

# 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.



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

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*SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 - First Sunday in Lent*



## LEARNING TO LAMENT

Dear brothers and sisters,

On Ash Wednesday we heard the prophet's words: "Come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning" (Joel 2:12) – words which echo one of the key themes of Scripture, the theme of lament. Ancient Israel had to make sense of the blood, sweat and tears that so often marked their history; they had to learn to lament. So too do we personally and the Church as a whole. In a sense the Church is always in crisis, always under judgement – not only the judgement of the tribunals of this world but the judgement of God. That's why we need to learn anew the art of lamentation which the Bible wants to teach us – especially perhaps in these days of Lent. That's part of what it means to come back to God with all our heart.

For the Bible, lament is firstly a refusal of silence before God – at a time when silence may seem the only possible response. Lament gathers up the most powerful emotions – rage, shame, sorrow, depression, frustration, bewilderment, all of which can be part of our response to whatever crisis we may face. What are we to do with all the negativity? The Bible says: Acknowledge it, give it a voice and let that voice be heard by God. It says that, even in a time of crisis, a time of breakdown, we approach a God who is personal, accessible and attentive to our cry. This isn't a God who is absent or who looks the other way but a God who is present and wants us to speak, even in the most negative ways. God wants our rage, our shame, our sorrow and so on; so we submit them all to him – not for his sake but for ours.

God also wants to hear our most anguishing spiritual and theological questions, which at times we hardly dare formulate. Where is God in the midst of the mess? Is there a future to hope in? Is there healing for wounds that seem incurable? Has the Church lost touch with the real Jesus? Does love really have the last word? Are justice and peace a mirage? These and many others are the questions God wants us to acknowledge, the questions God wants to hear, especially through the Lenten season. Putting them to God is part of what it means to come back to him with all our heart.

But that's not the end of the story. Biblical faith goes further, because lament leads to petition. The God who listens to our cry wants us to ask him for what we most need. We submit our need to a God who we believe won't be indifferent, a God who will respond and who wants us to work with him to build the future. Lament is a dialogue between God and us that, step by step, grows more intense; without that dialogue there is no future of the kind Scripture promises and we desire.

As we let go of our rage, our shame, our sorrow, entrusting them to God, the first glimmerings of real hope appear. Another future becomes imaginable, and biblical lament always looks to the future, as the Church must do at this time. We may not be able to sing the praises of God in a time of crisis, be it personal or communal, but lament always contains the promise that praise will come again. Lament believes that even from a crisis with all its negativity the time will come, by God's grace and our hard work, when weeping and mourning will finally cease, and we – all of us – will be able to say with the Song of Songs, "the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, flowers appear on the earth and the time for singing has come" (2:11-12). So may it be as we move through the desert of Lent towards the garden of Easter.

+ Mark Coleridge

Lent 2017

**Next Week's Readings:**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**Ordinary Time**  
*First Reading*  
*Genesis 12:1-4*  
*Second Reading*  
*2 Timothy 1:8-10*  
*Gospel*  
*Matthew 17:1-9*

**Prayers for the Sick**  
 Eamonn O'Dwyer  
 John Perks (Nellie's husband)  
 Barry Trousdall  
 Jan Montgomery

**Recently Deceased**

**Anniversaries**

Errol Davis  
 Fred Price  
 Teresa Scuderi  
 Leonore Florence Parker

**Please note:** we cannot add a name to the sick list or recently deceased list unless advised by a family member direct.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Trish Corby's house, The Gap



**Rosary**

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

**First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7**  
 Creation of our first parents, and sin.

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
 Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

**Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19**  
 Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
 No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11**  
 Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.



**Update of Our Parish History**

The last history book of the Parish was written sometime 30 years ago. We would like to update with more information and more photos. If your group would like to be part of the project, please write a summary of your group activities and gather some photos and send it to the steering committee:

Peter McMahon (0437 674 062)  
 Ken Robertson (3300 2383)  
 Noel Saunders (0413 731 105) or Parish Office (3300 6099).

**Thank You**

The parish would like to thank Carmel Herbert for her generous donation of a hamper for the Pot Luck Dinner Raffle. It raised \$194. Thank you!  
 The lucky winner of the hamper was Cath Robertson. Congratulations!

**Bible Group**

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



**stations of the cross**



**Stations of the Cross**

For many years a number of Parishioners gather at Mater Dei on Friday nights at 7.30pm during Lent to pray the Stations of the Cross. This tradition of the Stations of the Cross has been going on for centuries. Attending the Stations marks for us a way of understanding our struggles in the light of Christ. Please come and join those in our Parish who see this way of prayer as a source of joy, and follow Christ's Passion, as he walks with us in our own journey.

**Children's Masses**

Thank you to the Year 1's and Year 4's from St Peter Chanel School for their participation in this weekends Children Mass at SPC's 8:00am Sunday morning mass.



**Community Pantry**

As part of our Lenten program the Parish is supporting the Community Pantry. Community's Food Relief Pantry relies on donations to support the urgent need for food in our local community. Instead of giving up chocolate or something else you like this Lent, why not bring some non-perishable items in to the donation boxes at each church so those in need can benefit. Items like cereals, tins of fruit, pasta, rice, tinned ham, tin salmon or tuna, are all very much appreciated. Thank you for helping out others in need.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 Mater Dei Church  
 Monday 7pm-8pm  
 Friday 9.30am-10pm

**Adorers needed** contact the parish office 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.



**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.

**Alpha Workshops**



Lorraine McCarthy the Co-ordinator of Alpha in Australia from Victoria, will be visiting our Parish on Thursday 9th March at 9:30am. You are all invited to join her at the Parish Office. Morning tea will be provided.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Innocents Relief is a Brisbane based charity providing education to children in third world countries and has now been going for 54 years. Overheads are as little as 2% as all the work is carried out by volunteers. We operate out of St. Thomas Aquinas church (St. Lucia) on Thursdays between 9.30am and 2.30pm. If you are interested in helping then please contact Noel on 0413 731 105.



**Gregory Terrace Open Day**

Wednesday 8th March  
 4pm-7pm  
 Campus Tours Available at Rogers St Entrance  
[www.terrace.qld.edu.au](http://www.terrace.qld.edu.au)

**Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy.**



In 2014, Archbishop Mark launched the new Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevision and Protection Policy. The central message of the Policy is grounded in the policy statement:

**The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that 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 by all.**

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 Archdiocesan *Code of Ethical Behaviour* and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State.

**To meet this commitment, our parish will be required to fulfil a number of compliance matters. Some of these have already been put in place; however your support is needed to ensure that our Parish meets all requirements of the policy implementation.**





## Birthdays for this week in March

**Keith White**



### 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**



### 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 06/03			
Tuesday 07/03	9:00am		
Wednesday 08/03		9:00am	
Thursday 09/03		9:00am	
Friday 10/03	9:00am		
Saturday 11/03	5:30pm		
Sunday 12/03	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	

## St Peter Chanel School News

This week we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with lots of delicious pancakes, as well as by raising funds for Project Compassion. The following day saw our sacred start to the season of Lent though our Ash Wednesday liturgy. In the coming weeks we will particularly focus on saying "yes" to God in our thoughts, words and actions, complementing our theme for the year... *Help me help you.*



Our Year 6 students have spent a day focusing on developing their leadership capabilities, working with NET Ministries (the National Evangelisation Team).



Joining our parish in hosting a special ecumenical prayer service for the *World Day of Prayer* on Friday was both an enjoyable and humbling experience for our school Choir.

On **Thursday morning, 23<sup>rd</sup> March**, we will host an **Open Day** for potential new families to St Peter Chanel School, with tours being provided by our senior students and members of staff. This is a wonderful opportunity for those families in The Gap community and surrounds who are looking for a premier school that delivers an exemplary, yet affordable Catholic education to boys and girls from Prep to Year 6. Come and see our academic curriculum in action, complemented by incredibly dedicated teachers, contemporary facilities and technology, within beautiful, spacious green areas. We offer extra-curricular activities such as Instrumental Music (with Bands) and Choir, Gardening, Lego Robotics and STEM Club groups, as well as private tuition in Piano, Chess, Art and Speech and Drama to enrich your child's learning experiences. Students enjoy a robust sports program with Zone, District and Interschool Sport competitions. Please spread the word amongst you family, neighbours and friends and if interested visit our website at [www.spcthegap.qld.edu.au](http://www.spcthegap.qld.edu.au).

**Enrolments** for Prep for 2018 are also currently being accepted, with limited vacancies available now in other year levels. Interested families are welcome to make contact with our school on 3300 1202 or access enrolment applications via our website.



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