Wednesday		9:00am	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thursday		9:00am	Our Lady of Sorrows
Friday	9:00am		Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian
Saturday	5:30pm		
Sunday	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	

SPC School News

As we head towards the end of Term 3, life has been very busy at St Peter Chanel School. Our Senior Concert Band have performed at the Queensland Catholic Colleges Music Festival, bringing home a gold award! Many families enjoyed Multicultural Sunday celebrations with the parish community and several children have celebrated their Confirmation and First Holy Communion with the parish. Students have competed in representative athletics competitions, showing great enthusiasm, commitment and sportsmanship. Our Year 5 children have enjoyed camp at Coolum on the Sunshine Coast and a number of our senior students have had their writing published in the Australian Catholic Primary Principal's Association quarterly journal.

Perhaps one of our biggest highlights, between great teaching and learning, has been Book Week. We held two breakfast gatherings, catering for over 550 parents, carers and students who were served by members of staff and who enjoyed the inspiring stories of two different guest speakers. The end of the week saw His Excellency, the Governor of Queensland, visit our school to launch the book *Our Crazy Community*, written by the students of St Peter Chanel with the Australian Children's Laureate, author Leigh Hobbs. The Governor told our students, "Books are a friend for life", and gave us the clear message of the value and importance in our focus on literacy and literature. Indeed, in some ways every week is book week at our school as every day, our parents and teachers work together to bring the light of literacy to the children in our care. We were delighted that our band played the national anthem for the Governor, who congratulated the student body on singing both verses so well.

We are still accepting enrolments for 2017, with vacancies available in most year levels. Please keep spreading the word – we are happy to meet interested families and will take them for a tour of our wonderful school and discuss options.



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Neil Duncalfe for Thursday 15th Sept

Paul Quinlivan for Friday 16th Sept (90th)

Kaye Sullivan for Saturday 17th Sept

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