

# 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)

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

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8.30 am—3.00 pm

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St Peter Chanel: 41 Chaprowe Road, The Gap

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*SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016*  
*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

## Everlasting Kingdom



In the past Jesus was rejected by his own chosen people and today he is continued to be rejected by people around the world. He was horribly crucified on the cross and died amongst the thieves. People often don't believe in his teachings but they use his teaching to make a point in their arguments. Three days after his death God raised him up and he is the king of truth, of peace and of love. As king of truth Jesus revealed the identity of God and those on the side of truth listened to him Jn 18,38. Peace was the first gift he gave his disciples after rising from death Jn 20,20. He became the king of love because he died for his friends.

*A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends Jn 15,13.*

During his public ministry several times people wanted him to be their king; each time he escaped from them. However, during his trial he answered Pilate that:

*Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this, to bear witness for the truth Jn 18,38.*

At the time no one would believe the voice of the dying man that one day he would be king. They knew that his death was eminent because his enemies were about to condemn him to death. As he had said three days later he would rise from the dead and become king of the entire cosmos. His resurrection renews everything in him. Jesus reconciled to God to save us from damnation. Reconciliation happened when he asked:

*Father, forgive them, they don't know what they are doing. Luke 23,34*

A thief was the first person to enjoy this forgiveness when he made a plea to him and Jesus assured him eternal life Jn 19,18.

Apart from death on the cross, the crucifixion Jesus had personally experienced of being humiliated and criticized in public; being tempted and rejected and betrayal. He was hungry and thirsty. He was whipped and slapped. Jesus understands our problems and suffering when we talk to him about it because he has gone through it all in his life. He had deep feelings for the poor and identified their sadness as his own. He understood the loneliness when his friends ran away. After the resurrection he went to find them and filled their heart with his love and grace; hope and consolation; courage and optimism.

The more suffering he had the firmer the bond he had for the Father and nothing could break that bond as we heard before his death:

*Father, into your hands I commit my Spirit. Luke 23,46*

We learn from Jesus, when trouble comes turn to Jesus and let him look at us and hear his voice. He has been through all this and has transformed them into glory. Through suffering Jesus unlocked the way to the Father and God's grace is poured into our heart that will destroy hopelessness, and fear melted. With this hope in God we can bring hope for the hopeless and be voices for the voiceless and strength for the weary. When we do that we show the world the face of God's mercy.

Vudinh Tuong

**Next Week's Readings:  
First Sunday in Advent**

*First Reading  
Isaiah 2:1-5*

*Second Reading  
Romans 13:11-14*

*Gospel  
Matthew 24:37-44*

**Prayers for the Sick**

Dominic Smith  
Jane McMahon  
Tony Maher  
Sonia Renwick  
Beth Kloza  
Eamonn O'Dwyer

**Recently Deceased**

Michael Ratnayake

**Anniversaries**

Andrew Mahoney  
Tony Mulrone  
Jack Dihm  
William Maher  
Terry Eastwood  
Terry Stewart  
Joe Paiva  
Bell Paiva  
Cruz Motha  
Mary Johnston  
Gloria Casey  
Patricia McIntosh  
Alfred Stone

**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 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 at Bruce & Val Bonney's house, 34 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: 2 Samuel 5:1-3**

They anointed David king of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20**

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading: Luke 23:35-43**

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.



**A Brief History of Catholic Faith in Vietnam**





Catholicism came to Vietnam from European missionaries during the sixteenth century, around 1533. The missionaries were accompanied by European merchants and belonged to a variety of congregations: Society of Jesus (SJ), Dominican Fathers (OP).

Misunderstanding those who followed Western Religion would denied their traditional customs and not loyal to the Royal Court. Persecutions and arrests, imprisonments and killings lasted for 4 centuries. 130,000 Vietnamese Catholics have shed their blood to defend their faith, braving all kinds of tortures and sufferings such as cruel execution, exile, property confiscation, refuge in jungle, local discrimination, hostility from authority, misunderstanding from their compatriots, even their relatives.

The Church of Vietnam was born and grew up in persecution and in the blood of the holy Vietnamese Martyrs. Today many Catholics are still suffering trials and persecution under atheist Vietnamese Communist Regime. On Sunday, June 19, 1998, at the St. Peter Square, Pope John Paul II solemnly canonized 117 Vietnamese Blessed Martyrs.



Phat Diem Cathedral

<p><b>Wine Sales</b> Looking for Christmas gift ideas or maybe just for yourself. Our Wines from Seven Hills winery in SA are available for purchase. Merlot and Riesling \$15 per bottle or \$160 per carton of 12. Money raised goes towards families in need in our Parish. Please contact the parish office.</p> 	<p> <b>The Annual Peter's Pence Collection</b> <i>This weekend is the Peter's Pence Collection which is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters. In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we take this collection up as a retiring collection.</i></p>	<p><b>Bible Group</b> Meeting Wednesday evening 9<sup>th</sup> November at SPC Parish Office at 7:30pm to 9:00pm. Anyone interested please contact Luisa Ph: 0422 919 887</p> 
<p><b>St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal</b> Held this weekend. Please think of those in need this Christmas and help out if you can.</p> 		

**Raffle Tickets!** **PARISH FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**

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**Prayers for the Deceased during November**

If you have any deceased family members you would like included in the prayers of the faithful during November, please write their names in the book at SPC & MD Churches (right of the altar).





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

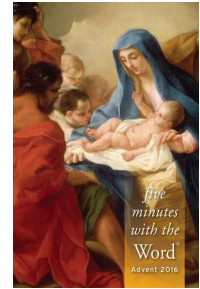


**The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy**  
 As it is the last Sunday in the Year of Mercy, please take a bookmark and prayer card provided at the back of the churches.

*“He saved us, not because of the good things we did, but because of his mercy.”*

– Titus 3:5

Five Minutes with The Word Advent 2016 books have arrived. \$5 a copy from either church or the parish office.



**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.



**Enjoy Two Gap Rotary Christmas Events**

The Santa Sleigh 3-9 December and Carols by Candlelight 10 December.

Santa will be cruising the streets of The Gap on his Sleigh from 6.00 to 8.30pm each night from the 3 to 9 December, and then enjoy Carols by Candlelight in Dorrington Park, Mirrabooka Road, Ashgrove on Saturday 10 December.

Consult the map at [www.rotaryashgrovethegap.org.au/santa-sleigh-2](http://www.rotaryashgrovethegap.org.au/santa-sleigh-2), which shows the areas covered each night.

Send us a message through our website at <http://www.rotaryashgrovethegap.org.au/contact> and let Santa know about your street party!

**Carols by Candlelight**

Enjoy Carols by Candlelight in Dorrington Park, Mirrabooka Road, Ashgrove on Saturday 10 December from 5pm. Fireworks display around 7:45pm.

Come early, bring your own hamper, and enjoy your own picnic, or food and drinks will be available from the Norths Hockey Club.

For further Information

Phone Ted Latta:- 33001020



**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.



As we approach Advent, we will start to hear accounts of how angels, shepherds and wise men brought good news and travelled to worship the Christ Child. In each account, we will be reminded of the significance of Mission: the spreading of the Gospel, through word and deed, in the name of Jesus Christ.

If you have experienced Mission in an overseas context, if you have a heart for sharing the Good News, or even if you simply want to help us make a difference in the world, then perhaps you might consider becoming a Mission Ambassador for Catholic Mission. To find out more, please call our Brisbane office during business hours on (07) 3336 9239 or email our Parish Appeals Co-ordinator, Anna Jimenez, at [ajimenez@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:ajimenez@catholicmission.org.au)

**Silent Auction**

Silent auction fundraiser of the painting “Brumbies” by well-known artist, Cheryl Nugent, for St Brigid’s Longreach Drought Appeal. The painting will be sold by Silent Auction. Those interested in placing a bid for the painting can do so via individual Bid Sheets. The painting, a handout with more details, and Bid Sheets are available after Masses in the Parish over the next few weeks. The sale will be finalized on 27 November 2016. Please help make this project a great success. And tell all your friends! For more information please contact Elizabeth 0413 741 244 or the parish office.



**Plant Stalls**

There will be a plant stall on Sunday 20 November after 9.30 Mass at Mater Dei and Sunday 27 November after 8am Mass at St Peter Chanel. Prices range from \$1 - \$15. All proceeds go to the Longreach Drought Appeal.

## School End of Year

### Masses

**Tues 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
**MD** Year 6 Graduation Mass  
**6pm**

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
**SPC** Year 6 Graduation Mass  
**6pm**

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> December**  
**MD** End of school Mass **9am**  
**SCP** End of school Mass **11am**

### Christmas Mass Times

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
 – MD Church 5:30pm Christmas  
 Carols followed by 6pm Mass  
 – SPC Church 6:30pm Christmas  
 Carols followed by 7pm Mass

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December


– SPC Church 8am Mass  
 – MD Church 9:30am Mass

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December

– SPC Church 9:30am Mass

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

**Vi Hall  
 Danielle James**



### 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 21/11			The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 22/11	9:00am		Saint Cecilia
Wednesday 23/11		9:00am	
Thursday 24/11		9:00am	Saints Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
Friday 25/11	9:00am		
Saturday 26/11	5:30pm		
Sunday 27/11	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	First Sunday of Advent



## PARISH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION



ALL PARISHIONERS please join us for Father Tuong's Silver Anniversary celebrations and our volunteers BBQ next **SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER** after our 5pm mass at St Peter Chanel. The Christmas Light Display will be officially commenced on this night at both our churches. So Come and Celebrate, Give Thanks and Meet old and new friends.

## Volunteers Wanted



Calling for volunteers to help set up light displays at both our churches from Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> to Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. If you can help please contact the parish office.

We also require people to prepare food for the BBQ so if you can make something to bring along, please do. Anyone who attended the last pot luck dinner, please come along also and bring a plate if you can. Thank you.

### 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**



### Upcoming Baptisms

This weekend we welcome into our parish Archie Barrett, Joseph Schulz, Harvey Schulz, Ethan Schulz, Jessica Byrnes, Emily Byrnes and Rafferty Austin who will be baptised and received into our Parish in December as part of the primary aged children program.

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### A VOCATION VIEW:

#### Feast of Christ the King - C

A VOCATION VIEW: Who will work for Jesus, the King of Peace, Hope and Honour, the King of Love, Truth and Justice? Who is dedicated and enthusiastic enough to proclaim his Good News? It must be YOU!



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