

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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Primary School

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WELCOME



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SUNDAY 18th September 2016 - Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Self Assessment

Self assessment is a method of knowing oneself by examining our work performance to find out one's own strengths and weaknesses. When there are more satisfactions and achievements, that person would enjoy life more and has more confidence in doing business. When disappointments and failures are evident, that person will re-evaluate the methods of doing business and try to find where things went wrong for the possible solutions to fix the problems.

The steward in today's reading went through the self assessment process. He began the process because he had learnt that he had mistrusted his master and the result was very clear. He would no longer have his stewardship. In order to see a clearer picture the steward went through his book keepings getting information that would help him to identify his strengths and weaknesses. He knew that one of his strengths was negotiation but it was too late for him to negotiate to the master because the master had already made up his mind to sack him. The steward then changed his approach. Instead of negotiating to the master he went on to negotiate with the debtors of his master. He knew that the news of his being dismissed was not publicly announced and that he still had sufficient time to negotiate with the debtors and that he would make them feel as if he was in their favour and benefactor- reducing the debts. The debtors knew nothing of his hidden agenda that after being dismissed that they welcome him to their home. Doing something in the hope of being paid back is not the way of the Gospel: *when you have a party invite the poor... they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again Luke 14,14.*

The master had no control of his book keepings but the steward was free to change the figures at his own will. The steward may have destroyed his master's good reputation by making the master look like as if he was a loan shark creditor. We don't know the practice at the time, the master, the steward or the debtors who would be official writing on the bond certificate? There was no explanation why the steward didn't write on the bond certificates but instead he asked each debtor to write the figure on the bond certificate for their own. Because the bond certificate were not written by the steward or by the master himself, if there was any dispute about the correctness of these figures then the problem would become quite complicated because it would be quite hard to reconcile from the bond and the original records.

Whatever the steward did, honesty and fairness were not his first priority. His first priority was not for his master or the care for the poor, but for his own gain. Even when he was desperate to secure his future the steward was finding ways that would save him from trouble. Apart from securing for his earthly future the steward had no concern for his spiritual body. The Bible made clear that children of this world would have their concern for the material world and whatever they do would serve one purpose- personal gain.

Vudinh Tuong

**Next Week's Readings:
26th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

First Reading
Amos 6:1, 4-7

Second Reading
1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel
Luke 16:19-31

Prayers for the Sick

Irene Foxcroft
Eamonn O'Dwyer
(Brother of Ann Eldridge)

Recently Deceased

Katherine Burnett
Lucy Micale
Michael Ratnayake
Beryl Ley

Anniversaries

Aubrey Harrison
Terrane Doyle
Lynette Barry
Mona Lewis
Len Johnstone
Frank Williams
John McPhee
Eric Evans
Susan Fanning
William Sewell
John Bouman

**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 19th September 2016 at Leo Dempsey's house, 58 Romea Street, The Gap



Rosary

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

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.



CHOIR PRACTICE
On this Monday night
19 September, from
7pm to 8pm at SPC
Church.

Everyyoung Club coming up again.

Next meeting is on Thursday 22 September at 10:00am in the Parish hall.

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



Sacramental Program

We are happy to announce that a total of 242 children made their confirmation this year (Year 4's in July/August and Year 3's in September) with the year 4's also making their First Holy Communion.

The year 3's will make their First Holy Communion next year when they are in year 4.

The parish would like to thank the sacramental team, parents, grandparents, guardians, sponsors, teachers and volunteers in helping prepare these children to receive these sacraments.

RCIA - There will be another enquiry meeting for the RCIA Program on this Monday night 19th Sept at 7pm at the Parish Office. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact the Parish Office on: 3300 6099.

Christmas is coming.....

Pre-order your Christmas cards now from the Parish office. Packs of 8, 12 or 48 available. Also available holy prayer cards - packs of 10. Contact the Parish office on 3300 6099 for pricing.



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



Can You Help??

St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of a laptop computer in good working order. If you can help, please phone Noel on 0413 731 105.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Johns Wood/ The Gap is looking for volunteers to join the existing group of workers. We meet twice a month and visits are shared out so that the workload is easily managed. If you can help please contact Noel on 0413 731 105.

“I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice.”

– Abraham Lincoln

“No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth).” LUKE 16:13

Is money a “god” that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our Faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money and increases our dependence on God and to trust that He will provide all that we need.

(Accessed on 12 July 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)



St Brigid's
Red Hill
Year of Mercy
St Brigid's
Church at Red
Hill will open

for pilgrimage, private prayer, meditation and reconciliation every Friday night from 5 to 7pm.

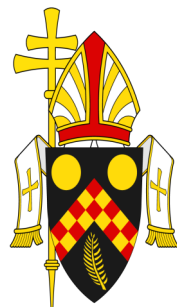
Vacancy School Crossing Supervisor

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

The 2016 Annual Catholic Campaign
Thank you

“A Merciful Church is a joyful Church”

On behalf of all those who benefit from your generosity, we hope that your life is enriched through the knowledge that your contribution is far greater than the sum of your donation. Your prayers and your gifts are a shining light to others.



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Thank you to those who were able to make an ongoing commitment at this time - your faith in the future of the Church will bear fruit for many.

Envelopes are still available 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-fifth Sunday of the Year - C

A VOCATION VIEW: Do you think it is the Lord who is motivating you to make lots of money, to use people, to grab for power, to attend to the needs of others?

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		Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions
Wednesday		9:00am	Saint Matthew
Thursday		9:00am	
Friday	9:00am		Saint Pius of Pietrelcina
Saturday	5:30pm		
Sunday	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	



Thank You

Father Tuong presented Dawn Marinovich from St Vincent De Paul with a certificate of appreciation for giving 21 years to the society. Dawn has been the treasurer for most of that time as well as visiting the sick and the poor with a willing heart. Thank you Dawn.



Dawn photographed with some of her past presidents, David Mapstone, Judith Clinton, Ken Robertson, John Hood, Alan Lee and David Carrigan.



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Louise Marshall for Wednesday 21st Sept
Margaret Maher for Saturday 24th Sept

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