

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

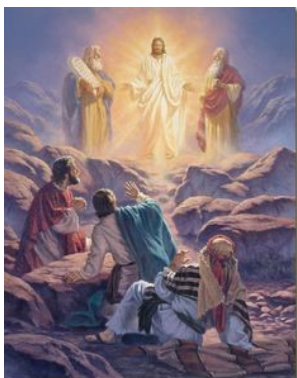
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Primary School
Phone: 3300 1202

PARISH COUNCIL

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(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 12th March 2017 - Second Sunday in Lent

The Chosen Ones



Jesus chose Peter, James and John to witness his transfiguration. The Apostles' faith was a growing faith that at times it was firm and strong; other times it was a wavering faith. They all made the full commitment not before, but after the Resurrection of Jesus. Peter became the first leader of the early church and was crucified upside down during the reign of Nero. James and his brother John were known as the sons of Zebedee. The pair earned a nickname "Sons of Thunder". James was the first of the twelve to be martyred for his faith in A.D. 44. John preferred to call himself 'the disciple whom Jesus loved'. He outlived all of the Apostles, dying not in martyrdom but of ripe age in exiled at Patmos. We enjoy the benefit of the doubts from the Apostles because each time they questioned about the faith, Jesus explained to them and showed them compassion and mercy and told them *'believe and doubt no more'* Jn 20,27 Mat 21,21.

Like the Apostles, our faith is a growing faith. In following Jesus we sometimes feel strongly committed and other times we have some reservations. The Apostles had some doubts and learnt more, we too, doubt and learn. In the Bible the chosen ones like Mary, Joseph, the Apostles, Moses and Elijah, had a specific mission and there were little explanations or criteria explaining why they were chosen. It remained a mystery.

Apart from the call at baptism, that is to live a life of active faith; to share the gifts of stewardship; and to bear witness for Jesus, each of us has numerous mysterious calls to serve Jesus in our daily lives and we don't know why God chose us to be in it. Some of the calls we embrace with joy; others we struggle hard to carry our cross to follow. The mysterious call comes from 'listen to him' in faith and trust even we don't understand. God is in control every moment of our lives; including natural events. Thunder and clouds and lightning were created for a purpose. The Apostles were *'overcome with fear'*. 'Stand up' he said *'Do not be afraid'* v 7-8. Jesus touched them and healed them. On the way down Jesus told them about his Passion that will happen before the glorification. We, too, each of us have our own passion. The transfiguration revealed a better life given after our earthly lives ended. Moses died 1200 years and Elijah died 700 years before the birth of Jesus and yet both of them were present at the Transfiguration. They are truly alive with God.

The Transfiguration revealed Jesus' glorification to the Apostles but for the Apostles it was their personal experience of the faith journey. They saw it and heard it but would not be able to understand. The journey of faith provides no scientific facts but can make sense in prayers and contemplations.

Vudinh Tuong

Next Week's Readings:
3rd Sunday of Lent
Ordinary Time
First Reading
Exodus 17:3-7
Second Reading
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel
John 4:5-42

Prayers for the Sick
 Eamonn O'Dwyer
 John Perks (Nellie's husband)

Recently Deceased
 Michael Sgroi
 Fr. Tom Sheran

Anniversaries
 Teresa Scuderi
 Leonore Florence Parker
 Ima Russell
 Len Chetham
 Patrick O'Shannessy

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 13th March 2017 at Gordon Simpson'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 12:1-4
 The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Responsorial Psalm:
 Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10
 God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

Gospel Acclamation:
 Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
 From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
 Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9
 His face shone like the sun.



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.



Upcoming Baptisms

We welcome into our parish Lily McAleese, Edward Newman, Penelope Reville and Harriet Abbott who will be baptised into our Parish later this month.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council News

The first Parish Pastoral Council meeting for the year was held on Wednesday 8th March 2017.

The following matters were discussed:

- Ministries Expo;
- Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults; Protection Policy;
- Alpha Workshops;
- Recommendations of Council of Priests.



The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th April 2017.

ADORATION AT MATER DEI CHURCH

Veronica Rice would like to thank Father Tuong and everyone who attended Adoration at Mater Dei church in the past. Veronica is moving and we wish her all the best on her new life journey and thank her for her efforts. Adoration at Mater Dei will continue on **Mondays from 7pm to 8pm** by Bernie Lewis and on **Fridays from 6pm-10pm** coordinated by Carmel Foster.

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.



Come to our Open Morning

Thursday 16th March 9am—10am

Mater Dei CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
 p 3514 4100
 7 Lynwood Crescent, Ashgrove West
 www.materdei.qld.edu.au



Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament
Mater Dei Church
Monday 7pm-8pm
Friday 6pm-10pm
(During Lent Station of the
Cross start at 7:30pm on
Fridays)

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.

ARCHBISHOP'S FINAL MESSAGE ON ROYAL COMMISSION HEARINGS

After three gruelling weeks, the Royal Commission's final hearing into the Catholic Church has come to an end. The preparation for it was tough, and my own three appearances were challenging enough. Through it all I had a growing sense that, after four years of public and private hearings, the Royal Commission had already come to an understanding of the Catholic Church and sexual abuse. Not surprisingly, one element of that understanding seems to be that Church authorities – people like bishops – are untrustworthy; they were in the past and may still be, saying one thing and doing another. Words were not enough to modify that understanding at this late stage, so actions will have to do what words could not. Our trustworthiness will have to be demonstrated by what we do rather than by what we say.

First we have to do all we can to heal the deep wounds of the past, by which I mean bring justice and healing to the survivors of abuse. We have done a good deal in the Archdiocese, but the more we do the more we see we still have to do. There's no room whatsoever for complacency; the job is far from done. A major question is how to offer really effective ongoing pastoral care to survivors outside Church protocols like Towards Healing. The protocols are important but more is needed if we are to walk with survivors on the longer journey, listening to their voices and seeing with their eyes – on the understanding that their voice is the voice of Jesus, their eyes the eyes of Jesus.

Secondly, we have to look to the future and do all we can to ensure that there's no repetition of the abuse and cover-up of the past. This will mean not just refining protocols and procedures, but building a culture of safeguarding in the Church. Changing protocols and procedures is hard enough, but cultural change is harder still. Yet if our culture doesn't change, we run the risk of treating the symptoms and not the cause. At the heart of that cultural change will be greater accountability and transparency in the Church. The need for that was stressed repeatedly through the final hearing.

In the task before us, the Church will need the help of the state, just as the Royal Commission was needed to make us focus on the scale of the problem, its causes and the actions now required. We couldn't do it on our own; and we won't be able to do it on our own in the future. So a more accountable and transparent Church will also have to be a more collaborative Church, both internally and externally. What this means will be a major question for the 2020 Plenary Council, towards which we're already on the way.

Now we await the Royal Commission's final report with its recommendations which will come at the end of the year. The Commissioners are alert to the delicate question of Church and state, not wanting to intrude into areas beyond their terms of reference. Inevitably the Royal Commission's account of the Church has been incomplete, but the Commissioners have heard and seen many things through these years, which is why we should trust their judgement and consider very seriously any recommendation they may make to the Church, quite apart from what they recommend to government. That's part of what it means for us to work together to build a culture of safeguarding not only in the Church but in society as a whole.

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Understanding Blue Card Requirements within Parishes.

Volunteers engaging with Children as part of their ministry are required by legislation to hold a valid Blue Card. There are lots of questions around Blue Card requirements, so we have tried to address a number of these here. If you have any additional questions about Blue Cards as a volunteer, please contact the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer, Troy Tornabene- tornabenet@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3752.

Due to the complexity, all new volunteer engagement is to be managed through the Parish Office and not through individual ministries. All forms are to be collected from the Parish Office.

Blue Cards – Protection of Children/Minors - Key prevention and monitoring system of people working with children in QLD.

Volunteering with children requires a valid Blue Card - this includes, but not limited to Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sacramental Program, Altar Server training, Sacristans, Youth Group Coordinators, Choir leaders etc.

Those in ministry involved in policy and practice decision making in the Parish, such as Pastoral and Finance Council members will also require Blue Cards.

Volunteers are to **ONLY** use Archdiocesan provided Blue Card forms. (Parish Office) Blue cards from another organisation, needs to be linked to the parish. (Parish Office)

Teachers (Registered)/Police under the legislation, are required to apply for an Exemption card to engage in a Ministry involving children.



**Birthday's for
this week in
March
Wayne Le Bon
Carmel Herbert**



MASS TIMES	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL	FEAST DAYS/NOTES
Monday 13/03			
Tuesday 14/03	9:00am		
Wednesday 15/03		9:00am	
Thursday 16/03		9:00am	
Friday 17/03	9:00am		Saint Patrick
Saturday 18/03	5:30pm		
Sunday 19/03	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	

**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**



Claire's Cottage Adventures to Bundaberg



We escaped the big city for 4 days, catching the iconic Tilt Train to Bundaberg! We had an absolutely amazing time away, jam packed full of exciting adventures including the Bundaberg Rum Distillery Tour, the Bundaberg Ginger Beer Barrel Tour, the Bert Hinkler Hall of Aviation, the Bundy Belle River Cruise and of course the Mon Repo Turtle Encounter.

Needless to say, our first overnight trip was a great success - we're already planning our next one!



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

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