

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.



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SUNDAY 19th February 2017 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eternal Banquet

Jesus taught us to forgive. He taught it by doing it. He carried the cross up on the road to the hill of Calvary and was nailed on the cross to show us God's love and mercy. Forgiveness is not an empty word but it must be in action. It is the sacrificial act that makes forgiveness worthwhile. In carrying the cross and dying on it to reconcile us to God the Father, Jesus showed us that sin breaks our relationships with God and to others because when we sin we sin against both God and God's children. The act of reconciliation helps us to restore our relationship to God and befriending others. No matter how serious a sin we have committed it is reconcilable because God's love is much more powerful than our sin. The reconciliation enables God's grace to flow into our lives that empowers us to make friend with others. The act of reconciliation is the act of restoring relationships which were broken by sin. It becomes a channel for God's grace flowing into our lives that makes us be right with God again. The heavenly banquet is the sacrifice Jesus offered to the Father by his own life and blood poured out on the cross. Those who come to the heavenly banquet must first reconcile to God and to others before they can receive it otherwise they are not worthy to receive the heavenly banquet. Without proper preparation before receiving the heavenly banquet is a sign of disgrace to the loving God. The heavenly banquet is a sign and the reality of God's love and lack of love for the heavenly banquet is undeserving to receive it. It is an act of defiling God's unconditional love for us. The value of the heavenly banquet is above the power of men and no one can harm or destroy it. However people who receive it without proper preparation are hurting his integrity caused by an error of judgement.

Eternal banquet is the reward God has prepared for those who for a whole life time tried to be friendly to everyone, to those whom they liked and to those whom they disliked. They reached out to everyone by praying for them and making petition to God for them. Jesus has prepared the heavenly banquet for those who love God and love others because by obedience to God the Father, Jesus entered the world and accepted death on the cross to reconcile us to God the Father. The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Reconciliation Jesus, a sinless man, reconciled to the Father for sinners. Those who receive the Holy Communion must be a friend of God and a friend of others.

Every time we participate in the Eucharist we are taking part into the heavenly banquet which happened on earth but has its dimension in heaven. The Body and Blood of Christ we receive which is food for our souls. Our weakness is strengthened and our brokenness is healed and our sin is erased because the blood of Jesus on the cross has the power to remove all stain of sin. The road to Calvary which Jesus took opened the way for us to enter the Eternal banquet. Every time we genuinely say sorry to God we receive forgiveness and every time we genuinely forgive others we reconnect the broken relationships and open the way for God's grace flowing into our lives.

Vudinh Tuong

Next Week's Readings:
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading
Isaiah 49:14-15
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Gospel
Matthew 6:24-34

First Reading: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18*
 You must love your neighbour as yourself.

Responsorial Psalm:
 The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 3:16-23*
 All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:38-48*
 Love your enemies.



Prayers for the Sick
 Eamonn O'Dwyer
 John Perks (Nellie's husband)
 Carolyn Webster

Recently Deceased
 Ted Hughes
 Freda McGrath
 Veronica Cawley
 Raquel Fuller

Anniversaries
 Veronica Lunney
 Merv Smith
 Bryan Morris
 Maureen Maher

Please note: we cannot add a name to the sick list or recently deceased list unless advised by

Would you like to be part of a Lenten Group?

If you would like to be part of a Lenten Group this year, please contact the group you would like to join direct:
 Mondays 7pm (Chris Jackson 3366 1263 or 0417 075 834)
 Wednesdays 7pm (Chris Van Every 3172 2709 or 0448 330 037)
 Thursdays 5:30pm (Peter Maher 3300 1934)



Bible Group
 Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Next meeting Wednesday evening 8th February at SPC Parish Office at 7:30pm to 9pm.
 Anyone interested please contact Luisa Ph: 0422 919 887



Everyyoung Club

First meeting for the year is on Thursday 23rd Feb 2017 at 10:00am in the Parish hall. All welcome to come and enjoy a cuppa and get together.



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

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.



First Pot Luck Dinner for the Year - Next Sunday

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



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Philippines
Friday 3rd
March

10:00am, SPC Church
All welcome



Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes are now available at the back of the churches. Please give generously and support Project Compassion. For more information 1800 024 413 caritas.org.au



Rosary
 Rosary will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 20th February 2017 at Carmel Herbert's house, 25/14 Paltarra St, The Gap



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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

First Holy Communion - Students in Year 4
 Enrolments have now closed for First Holy Communion program for 2017. Reminder for those enrolled of this week's compulsory parent information night either: Tuesday 21st February 7pm SPC Church or Thursday 23rd February 7pm SPC Church.



You must have completed enrolment forms in order to attend the information night.



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.

WEEK TWO: ROYAL COMMISSION HEARINGS
ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE MESSAGE FOR WEEK TWO

Dear sisters and brothers,

We've come to the second week of the Royal Commission's Catholic wrap-up where the focus has been on seminary training, the ongoing formation and support of clergy and the culture and practices of our agencies – education and social welfare in particular. The week had its ups and downs, but on balance it was positive. It offered a picture of the Church in action today, with the presence of some strong lay leaders who impressed with their command of the issues and their commitment to the Church. They and many like them are a source of real hope for the future.

It became clear that efforts have been made to strengthen and improve seminary training, including the screening of candidates. But it was also clear that we still have a long way to go in that area and that there are real inconsistencies between seminaries around the county. Perhaps we have too many seminaries, perhaps the seminary is no longer the privileged place for training that it has been. We also have a long way to go in the area of clergy support and supervision and lifelong training, and here we may need to learn from other walks of life where professional supervision and lifelong training are required and where sanctions apply if the requirements are not met. We have talked about this for a long time, but this week suggests we now need to act. The Royal Commission may help us work how best to act.

We look now to the third and final week when we will consider again what's happening now and what needs to happen in the future. Important questions of Church culture that have emerged in the first two weeks will be explored further, and the Royal Commission will seek to hone the more practical proposals that are likely to come from its long and complex work. Many of you have said that you are praying for me and all involved in the final hearing. That's a crucial part of the mix that will never be found in a Royal Commission transcript but without which our full story cannot be told. The Royal Commission doesn't do God but we do. Grace and peace to you all in Jesus Christ.

+Mark Coleridge



Thank You **menCONNECT**
from

Many thanks to all those parishioners of St John's Wood/The Gap who offered prayers and support for the menCONNECT half day Gathering held last Saturday, 11th February at the **Brookfield Centre for**

Christian Spirituality (The Friary). 33 men from the parish and beyond attended to listen to the wisdom of our presenter Jeff Lawrence speak on Discipleship – God's Apprentice Sons.

Thanks also goes to those men who helped on the day on a myriad of jobs large and small.



Alpha Workshop

Youth Alpha - Wednesday 8th March (7pm-8:30pm)

Hosted by The Youth Evangelisation Office
 Lavalla Centre, Fernberg Rd, Paddington (downstairs hall)

Alpha Workshop - Saturday 11th March (9am-3pm)

Hosted by Corinda Graceville Parish
 School Hall, 18 Clewley St, Corinda



There is no charge for these workshops.

Please contact Evangelisation Brisbane to register for these workshop or for more information 3324 3440.

**Ash
Wednesday
Masses
Tues 28th Feb
MD 7pm Vigil
Wed 1st March
SPC 9am**

**Birthday's for
this week in
February**

**Michelle Arnold
Bev Dick**



**40 Days for Life -
Prayer Vigil for the
Unborn**

1 March - 9 April 2017
At Bowen Hills and
volunteers are needed for
prayers.

Please email
40daysbrisbane@gmail.com
or visit 40dfn.net on how
to be involved!

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 20/02			
Tuesday 21/02	9:00am		
Wednesday 22/02		9:00am	The Chair of Saint Peter
Thursday 23/02		9:00am	Saint Polycarp
Friday 24/02	9:00am		
Saturday 25/02	5:30pm		
Sunday 26/02	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	

News from Mater Dei School


It has been a busy week at Mater Dei.




One of the great successes of the week was when Mater Dei were Percentage Points Champions for the second year running in the North & North West District Swimming Trials at Lawnton Pool. This was a brilliant achievement for our small team of seven swimmers.



Our Year 6 Leaders had lots of fun at their recent Leadership Retreat at Taylor Range. In class, they are learning about what Jesus said about servant leadership.



The whole school recently celebrated the start of the school year at the Whole School Welcoming BBQ & Disco.



We are truly blessed at Mater Dei to have such a wonderful P&F and we thank them for their ongoing support and organisation. Have a great week. Madonna Sleba, Principal.


A VOCATION VIEW: *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - A*

A VOCATION VIEW: We read in Leviticus: "You must love your neighbour, as yourself!" Some are being called to love their neighbour as a priest or religious. Pray that many will answer the call to love.

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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