

# 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)

Facebook page: [StJohnsWoodTheGapCatholicChurch@St John's Wood / The Gap Parish](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsWoodTheGapCatholicChurch)

Facebook group: St John's Wood / The Gap Parish

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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Parish Secretary: Caryn Lee [thegap@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:thegap@bne.catholic.net.au)

Sacramental Program enquiries only: [ps.thegap@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ps.thegap@bne.catholic.net.au)



*SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## Navigate God's Gifts

It is not by chance but by God's love and providence that we are here on earth. No one has any say as to when, how and what gender we are to be born with. We have no say how many gifts or talents are given to us to develop. We do not know what kind of life and goodness we would hope for and the process of selection to avoid some kind of disease or sickness that could be avoided to inherit from our parents. The kind of qualities of life and other forms of relationships all are hidden to us. When God created us there is no consultation involved and the freedom of choice is absent but everything was determined by the loving God. It was determined when and how, before or after conception and we have no idea but our God of surprise let it slowly unfold in the coming years of each individual. Some gifts given we are welcomed with great joy; others we lament and mourn about it before we slowly accept it. Cosmetic surgeons can make some change of features of one's appearance. They are powerless to give a person the peacefulness of the heart. God alone has that power.

What we do know for sure is that we are endowed with God's love in our lives and each of us needs to navigate God's love in our heart for the greater glory of God and for better benefit of mankind. When our love is navigated in the right direction we are sure that our lives will be blessed and we will live happy and have peace in our heart. When our love is navigated towards the world we first enjoy the pleasure the world has to offer and what comes next is to bear the unavoidable heavy burdens it demands. Our future is determined by the choices we make right now. In other words we are invited to pre-destine our lives. What the world can offer is temporary things which are here today and cease to exist tomorrow. God's gift is permanent, everlasting and above the world and when our earthly pilgrimage is completed we inherit the eternal home in God's kingdom.

The Beatitude helps us to know that we are heading on the right road towards God. When the way is unclear it helps to clarify and we can adjust the bearing. Each of the Beatitude is a noble way that Jesus wants us to conduct in life. The poor in spirit will have the kingdom of heaven and the gentle will inherit the earth; mourners shall be comforted and those hungry for justice will be satisfied; showing mercy will reap mercy and the pure of heart shall see God. Children of God are peace makers and eternal life given for the active witnesses for Jesus.

The Beatitude preached by Jesus is a way of a peaceful heart preserved for those who follow God's way.

Vudinh Tuong

**Next Week's Readings:**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*First Reading*  
*Isaiah 58:7-10*  
*Second Reading*  
*1 Corinthians 2:1-5*  
*Gospel*  
*Matthew 5:13-16*

**Prayers for the Sick**  
Eamonn O'Dwyer  
Carolyn Webster  
Travis Gerreyn

**Recently Deceased**  
Fr John Newman  
Ronald Epping

**Anniversaries**  
Jennifer O'Brien  
Irene Eaton  
Anton Corera  
Lorraine Casey  
Joe Tracey

### **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 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Theresa Fry's house, 21 Kinkade Ave, Ashgrove



### **Rosary**

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

**First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13**  
In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**  
God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12**  
Happy are the poor in spirit.

## **Lenten Program**



Lent begins Wednesday 1st March 2017. 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.

Last year we had a number of the Lenten Prayer Groups held at private homes around the parish. It was a noble and holy thing to do and I would like to thank these host families for their generosity and charity work and hope that this year you continue to do the same.

There are folders at the back of the church for Group Leaders to indicate your interest to be a Group Leader in the Lenten Program. Please fill your names on these folders or contact the Parish Office.

## **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**



The dates for the Sacramental Program for 2017 have now been set.

### **First Holy Communion - Students in Year 4**

First Holy Communion will take place at one of the weekend masses of 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Enrolment forms are available now on the Parish website or please contact the parish office.

Forms must be returned no later than **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017** to be included in this year's sacramental program.

### **Confirmation - Students in Year 3**

Confirmation will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 and 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

Enrolment forms are available now on the Parish website or please contact the parish office.


Forms must be returned no later than **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017** to be included in this year's sacramental program.



**The Parish of St John's Wood / The Gap is now on Facebook.**

Please like our Facebook page and join our Facebook group. It is a great way to keep informed of our Parish activities and be involved in our Parish community.

 **Facebook page:** StJohnsWoodTheGapCatholicChurch@St John's Wood / The Gap Parish

 **Facebook group:** St John's Wood / The Gap Parish



## 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](mailto:thegap@bne.catholic.net.au) or contact the Parish Office on 3300 6099.



## THE LITTLE KING'S MOVEMENT FOR THE HANDICAPPED

The Little King's Movement once a year Parish Appeal will be held this weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. This year, 2017, the Parish offers any donations from the exercise class to the movement.

There is no Government funding, and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement. This is the major fundraiser for the year. In previous years the Parish has been very generous even in the most difficult financial times, for which the Movement is most grateful.

### menCONNECT- Date Claimer

**Our first Gathering is on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017**  
The focus will be "Discipleship" (Being a Disciple of Christ)

with **Jeff Lawrence** presenting.

Jeff has a Master of Ministry, he serves as a local church pastor and chaplain, as a spiritual director and biblical storyteller. He is involved in the Christian Meditation community and men's work.

**Date - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Cost - \$20.00 (breakfast included)**

**Time - 7 am to 1 pm (Half Day)**

**Venue- Brookfield Centre for Christian Spirituality  
(The Friary)  
139 Brookfield Road  
Kenmore Hills 4069**

(Refidex Map 177:15) 15 minutes from MD or SPC  
**RSVP - by 4<sup>th</sup> February by email [justmichael@bigpond.com](mailto:justmichael@bigpond.com) or  
Ph: 0459 992 228**

### Mater Dei Church - Cleaning Volunteers

#### Needed

Please consider volunteering to assist with the Mater Dei Church cleaning roster. We desperately need more volunteers to reduce the current load on limited volunteers.

Joining together with a friend or two, means cleaning takes very little time (1-2 hours at most) and assistance would only be required 3-4 times in a year. Cleaning materials and guidelines are all provided.

The Parish prides itself on having a clean church that is welcoming for our Parish community and the school children of Mater Dei. Please contact Jodie if you are able to assist at

[jodie.beaton@bigpond.com](mailto:jodie.beaton@bigpond.com)

### ADORATION GROUP

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

### Help needed with After School RE

On Tuesday afternoons this parish community provides an opportunity for primary age children who do not attend our parish schools to learn more about the catholic faith. Sessions are from 3:15pm to 4:15pm and are conducted by volunteers. With the new term about to start we are calling for new members to join our team.

We need people of good heart prepared to LEAD A CLASS - ASSIST A LEADER - MOVE FURNITURE - MAKE SANDWICHES - PLAY MUSIC - PAINT WITH US or just be with us. If you can help talk to Caryn at the parish office 3300 6099. All volunteers work subject to the Archdiocese's Working With Children policy.

### After School Religious Education

The parish of St John's Wood / The Gap again invites you to enrol your child in our After School Religious Education Programme for 2017. We offer an experience of the catholic faith tradition and assistance with preparation for the sacraments. Sessions are held on Tuesday afternoons at Mater Dei Church, West Ashgrove 3:15pm-4:15pm. Sign on from Tuesday 7th Feb. Enquiries to the Parish Office 3300 6099.

### Lourdes Hill College Past Pupils Association Lourdes Day Mass and Annual General Meeting

**Venue:** Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel ~ Lourdes Hill College  
**Date:** Sunday 12th Feb 2017  
**Time:** 2pm (Afternoon tea to follow meeting).

### Mothers' Prayers Group

Mothers' Prayers Group is a group for mothers who wish to pray together for their children and grandchildren and includes mothers whether married or single. Since 1995 Mothers' Prayers has spread to over 80 countries and at the meetings mothers are Blessed by being able to share and pray for their children. We meet on the 1st Monday of each month from 10:00am to 11:30am. If interested please contact Helen Knight on 3300 2271.

## Date Claimer

World Day of Prayers 10:00am SPC - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

**Birthday's for this week in January/February**  
**Vincent Dubois**  
**Clare Petersen**



### 2017 SPC Church Cleaning Roster

The new SPC Church Cleaning Roster for 2017 has been finalised and copies have been emailed out. If you did not receive your copy, please contact the parish office. Thank you again to those that have volunteered.

### 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 30/01			
Tuesday 31/01	9:00am Opening School Mass		Saint John Bosco
Wednesday 01/02		9:00am	
Thursday 02/02		9:00am Opening School Mass	The Presentation of the Lord
Friday 03/02	9:00am Healing Mass		
Saturday 04/02	5:30pm		
Sunday 05/02	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	

## Upcoming Events

- MD School Opening Mass - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January
- Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February
- SPC School Opening Mass - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February
- Parish Finance Committee Meeting - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February
- Baptisms 9:30am MD - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February
- Information Night for First Holy Communion - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February
- Information Night for First Holy Communion - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February
- Baptisms 8:00am SPC - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February
- Pot Luck Dinner - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February
- 7pm Vigil Mass for Ash Wednesday MD - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February
- Ash Wednesday 9am Mass SPC - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Lent Groups begins - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- World Day of Prayers 10:00am SPC - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March
- Children's Liturgy - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March
- Baptisms 9:30am MD - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March
- Reconciliation for Children in Year 4
  - 3:30pm MD Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March
  - 3:30pm SPC Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March
  - 3:30pm SPC Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- Baptisms 8:00am SPC - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Reconciliation for Children in Year 4
  - 3:30pm MD Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March
  - 3:30pm SPC Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March
  - 3:30pm SPC Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March
- Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April
- Palm Sunday - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April
- Holy Week
  - Holy Thursday - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April
  - Good Friday - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April (Stations of the Cross 10:30am MD) (The Passion of the Lord 3:00pm MD & SPC)
  - Easter Vigil Mass - 6pm SPC Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April
  - Easter Sunday - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April (SPC 8am Mass) (MD 9:30am Mass)

## First Pot Luck Dinner for the Year



POTLUCK DINNER

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

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### A VOCATION VIEW:

#### Fourth Sunday in Advent - A

A VOCATION VIEW: Vocations from God are not always clear. Not all of us are like Joseph who had an angel appear to him saying: "Take Mary as your wife, and fear not." However, God still speaks - "Do not be afraid."



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