

# 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

Contact: Phone: 3300 6099 Fax: 3300 6255

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## THE FLESH AND THE FACTS

*An Advent Pastoral Letter 2016*

*"Christmas says that God saw what he had made and, seeing its goodness disfigured, decided to become part of his own creation to restore it to the glory he intended from the beginning."* Mark Coleridge

Please take a copy of the advent pastoral letter 2016 from the back of the church.

*SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016*  
*First Sunday in Advent*



I once heard the U.S. pastor Steven Furtick say that if our vision is not so big that it scares the living daylights out of us, it may be insulting to God. I once heard Rick Warren say that unless our vision stretches us beyond what we are capable of, we may be being unfaithful. Faith requires that we truly trust in God. Most often, however, our pastoral plans remain entirely in the realm of the safe and what we think is possible. The truth is that it requires no faith at all; we are just trusting in our own strengths and resources. In this way, we truly are being unfaithful, because we do not need faith to achieve those goals.

When rebuilding a house, there is always a certain amount of demolition and removal that needs to take place. Structures that no longer give life or serve the purpose of the building need to be removed. So it is in the Church. In the House of God, the things that need to be cleared out can literally be structures that no longer serve the mission or that prevent the mission from being fulfilled. They can also be attitudes, ideas or theological perspectives that hinder our ability to fulfil the missionary mandate given to us by Jesus.

Taken from Divine Renovation  
by Father James Mallon

**Next Week's Readings:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

*First Reading  
Isaiah 11:1-10*

*Second Reading  
Romans 15:4-9*

*Gospel  
Matthew 3:1-12*

**First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5**

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14**

The time has come, our salvation is near.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37-44**

Stay awake, you must be ready.



**Prayers for the Sick**

Dominic Smith  
Jane McMahon  
Beth Kloza  
Eamonn O'Dwyer  
Frank Guest

**Recently Deceased**

Michael Ratnayake

**Anniversaries**

Mary Johnston  
Gloria Casey  
Patricia McIntosh  
Alfred Stone  
Terry Mahoney  
Scott Mahoney  
Meta Truscott  
Frank Southwell  
Anne Baker

This weekend we welcome **Sean Woods** from the Holy Spirit Seminary, as he is placed with us throughout Advent. Sean is in his first year of studies and is the eldest of three children. Upon leaving school, Sean studied Psychology and upon completing his degree, felt it was the right time to discern the priesthood.



**Message from Sean**

Over the Advent season, I will be living in your Parish. This means I will be attending most, most likely all, Masses, as well as participating in broader parish life. The purpose of this placement is to give seminarians practical experience of parish life. This is very important, as one of the best places to learn about something is in the field itself. I am very thankful to your parish for taking on a seminarian over this season. I would like to thank you for providing this opportunity, and look forward to experiencing life in your parish community.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at Trish Corby's house, 26 Doncilla St, The Gap



**Rosary**

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

**Wine Sales**  
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.



**St Vincent De Paul "Giving Tree"**

The Parish Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society thanks everyone who generously donated to our Christmas Appeal. Your generosity helps us to continue helping the needy in the Parish.

We invite you to take a gift card from the "Giving Tree" at the front of each church which suggest Christmas gifts for families we visit in the parish. Please return your gift to the "Giving Tree" by Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December to allow us time to deliver the gifts before Christmas.



**Raffle Tickets!**

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THE RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN ON THE LAST NIGHT OF THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

**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**

## Christmas Festival Sweets and Delicacies Stall

We are proposing a stall of sweets and delicacies in this year's Parish Christmas festivities. There will be a recipe book for sale and the possible inclusion of a small amount of food. The recipe book is in the process of being prepared and we are asking for more recipes to be included. As well we are asking for volunteers to bake and prepare some of the food for the stall.

For more information, please contact Robyn Locke on 3366 5501 / 0428 733 131 or email [robyn@opuscons.com.au](mailto:robyn@opuscons.com.au)



## 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.



## Christmas Lights

Thank you to the volunteers who helped set up the parish Christmas lights.

We also would like to thank those parishioners who have got into the Christmas spirit and put lights up at their homes.



## Date Claimers

### Christmas in our Parish 2016

Our Christmas festival will run for 5 nights commencing Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December and finishing Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, with a Christmas hamper raffle being drawn on the last night.

Singers booked for the nights are as follows:

- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December - **Parish Group Choir (both SPC & MD)**
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – **Jubilee Singers & Samford Community Choir**
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – **Peace 'n' Choir**
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – **Denise Parker & Peter Monaghan**
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – **Ukulele Musicians**

Each night the BBQ will commence at 5:30pm (6:00pm on Sunday) with the concert to begin at 7:00pm. Each evening will have children activities from 6:00pm-7:00pm together with a Christmas movie.

Mark these dates in your diary and come along for a fun night of great company and entertainment.



## NEW PARISHIONER CONTACT FORM

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Children & DOB's: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.



## Celebrations & Volunteers BBQ

Please join us this Sunday after 5pm mass at the SPC Parish Hall for Father Tuong's Silver

Anniversary celebrations and our volunteers BBQ.

The Christmas Light Display will also officially commence. So come and celebrate, give thanks and meet old and new friends.

## 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

### Extra New Years Mass

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**  
– SPC Church 9:30am Mass

### ADORATION GROUP

Meets on the 1st  
Friday of each  
month (2<sup>th</sup> Dec)  
2pm to 3pm at  
SPC Church.

**ALL WELCOME**

### 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 28/11			
Tuesday 29/11	9:00am		6:00pm Year 6 Graduation mass (MD)
Wednesday 30/11		9:00am	Saint Andrew 6:00pm Year 6 Graduation mass (SPC)
Thursday 01/12		9:00am Healing Mass	
Friday 02/12	9:00am End of year school mass (MD)	11:00am End of year school mass (SPC)	
Saturday 03/12	5:30pm		Saint Francis Xavier
Sunday 04/12	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	

## SPC School News

The 2016 school year is almost at an end and we have enjoyed many events showcasing our learning for the year. One of the highlights our annual St Peter Chanel *The Arts Gala Night*, with over 700 people in attendance! This wonderful community event was a true celebration of the talent of our students in art, choir, band, piano, speech and drama, Japanese, dance and small ensembles. The breadth and depth of talent we have at our school is both breathtaking and inspiring, and an aspect of our school life for which we should rightly feel proud.

Congratulations to all involved, especially our talented students.

It is with much excitement that we are able to share with the community the video that we have developed with a production company to showcase some of the wonderful happenings at our school. The footage will easily be found on our school website within the next week at ...  
<http://www.spcthegap.qld.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>

Feel free to share the link with family and friends. If you know of any families who are looking for a brilliant school to send their child/ren to, the footage will provide them with some sense of our magnificent grounds and facilities, the great learning that takes place and the joy that is found at St Peter Chanel School every day! We still have limited places available in 2017, including in Prep. Those interested are invited to either phone 3300 1201, or email [pthegap@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pthegap@bne.catholic.edu.au).

School concludes for the summer vacation at 12 noon on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Also for your diaries... The first day of the 2017 school year for our students is Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, with Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January seeing the Australia Day public holiday. The office will be open from Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, with teachers also returning from this date to undertake a number of days professional development before the school year commences.

We thank members of the parish for your support throughout 2016 and wish you a safe, happy and holy Christmas season. We very much look forward to our continued partnership in 2017.



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### A VOCATION VIEW:

**First Sunday of Advent - A**

A VOCATION VIEW: In our materialistic society, someone must stand up to stay awake and speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that be you?



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