

# 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@StJohnsWoodTheGapParish)

Parish Office: PO Box 408, The Gap, Qld 4061

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Contact: Phone: 3300 6099 Fax: 3300 6255

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

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



*SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## Guided by God's Love

Last week Jesus called his disciples to be salt of the earth and light for the world. At the end of the Gospel Jesus said: "seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven." v. 16. The salt and light can be understood as salt for a human heart and light for our minds. The disciples of Jesus must learn to use them for promoting and supporting life and maintaining peace and advocating justice for all people. Salt is to give more taste for life and safeguard life from moral decay while light is for direction and shows the way for eternal life. It guides us on our pilgrimage towards the final goal which is the heavenly kingdom. When our lives are not guided by God's love and mercy we become like tasteless salt and are no good for the society. When our light is not shining we stumble on our way and even if we do help others we may have done it for our own glorification rather than for God. Misuse of salt and light would cause harm for both the human race and the ecology of the natural world. When soil is too salty it becomes a barren land and when there is too much light it scorches everything born dry. When a heart has none of God's love it knows no mercy and when a mind is not guided by virtue it knows no justice.

The world has its own standard of goodness and expects their members to perform in order to live in peace and harmony and prosperity. We children of God are called to go beyond the world's standards simply because we are God's children and God empowered us to change our hearts towards God. The way of the world encourages competition in most things. It is good to have a healthy competition but bad to have an unhealthy competition. It is good to have more knowledge but it is bad to have more power. Jesus told us we need to have one kind of competition and that is advance in virtue. We are advancing in virtue by showing more love and compassion and mercy to those around us. By doing that people will know that we are God's disciples. Competition for wealth and prestige may not make you a good person but a well known person; advancing in virtue certainly will make you a better person because it is driven by God's love.

Jesus comes to the world to complete God's law by showing God's love to the world, making God's love known to everyone and those who live a life of love, their lives will change accordingly. When God's love is not deep rooted in our hearts we are unable to change towards God because the love of mammon tries to lure us, pulling us towards the world, moving further away from God's love. When we look for self gratification we are God's children by names. We may do more harm than good for our faith in Jesus.

When there is less salt in water, salt will be absorbed by water and it is good for nothing. In the same way when our virtues aren't strong enough to resist against the worlds temptations we will be changed by the world. It will take control of our lives and we will be lost to act as the disciples of Jesus.

Vudinh Tuong

**Next Week's Readings:**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*First Reading*  
*Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18*  
*Second Reading*  
*1 Corinthians 3:16-23*  
*Gospel*  
*Matthew 5:38-48*

**Prayers for the Sick**  
 Eamonn O'Dwyer  
 Carolyn Webster  
 John Perks (Nellie's husband)  
 Rosa Maria Santos  
 Valerie Scott

**Recently Deceased**  
 Alex Chapman  
 Ted Hughes  
 Freda McGrath

**Anniversaries**  
 Dorothy Batch  
 Clare Batch  
 Ross Hallinan  
 Maureen Carrol  
 Baby Hayley Quick  
 Beatrice McMahon  
 Kevin McMahon  
 Veronica Lunney

**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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Leo & Pat Mead's house, 9 Myagah Rd, Ashgrove



**Rosary**

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

**First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20**  
 He never commanded anyone to be godless.

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
 Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10**  
 God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
 Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:17-37**  
 Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.



**Would you like to be part of a Lenten Group?**

If you would like to be part of a Lenten Group this year, please put your name and contact details on the folders at the back of the church or contact the Parish Office 3300 6099.



**Five Minutes with the Word Lent 2017 and The Little Black Book** have arrived at the parish office. \$5 each. Also available at each church.

**Friends & Partners with East Timor**

First meeting for the year – Mon 13th Feb, 7.30 pm, Mater Dei Meeting Room. All welcome.

FPET volunteer Veronica is seen here with our two recent (last week) graduates from ICR in Dili.



Lindsay Stokes, President, (0419 731388)

**Everyyoung Club**

First meeting for the year is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2017 at 10:00am in the Parish hall.

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



**LENTEN GROUPS**

The Lenten books for the Lender Groups have now arrived at the office. Could each Group Leader please come and collect your packs from the parish office.



**NEW MINISTRIES ROSTER FOR MATER DEI**

A new Ministries roster for weekend masses is to be prepared for the next 6 months - APRIL – SEPTEMBER 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](mailto:tricia.wogan44@gmail.com)  
 For Audiovisual Operators and Altar Servers – Cathy Kruij  
 E Mail [ckruij@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ckruij@bigpond.net.au)

**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.



**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.

**WEEK ONE: ROYAL COMMISSION HEARINGS**

**ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE MESSAGE FOR WEEK ONE**

Dear sisters and brothers,

We have come to the end of the first week of the Royal Commission's final hearing into the Catholic Church. It was always going to be difficult, but it turned out to be more difficult than anyone expected. That was largely because of the truly shocking data presented on the first day. I knew what was coming but still found it shocking as I sat in the hearing room listening to the statistics presented. Those who had little or no sense of what was coming – and that may include many of you – must have been shaken by what they heard or read.

This gruelling week makes the twofold task before us clearer than ever: first, to strengthen and extend our efforts to bring justice and healing to those who have been abused and, second, to do everything possible to ensure that in the future the Church is a truly safe place for all. That will involve many things, but at the heart of them all there must be a change of culture. The next two weeks of the final hearing will show more of what that will mean.

Through that time let's pray for each other. May the peace of Christ be with you all.



+Mark Coleridge

**Receiving an Abuse or Misconduct Disclosure**

There are mandatory reporting requirements in Queensland if it is suspected that a child in Queensland is experiencing abuse, or is at risk of experiencing abuse. For information about reporting child abuse in Queensland including who is mandated to report go to [www.communities.qld.gov.au/childsafety/protecting-children](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/childsafety/protecting-children) or contact the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability services on 1800 811 810 or go to [www.communities.qld.gov.au/childsafety/about-us/contact-us](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/childsafety/about-us/contact-us)

It is important that if you receive an abuse or misconduct disclosure that you follow the 5 R's: Receive, Record, Respect, Reassure, Refer.

1. Receive the information. Move to a suitable environment, free of distractions. Be calm and patient. Listen supportively letting the person tell you their story;
2. Record what is told to you. Make notes about what is disclosed using their own words. Avoid asking leading questions. Ask for the person's contact details;
3. Respect that the person may not disclose full details - don't push. Respect the person's need for privacy and confidentiality;
4. Reassure the person that it is OK to disclose what has happened. Reassure the person that you will act;
5. Refer their disclosure to someone else who can help and explain to the person you will do this.

For more information or full details on the 5R's please see brochures at the back of the churches or links on the parish website.

## Date Claimer

World Day of Prayers 10:00am  
SPC - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Birthday's for this week in February

Trish Corby



## First Pot Luck Dinner for the Year

The first Pot Luck Dinner for the year is coming up on Sunday night 26<sup>th</sup> February after 5pm Mass at SPC. Please bring a meal to share. Tea, coffee and cordial will be provided.



POTLUCK DINNER

## 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

MASS TIMES	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL	FEAST DAYS/NOTES
Monday 13/02			
Tuesday 14/02	9:00am		Saint Cyril and Methodius
Wednesday 15/02		9:00am	
Thursday 16/02		9:00am	
Friday 17/02	9:00am		
Saturday 18/02	5:30pm		
Sunday 19/02	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	

## Ignite Youth Summer Camp

On behalf of all twelve of us who went to Ignite Youth Summer Camp, we would like to say thank you to the parish for subsidising half the cost of the camp. We all had a great time and really enjoyed ourselves. What with the many fun activities and the awesome worship rallies, Masses, Reconciliation and Adoration, it was quite hard not to! We also picked up a new song which we will share at the next SPC Children's Mass.



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### 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).

Check out their Facebook page

Tuesday Playgroup @ St Johns Wood Parish Hall



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