

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

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St Peter Chanel
Primary School

Phone: 3300 1202

PARISH COUNCIL

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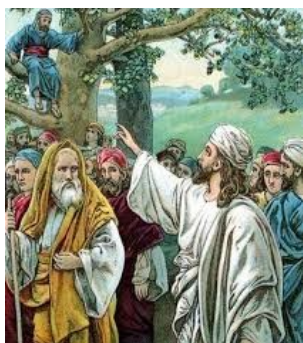
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New Parishioners

WELCOME

Please complete the form
in the newsletter.



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SUNDAY 30th October 2016 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Admiration

Every celebrity has fans that follow them. Fans know a great deal about each celebrity's public life but the celebrity knows not many of their fans. It is impossible for a celebrity to know all of their fans especially when they are in large numbers and they live all over the place. Fans often follow their star's movements and would love to have a personal encounter with them. In cases of huge crowds some even climb to somewhere high to have a glimpse of them from afar.

Zacchaeus is an unknown fan of Jesus who would love to have a personal encounter with Jesus, but he probably was afraid to meet Jesus face to face for fear that his way of life would be exposed to public- a dishonest tax collector. Zachaeus had found an unusual way, a childlike behaviour, of catching the sight of Jesus from afar. He quietly went ahead of Jesus and climbed a tree expecting to see Jesus without anyone noticing his intension. Things happened not quiet as he had planned. Jesus stopped at the tree where he was in and called him by name- 'Zacchaeus, come down'. Jesus knew not just that he was in the tree but even knew him by name. Hearing people discuss all the good things about Jesus would make Zacchaeus curious of Jesus and he would love to know more about him. His meeting with Jesus had changed his life forever. It was not what he heard about Jesus but it was the love Jesus showed that made his heart changed.

Zacchaeus' quiet admiration of Jesus became a public event because he was a public figure, a tax collector who became a believer. It was a big surprise for both Zacchaeus and the huge crowds when Jesus said to Zacchaeus that he would dine at his place that evening and he was overjoyed to welcome Jesus to his home. Straight after the encounter with Jesus, Zacchaeus put his faith in action when he publicly announced of his future plan. First he was going to give half of his property to the poor- act of charity. Second if he'd cheated anyone he would repay them four times over. The saying would have different interpretations. Would he recall the mistakes he'd made and repaid them four times over or would it mean from the moments of conversion of the heart, from now on, he would repay four times over. Whatever it is we know for sure that he tried his best to be an honest person and a true follower of Jesus. The other truth was that Zacchaeus was the head of a household and when he became the follower of Jesus his whole house was to follow suits, including servants and maids of the house. To confer God's grace on his family Jesus said:

'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham, for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost' Lk 19,10

His openness to the truth makes him ready to start a new life, a life of being kind and nice to others. Every household needs to encourage other members to be kind and make God's love real in our lives and in the lives of others.

Vudinh Tuong

**Next Week's Readings:
32nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

First Reading
2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Second Reading
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel
Luke 20:27-38

Prayers for the Sick

Dominic Smith
Betty Stevenson
Jane McMahon

Recently Deceased

Michael Ratnayake
Carmel Taylor
John Barber

Anniversaries

Murray Dick
Paul Gannon
Annette Condon
Elizabeth Paiva
M.X. Motha
Simon Paiva

**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 7th November 2016 at Leo & Pat Mead's house, 9 Myagah Rd, Ashgrove



Rosary

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

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

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

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.



**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.

Next weekend masses will be celebrated by Father John Grace, rector of the Holy Spirit Seminary. Fr John also sends a seminarian (Sean Woods) to our Parish in December as part of their placement for the Advent this year 2016. Please make him feel welcome.



Year of Mercy

The door of mercy is officially closed on Sunday 13th November.

The Year of Mercy is officially closed on Sunday Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 20th November 2016.



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

The last Pot Luck Dinner for the year is on this Sunday night 30th October after 5pm Mass at SPC.

Please bring a meal to share. Tea, coffee and cordial will be provided.





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.



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.



Devine Renovation - Father James Mallon Seminar
 Saturday 19 November 9am-4pm at San Sisto College, Mayfield Road, Carina.



Individual tickets are \$50 per person. 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. If you are interested, please let the parish office know by Friday 4th November.

The 2016 Chappy Car Boot Sale



To raise funds for Hilder Road State School's Chaplaincy.

Sunday 6 November 2016 from 7am-12noon
Hilder Road State School Oval

Contact Liz Stanley 0430 514 469 or uniforms.hrss@hotmail.com to request a booking.

ADORATION GROUP

Meets on the 1st Friday of each month (4th Nov) 2pm to 3pm at St Peter Chanel Church
ALL WELCOME



FLORESSENCE 2016

An exhibition of contemporary botanical art by the Botanical Artists' Society of Queensland Inc. The Auditorium Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha Rd, Toowong

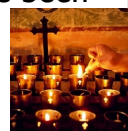
Exhibition Dates:
Wed 16 to Mon 21 November 2016
Opening Times: Wed to Sat 9am-4:30pm
Sun 9am-4pm
Mon 9am-1pm

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day



All Saints' Day (Tues 1st Nov)
 Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.

All Souls' Day (Wed 2nd Nov)
 Commonly known as All Souls, it expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory 'who have been buried in their human imperfection'.



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 or contact the Parish Office on 3300 6099.

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.



Birthday's for this week in November

Mick Bruhwiler



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.

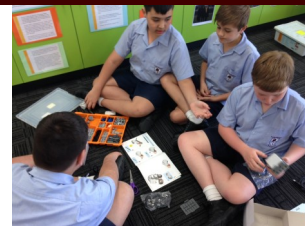
If you have any queries please contact the Parish Office on: 33006099

MASS TIMES	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL	FEAST DAYS/NOTES
Monday 31/10			
Tuesday 01/11	9:00am All Saints Liturgy	10:15am	All Saints Day
Wednesday 02/11		9:00am & 7:00pm All Souls' Liturgy	All Souls' Day
Thursday 03/11		9:00am Healing Mass	
Friday 04/11	9:00am Healing Mass		Saint Charles Borromeo
Saturday 05/11	5:30pm		
Sunday 06/11	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	

SPC School News

Term 4 has got off to a busy start at St Peter Chanel School.

We have introduced two new lunchtime clubs for our students. STEM Club (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) involves students from Prep to Year 6 working in groups to solve design challenges by working through the design process of Ask → Imagine → Plan → Create → Improve → Present. It has been a delight to see inspiring discussions, problem solving and creative construction happening in our STEM Studio. Our Years 5 and 6 students also have the option of joining in Lego Robotics sessions and this too has been taken up by many with much interest and enthusiasm.



Other exciting events have included our Year 6 students successfully completing their debating season with the Queensland Debating Union, our Year 4 students energetically participating in an adventure field camp at Mapleton (Sunshine Coast hinterland), and our hosting a Year 6 disco for a number of Catholic schools in the area. Last Friday evening our P&F enjoyed a family BBQ and Disco, where the wonderful St Peter Chanel community spirit shined brightly.



Thank you to the parish community for your loving thoughts and prayers with the very sad passing of one of our mums, Carmel Taylor. We know that, as a faith community, we are the Body of Christ and we have his loving arms to hold each other up in faith and hope.

We are still accepting **Enrolments for 2017**, with vacancies available in most year levels. Please keep spreading the word – we are happy to meet interested families and we will take them for a tour of our wonderful school and discuss options.

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A VOCATION VIEW:

Thirty-first Sunday of the Year - C

A VOCATION VIEW: Do whatever is necessary to see Jesus: climb a tree, make a retreat, confess your sins, read His life, help an enemy, say a prayer. He will stay with you today and I will praise your name for ever.

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