

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

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St Peter Chanel
Primary School

Phone: 3300 1202

PARISH COUNCIL

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**New Parishioners
WELCOME**



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SUNDAY 2nd October 2016 - Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Openness

Openness serves as a window helping us to reach out to others and also a welcoming pathway for others to come into our lives. An open heart is a heart that is longing for new experiences and relationships while an open mind is a mind that is thirsting for new ideas and concepts. The open mind and heart have no fear of moving beyond the traditional boundaries of the familiar and are willing to overcome any barrier that is erected by social customs and traditions. The open mind and heart love to discover what is new and ready to take risks venturing into the unknown domains. Any adventure has both risky elements and joyful rewards. Without risky adventure there is no expected delight. When we are open for change we experience that life is full of opportunities to growth.

God's self revelation happens in various ways and only an open mind and heart is able to listen to the voice of God whispered softly into our heart. First, openness to faith is a response to God's self revelation through the teaching of Jesus. Active believers put the teaching of Jesus into practice and through the human interactions of acts of charity and love non believers are able to experience God's love in real life and come to believe in God.

Second, through the contemplation of God's words an open mind and heart will enjoy the calmness and tranquillity of their heart. When their heart is calm and at rest it will see God who is active in their daily activities. It opens up a new horizon for them to see the purpose of life with new eyes and that their life is designed not to dwell in this world but to dwell in God's house which is beyond this world. The person will recognize that whatever God made is both loveable and worthy of love. This recognition will help a person to let go of world materials and glories to embrace eternal love and everlasting glories.

Third, faith and trust go together. An active faith is not simply to believe in God but rather it is placing our trust in God and living in trust by doing what God calls you to do. To love God and love our neighbours in actions is an expression of faith in trust. To live a life filled of faith and be a living witness for Jesus is an expression of faith in trust. To be with the poor and the needy and be their hands and voice is an expression of faith in trust. Trust and hope plays a crucial role in times of difficulties. God expects us to live throughout our lives a life of service and charity, sharing whatever we have to others. Today's Gospel tells us that providing service is a privilege. Not having faith in God we tend to have faith in wealth of the world and its glories. Faith in wealth means to store up for oneself, to hold us back from sharing what one possesses because we live in fear. Wealth serves as some sort of security for future. In contrast trusting in God we will let go what we have by giving and open ourselves to welcome others in trust that God takes care of our lives.

Vudinh Tuong

**Next Week's Readings:
28th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

First Reading
2 Kings 5:14-17

Second Reading
2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel
Luke 17:11-19

Prayers for the Sick
Dominic Smith

Recently Deceased
John Shaw

Anniversaries
Patrick O'Brien
Helen Ross
Rosario Merenda
Caterina Merenda
Fay Marega
Vanda Lupi
Trisha Macuga

**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 3rd October 2016 at Paul & Katrina Price's house, 25 Arinya Road, Ashgrove



Rosary

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

First Reading: *Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4*

The just will live by faithfulness.

Responsorial Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: *2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14*

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands forever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: *Luke 17:5-9*

If you had faith!



Baptism Program

A new program to prepare primary age children for the sacrament of Baptism and for receipt into the Catholic Church will be conducted during fourth term.

If you or anyone you know is interested in this program please contact the parish office on 3300 6099.

An introductory meeting will be held in the parish office on Sunday 16th October at 4:00pm.



Date Claimers Christmas in our Parish 2016

This year our parish Christmas light display will start on Sunday 27th November. Our Christmas festival will run for 5 nights commencing Sunday 18th December and finishing Thursday 22nd December, with a Christmas hamper raffle being drawn on the last night.

Singers booked for the nights are as follows:

- Sunday 18th December - **Parish Group Choir (both SPC & MD)**
- Monday 19th December - **Jubilee Singers**
- Tuesday 20th December - **Peace 'n' Choir**
- Wednesday 21st December - **Denise Parker & Peter Monaghan**
- Thursday 22nd 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.

Christmas is coming.....

Pre-order your Christmas cards now from the Parish office.

Packs of 8 (\$3 budget cards) and 16 (\$18 boxed set) .

Also available holy prayer cards - packs of 10 (\$3).

Contact the Parish office on 3300 6099.





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

2017 Break Open The Word has arrived at the parish office. If you would like a copy for \$25 please contact the parish office 3300 6099.



ADORATION GROUP

Meets on the 1st Friday of each month (7th Oct) 2pm to 3pm at St Peter Chanel Church
ALL WELCOME

Give Away

The parish is giving away the piano currently in the Parish Hall at SPC. If you would like it or know someone who could use it, please contact the parish office 3300 6099. Own removal will be required.



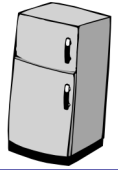
Thank you

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is most appreciative of the donation of a laptop computer. This computer has been instrumental in helping a lady obtain part time work. We are also thankful for three washing machines donated by parishioners.



Can You Help??

St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of a fridge in good working order. If you can help, please phone Bernadette on 0417 609 316.



Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy

You may have children or grandchildren that attend this Parish, you may be elderly or have elderly relatives who are ministered to by volunteers from the Parish. At any age, anyone of us could be considered a vulnerable adult at anytime through illness, grief/loss, separation or financial stress. No matter the scenario, we want you to know that the church is making every effort to protect everyone in our Church, especially the most vulnerable.

The Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy covers essential components identified by the Trust Justice and Healing Council which include:

- A clear written policy statement;
- Safe recruitment and selection processes for both employees and volunteers;
- A code of ethical behaviour;
- Training and education in conducting safe activities for children;
- Responsible management of disclosure;
- Mandatory reporting of suspected criminal behaviour to the police.

This policy is now part of a Parish Compliance Audit to prevent abuse from occurring in our Church. With your help monitoring and implementing this policy, our Parish can ensure the safety of our children and vulnerable adults is protected.

POLICY STATEMENT

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14

Children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocese of Brisbane *Code of Ethical Behaviour for employees and volunteers who work in service of the Church* as well as adherence to the legislative imperatives of the State.

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.



MASS TIMES	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL	FEAST DAYS/NOTES
Monday			
Tuesday	9:00am		Saint Francis of Assisi
Wednesday		9:00am	
Thursday		9:00am (Healing Mass)	
Friday	9:00am (Healing Mass)		Our Lady of the Rosary
Saturday	5:30pm		
Sunday	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	

More progress photos of SPC hall renovations
The inside and outside of the parish hall is being renovated to provide more storage and a stage area.



Birthdays for September

**Joe Martins
Lorraine Stephen**



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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Upcoming Baptisms

This month we wish to welcome into our parish William Peters, Georgia Jeffrey and Aria and Beau Collins who will be baptised later this month.



Ben Maher
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