

PARISH OF ST JOHN'S WOOD / THE GAP



Parish of St John's Wood/The Gap

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

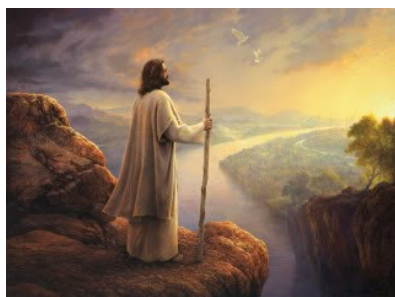
St Peter Chanel
Primary School
Phone: 3300 1202

PARISH COUNCIL

Kylie Gaul
(Chairperson)
kylie.brian@bigpond.com

New Parishioners
WELCOME

Please complete the form
in the newsletter.



Website: www.stjohnswoodthegap.net.au

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

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SUNDAY 5th February 2017 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Valuable Person

Everything that God has created is good and useful because God, in his goodness, has created them. God degrades that some of his creations have more value than others and they are suppose to serve the human race and to give glory to God. Otherwise they become heavy burdens rather than privileges because it is used differently from the original ideas when God created them. It is a tragedy for society when leaders of the society are driven by ambition to accumulate material things for personal gain. Natural resources of the world are suppose to share not to store or be territorial and in some cases commodities are the cause of chaos and divisions rather than treasures.

The second level of valuable things is the human creations. They are created not to destroy life but to give comfort for and for protection of the human life. A lamp lit hidden is useless because it consumes oil and shows no light for the house. The metaphor is referring to personal talents which God has given to each of us. When we keep our talents for our own use and share with no one our talents become hidden treasures. God's gifts are given to us to share and if not shared they will be dulled.

Amongst God's creations the human race is the most important one. The highest valuable of things are personal talents. We need to develop them to their potential for the benefit of others and that is what God has intended us to do when God calls us into being. Some people's personal talents are hidden and they need motivation and advice from experts to discover hidden treasures and self worth. Talents are needed for self enjoyment and for contributing to a society in which that person lives. Some have more talents than others and our task is to find out our inert talents to develop. The more you find out about your own talents; the more you learn to know about your self- worth and the more you appreciate life and enjoy life more. Some have so much potential but have never lived up to it and it is misfortune and disgrace. It is very much like great pearls buried in the ground. When God created you God put in your heart some gifts for you to cultivate in life and make life worthwhile. We are all valuable and worthy in God's eyes because we are all God's children and God's creation is born out of God's goodness.

The metaphor salt of the earth and light of the word follow straight after the Beatitudes listed in Mat 5:3-12. It indicates that we need to live out the spirit of the Beatitudes because they help people around us to have a taste for Jesus, and help them also to see the light of Christ in us as Jesus said:

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father who is in heaven." v. 16

Our good work becomes light for people to recognize that we live not for ourselves but for God who has created us and the cosmos.

Vudinh Tuong

Next Week's Readings:
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading
Sirach 15:15-20
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Gospel
Matthew 5:17-37

Prayers for the Sick
Eamonn O'Dwyer
Carolyn Webster
John Perks (Nellie's husband)
Rosa Maria Santos
Freda McGrath
Valerie Scott

Recently Deceased
Fr John Newman
Ronald Epping
Alex Chapman

Anniversaries
Peter Stevenson
Lorraine Casey
Joe Tracey
Dorothy Batch
Clare Batch
Ross Hallinan
Maureen Carrol
Baby Hayley Quick
Beatrice McMahon
Kevin McMahon

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 6th February 2017 at Donna & Brendan Lynn's house,
73 Baileys Road, Ashgrove



Rosary

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

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10
Your light will shine like the dawn.

Responsorial Psalm:
A light rises in the darkness for the uprights

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-16
You are the light of the world.



Would you like to be part of a Lenten Group?

If you would like to be part of a Lenten Group this year, please put your name and contact details on the folders at the back of the church or contact the Parish Office 3300 6099.



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

Parish Pastoral Council News

The first Parish Pastoral Council meeting for the year was held on Wednesday 1st February 2017.

The following matters were discussed:

- Welcoming new pastoral council members:
 - Chris Jackson;
 - Chelsea Clark; and
 - Donna Telfer.
- Briefing the overall activities for 2017 in general with the new project - Claire's Cottage is a social justice project the parish takes on to look after young people with disabilities. More details will be given later on when the project starts to establish.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th March 2017.



Upcoming Baptisms

This weekend we welcome into our parish Maeve Carey, Lucy Webster, Georgiana Leamy, Alice Patricks, Eva Tomaszewski, Cruz Harriden and Daniel Travers who will be baptised into our Parish later this month.

Bible Group

Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Next meeting Wednesday evening 8th February at SPC Parish Office at 7:30pm to 9pm. Anyone interested please contact Luisa Ph: 0422 919 887



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 27th & 28th 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 17th February 2017** to be included in this year's sacramental program.

Confirmation - Students in Year 3

Confirmation will take place on 2nd August 2017 and 9th 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 9th June 2017** to be included in this year's sacramental program.



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 or contact the Parish Office on 3300 6099.

menCONNECT

Date Claimer

Our first Gathering is on the 11th 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 - 11th 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 4th February by email justmichael@bigpond.com or
Ph: 0459 992 228

A VOCATION VIEW: Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time-A

A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus speaks on Vocations: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people so that they may see your goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father."

POSITION VACANT HOLY SPIRIT PARISH NEW FARM

Part-time position of
Administration
Assistant
(12 hours per week)

The position is available immediately — applications close on 8 February 2017. Full position description is available from: The Parish Priest at Holy Spirit Parish 16 Villiers Street New Farm 4005. Ph 3358 3744 or email newfarm@bne.catholic.net.au

JUBILEE PARISH BUS TRIP

On Monday 20 February come along as we cross Moreton Bay to Stradbroke Island. Enjoy time at Brown Lake and take in the spectacular views of the coast from the headland at Point Lookout.

Cost \$40 Departure time is 7.30am from St Finbarrs Ashgrove (Note earlier departure time).

For bookings please phone Margaret 3366 4114.



MARCH FOR LIFE 2017

When: Saturday 11 February 2017 at 3:00pm

Where: Start assembling from 2:30pm in Queens Gardens (Corner of George, Elizabeth and Williams Street in the CBD)

Why: State politicians are poised to vote on decriminalisation of abortion just days after the march

What's Provided: March organisers will provide all signs and banners - please just bring yourselves, family and friends.

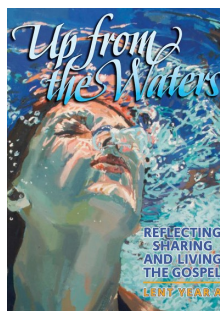
For more information: www.marchforlife.com.au



LENTEN GROUPS

The Lenten books for the Lender Groups have now arrived at the office. Could each Group Leader please come and collect your packs from the parish office.

Cost is \$15 per person.



Have you thought?

Affirmation or Challenge

The salt and light of the world passage is often used to affirm and encourage, but when Jesus tells his disciples – and us – to be salt and light of the world it is not so that they can draw attention and glory to themselves. The whole purpose of being salt and light is to lead others into right relationship with one another and with God. Whilst the translation we have clearly states that disciples are to be salt and light of the world, it is just as clear that the intention is that they/we be salt and light for the world.

Date Claimer

World Day of
Prayers 10:00am
SPC - Friday 3rd
March

Birthday's for
this week in
February

Bernadette Ketter
Joy Harvey (93rd)



First Pot Luck Dinner for the Year

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



POTLUCK DINNER

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 06/02			Regis Nursing Home Saint Paul Miki and Companions
Tuesday 07/02	9:00am		
Wednesday 08/02		9:00am	
Thursday 09/02		9:00am	
Friday 10/02	9:00am		Saint Scholastica
Saturday 11/02	5:30pm		
Sunday 12/02	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	

News from St Peter Chanel School

The 2017 school year has begun with much excitement, energy and enthusiasm at St Peter Chanel School. In readiness for the school year considerable work was undertaken in the buildings and grounds over the holiday period. The last of the asbestos in our buildings was removed (from Faber block), some painting work was undertaken and the bridge over the creek to Pangela Street received structural maintenance work and repainting. The area on the oval side of the Prep classrooms was perhaps the most exciting project. It received a makeover which transformed this part of the school into an enclosed space, with artificial turf, for the Prep students to use. The next phase of this project will attempt to secure funds for a shade sail. To cap it all off we had a very well attended working bee, coordinated by our Parents and Friends Association, which saw the transformation of our gardens and surrounds.



Before the return of the students, our dedicated teachers and school officers engaged in several days of professional development as part of our commitment towards excellence in teaching and learning. With the return of the students we welcomed just shy of seventy new students to our school, with our opening numbers being 446 students spread across 19 classes. On Thursday we formalised the opening of the school year by celebrating Mass as a community. This occasion also saw the commissioning of our 2017 Student Leaders, together with the launch of our 2017 focus theme... *Help me help you*. Last year's theme (in the Year of Mercy) was *Go out and make a difference* with the image of an open door. Having journeyed through that door we are called to turn God's words into actions, be it in the classroom, the playground, locally or internationally. Our corresponding image embraces our school logo as well as our school and house colours.



Enrolments for Prep for 2018 are now being accepted. Children born between 1st July 2012 and 30th June 2013 are eligible to enrol. You are welcome to make contact with our school on 3300 1202 should you have any enquiries. Interviews for 2018 will be held between March and May this year. Enrolment applications can be made via our website at www.spcthegap.qld.edu.au. Please spread the news amongst family, neighbours and friends.

Our school community looks forward to continuing its partnership with the parish in 2017.

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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).

Check out their Facebook page

Tuesday Playgroup @ St Johns Wood Parish Hall



HOLY CROSS FUNERALS

The only funeral service owned and operated by the Catholic Church

Ph: (07) 3293 0555 Web: www.holycrossfunerals.com

