

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

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

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

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SUNDAY 15th January 2017 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Voice From On High

Some chicken felt the cold breeze flowing on their backs and they knew that rain would soon pour but they tried hard to fill up their half full, half empty stomachs as the sky got darker and darker. The chickens were busy burying their heads in the grass searching for more food and they were terrified when a sudden thunder exploded above the grey dark skies. They all ducked for covered under any tree nearby and then looked at each other in consternation.

The Bible says that: the heavens opened and the Spirit came down like a dove to rest on Jesus and the voice of the Father thundered: *'this is my beloved Son with him I am well pleased'*. Mat 3,17.

Hearing voices from on high would 'chicken' us out and we would go for cover like the chooks. The voice of the Father thundered. It would make our eardrums rattle, our heart throb out of rhythm and our minds frozen. We would feel as if the windows of houses nearby would clatter and the ground under our feet would shake as we run for cover. Whoever encounters the force of nature would be frightened because we feel powerless, tiny and weak before the mighty power. It is not just beyond our control but beyond human comprehension. Any encounter to divine event could make us tremble because we felt unworthy, like Peter: *'leave me Lord, I am a sinner'*. Luke 5,8. When the frighten feeling was over; joy takes over and that enlightens our mind and heart before the magnificent event.

The chooks could have never understood the power of a thunder but they know to prepare themselves for whatever happens next; we too could never fully understand the mystery of the Incarnation - God made flesh and lived amongst us. However we firmly believe in the power of God's love and whatever comes from God's love will be best for us and we need to prepare to welcome God's love into our lives.

After the baptismal of Jesus the crowds heard the voice from on high and it was the voice of the Father who confirmed that - *'This is my Son the Beloved, listen to him'*. Mat 3,17

The voice of the Father reveals that Jesus is the beloved Son of God and that those who listen to Jesus listen to God the Father; that those who love Jesus, the Father will love that person and the love Jesus loves us with is also the love of the Father. It also confirms what John the Baptist has said that:

'I baptise you with water but the one who comes after me will baptise you with fire and Spirit'. Mat 3,11.

When we are being baptised we are given the same Spirit that Jesus has received at his own baptism.

Vudinh Tuong

Next Week's Readings:

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel
Matthew 4:12-23

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Gospel Acclamation:

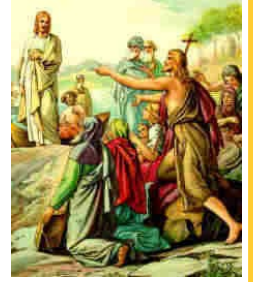
Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enables those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.



Prayers for the Sick

Eamonn O'Dwyer
Fr John Newman
Peter Kuchler

Recently Deceased

Frank Guest
Sylvia Haydock
James Humphreys
Betty Stevenson

Anniversaries

Ellen Sinclair
William Eneberg
Leslie Vernon Parsonage
Peter Tan Peng Huat
Margaret Breslin
Matilda Batch

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 16th January 2017 at Angela Faria's house, 26 Jubilee Tce, Ashgrove



Rosary

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

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.



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



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Date Claimer

Our first Gathering is in early February

The focus will be **"Discipleship"** 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 = To Be advised
Time = 7 am to 1 pm

St Pauls Weekday Missal

The Parish Office has one copy of St Pauls Weekday Missal (Popular Edition) Hard Cover for sale. It includes daily mass readings for all three Sunday Cycles A, B & C. If you would like to buy it, please contact the parish office. \$60.00.



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 or contact the Parish Office on 3300 6099.

The Parish is After a House to Rent

The Parish is looking for a house to rent for Claire's Cottage group, which is a place for respite for young adults with disabilities.

If you have or know someone who has a 3 or 4 bedroom house to rent for a 6 to 12 month lease, please contact the Parish Office on 3300 6099.



Do you enjoy meeting people? Do you love your Cathedral?
Do you revel in good art and juicy history?
Do we have an opportunity for you!

Think about becoming a volunteer welcomer and/or guide at the Cathedral of St. Stephen. The commitment is three hours per month on roster; booked tours according to your availability Monday to Fridays and bi-monthly meetings. The rewards are beyond measure - a wonderful opportunity to delve into the rich history, art and significance of the Cathedral and Precinct and to share it with others. Everyone you meet, greet and guide will become an ambassador for this historic architectural gem which is the mother church of the archdiocese. Volunteering is a sure way to find friends that you didn't even know you had. An information session will be held on Wednesday 1 February 2016 at 10.30am. A comprehensive five day training program will begin on Thursday 9 February 2017 and continue weekly until completion on 16 March with a celebration to follow on 23 March. Contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or e-mail cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au by Friday 27 January if you'd like to share in this mission!

THE LITTLE KING'S MOVEMENT FOR THE HANDICAPPED



The Little King's Movement once a year Parish Appeal will be held on the weekend of 28th & 29th 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.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed a gift to the St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree. Your kind thoughts and generosity gave those in need something special this Christmas.

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

Thursday 26th January
2017

St Peter Chanel
Church

9:30am

followed by morning
tea

MASS TIMES	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL	FEAST DAYS/NOTES
Monday 16/01			
Tuesday 17/01	9:00am		Saint Anthony
Wednesday 18/01		9:00am	
Thursday 19/01		9:00am	
Friday 20/01	9:00am		
Saturday 21/01	5:30pm		Saint Agnes
Sunday 22/01	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	

A VOCATION VIEW:

Second Sunday in Advent - A

A VOCATION VIEW:
Isaiah says: "The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord." Who taught you knowledge of the Lord, and who are you teaching today?



Happy 90th Birthday Shelagh Colley

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary Ken & Cath Robertson



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



Happy 61st Wedding Anniversary Terry & Maureen Foley

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