

# 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)

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New Parishioners  
**WELCOME**



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*SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## Comparison

We learn to choose from a very young age. Children choose what food they love to eat, what colour of shoes they are proud to wear and what game they enjoy most. As an adult person we all have our favourite shops. At the shops we browse at different items and look at its design and modes to make sure that what we will get will be the best value of our dollar being spent. The process of observing, choosing and decision making is what we all learn from childhood. The habit of comparing external items becomes a part of our life skills needed for choosing both visible things and invisible things. For a small and an unimportant matter the process of choosing happens quickly and often unnoticed. However, when it comes to choosing important matters such as choosing a school for your children, future profession, car for the family or location where to live, we take time to choose more carefully. Some people take a long time to decide that causes frustration for their companion. We can judge a person wrongly because appearances don't always reflect the reality of an inner life. Re-enactments in movies and theatres show this. Most marriages break down caused by a couple who had misjudged the other in their process of courtships.

Today's Gospel pointed out the Pharisee who had judged the tax collector when he entered the temple to pray. The Pharisee was conditioned by the judgment concept that a tax profession was associated with lies and cheats and he judged the tax collector by this attitude and by the appearances the tax collector had in the temple. The tax collector stood far away from the sanctuary. His eyes looked down, not up. He was stroking his breast in sorrowing for his wrong doing. He begged God for forgiveness and asked for God's mercy. He received what he asked for - forgiveness from God. He received God's mercy because he asked for it from his humble and repentant heart. The Pharisee, on the other hand, received nothing from God simply because he asked God for nothing. He entered the temple, instead of humble prayers, he paraded his good deeds before God, namely not cheating, not fooling around and certainly unlike the tax collector. There was no praying but listing his good deeds; on the contrary the tax collector believed that his life was totally dependent on God.

We often look at our role model and would like to learn from that person; the Pharisee looked down on the tax collector and that is in itself a sin. To make him brighter he painted the tax collector darker. The Pharisee could boast many things but he kept not what God commands and that was to love his neighbours.

What is really important is not making history but rather recognizing God's love in our lives and try to share that love with others. Apart from it everything else is a history and vainglory. Faith in Jesus means that we recognize that we are totally dependent on God for everything and love others because they are our brothers and sisters in Jesus.

Vudinh Tuong

**Next Week's Readings:  
31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

*First Reading*  
*Wisdom 11:22-12:2*

*Second Reading*  
*2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2*

*Gospel*  
*Luke 19:1-10*

**Prayers for the Sick**

Dominic Smith  
Betty Stevenson  
Jane McMahon

**Recently Deceased**

Margaret Webber  
Michael Ratnayake

**Anniversaries**

Jessie 'Lyla' Melville  
Denis Daly  
Murray Dick

**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

*"Where mercy,  
love, and pity  
dwell, there God is  
dwelling too."*

– William Blake

**Rosary**

Rosary will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Theresa Fry's house, 21 Kinkade Avenue, Ashgrove



**Rosary**

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

**First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19**

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14**

The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.



**PARISH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION**

**2 Reasons to Give Thanks and Celebrate**



Father Tuong is celebrating his Silver Anniversary (25 Years) of Ordination in November 2016. The Parish Community would like to celebrate with Father this wonderful milestone of his life.

We would also like to show our appreciation and give thanks to the many volunteers in our Parish for the efforts they have made over the past year.

So ALL PARISHIONERS please join us for these 2 Great Reasons to Celebrate on SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER for a Thanksgiving Eucharist at 5pm followed by a BBQ dinner at St Peter Chanel. The Christmas Light Display will be officially commenced on this night. So Come and Celebrate, Give Thanks and Meet old and new friends.

**Bible Group**

Meeting Wednesday evening  
26<sup>th</sup> October at SPC Parish

Office at 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

Anyone interested

please contact

Luisa

Ph: 0422 919 887



**Everyoung Club** coming up again.

Next meeting is on Thursday 27 October at 10:00am in the Parish hall.

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



**Pot Luck Dinner - Last One for the Year**

The last Pot Luck Dinner for the year is on next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October after 5:00pm Mass at SPC.

Please bring a meal to share.

Tea, coffee and cordial will be provided.



POTLUCK DINNER



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

November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions.



### Devine Renovation - Father James Mallon Seminar

Saturday 19 November 9am-4pm at San Sisto College, Mayfield Road, Carina.

Fr James is a parish priest at Saint Benedict, Halifax, Canada and the author of the bestselling book **Devine Renovations**.

Fr James will inspire you with his stories of how St Benedict's has transformed their parish community to become a more vibrant, welcoming and outwardly focused faith community. He will share about the key strategies that have worked for them as well as their learnings from their challenges and failure.

To hear this world-leading pastoral practitioner talking about evangelisation, collaborative leadership and growing missionary disciples, please contact the parish office on 3300 6099.

Individual tickets are \$50 per person which includes morning tea and lunch. The parish office is prepared to pay for tickets if you contact the parish office or Phil Locke on 0422 188 577 to obtain your tickets. Transport will be arranged if required.



### Past SPC Mother's Morning Tea (1975-1980)

Did your child go to SPC from 1975-1980? If yes, there is a mother's morning tea on **Wednesday 26th October 2016 at the SPC Parish Hall 9:30am.**

No need to RSVP, just turn up and bring a plate.

### Eucharistic Fast

Those who receive holy communion are to abstain for one hour beforehand from all food and drink with the exception of water and medicine.

This does not apply to the elderly, the sick and those who care for them.



### Christmas Care Concert

**Presented by Maggie, Katie & Tyrone Noonan for the Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation**

St. John's Cathedral, 373 Ann St, Brisbane - **7pm, Friday 2 December 2016**

Adults: \$35. Concession/students: \$25. Family: \$80

Tickets can be purchased via [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) or call GMRF on 07 3394 7284

### What's happening in the MD Meeting Room each week?

DAY	DAY TIME	EVENING
Mon		FPET Meeting (7:30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon of the month)
Tues	After School RE program (3pm-5pm)	
Wed		
Thurs		Wilderness Walk Meeting (7pm-9pm)
Fri	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month morning tea following morning Mass.	
Sat		
Sun		AA meeting 8pm-10pm

## 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.



*"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*  
Luke 18:14

MASS TIMES	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL	FEAST DAYS/NOTES
Monday 24/10			
Tuesday 25/10	9:00am		
Wednesday 26/10		9:00am	
Thursday 27/10		9:00am	
Friday 28/10	9:00am		Saints Simon & Jude
Saturday 29/10	5:30pm		
Sunday 30/10	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	

## Christmas is coming.....

Christmas cards are now available from the Parish office. Packs of 8 (\$3 budget cards) and 16 (\$18 boxed set). Also available holy prayer cards - packs of 10 (\$3). Available for purchase from the Parish office.



Cards will also be available from each Church mid November.

Also starting the weekend of Sunday 13th November, the SPC Church piety stall will open after 8am mass each week for the sale of cards and a variety of gifts. Gift prices range from \$3 to \$15.



## 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).



## 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

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## A VOCATION VIEW:

### Thirtieth Sunday of the Year - C

A VOCATION VIEW: If you exalt yourself, what do you leave for God to give you? Rather, listen to God's voice. Doing His will is all you need to do. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.



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