

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.



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SUNDAY 14th May 2017 - Fifth Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

Assurances

Fearful and extraordinary circumstances in life challenge our faith. Jesus knew that his disciples would be in big trouble when he told them about what would be happening to him and the challenge they would soon experienced. They looked at each other in consternation when they heard Jesus say that one of them would betray him - Jn 13,21. They wondered who would do such a dreadful thing to their Master. Then another chilling shock was running through their spine when Jesus told them that he would not stay with them much longer and where he was going they could not come - Jn 13,33. The disciples felt as if their hope in Jesus was shattered and their world was in jeopardy. Their Master was going away, one of them would betray him and the group had no leader; all were too much for them to digest.

The disciples would have many unanswered questions wondering in their minds about what would happen to the group and what tomorrow would be like. The love and trust they used to have for Jesus had been questioned and the relationships amongst the disciples would be disarranged because someone had a secret agenda? Would the betrayal have made Jesus depart from them and when he returned would he take the whole group together or just some? Peter used to be the first to ask the question when they misunderstood his teaching but this time Peter was quiet and it was Philip who raised his voice asking to see the Father. Jesus told Phillip that to see him is to see the Father and that would create even more confusion - Jn 14,7. Jesus made clear that they were so ignorant about his teaching and time was running out. They all kept quiet simply because they didn't know where to start and what to ask.

Jesus assured them that despite their betrayal and faults, God would never distrust them. God trusted them more than they thought. Don't let hurt and pain take control of your lives. Trusting God in time of troubles would draw us closer to God for strength and consolation. When our love and trust are deep rooted in Jesus hurt and pain would draw us closer to God than to move us away from God.

'Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still and trust in me' Jn 14,1.

Lack of trust creates fear, confusion and division. To restore trust and erase the troubles deeply in their hearts the disciples must place their trust in Jesus. By placing our trust in God our life is secured. Sometimes personal gains overcome friendship and trust and it hurts. God is always faithful to his words, no matter how messy our lives can be, God always welcomes us back when asked for mercy and forgiveness. Trust requires knowing a person whom we trust. To know Jesus is to know the Father. To trust Jesus means to trust the Father - Jn 12,44. Trust God and our heart would be free from troubles. Trust and love gives birth for faith. Having faith in Jesus by trusting him and loving him. To learn more about God's love and mercy the starting point is with Jesus' human face, his life experience, his Passions and the cross and his teaching about God.

Vudinh Tuong

**Next Week's Readings:
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Ordinary Time**

First Reading
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Second Reading
1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel
John 14:23

Prayers for the Sick

John Perks (Nellie's husband)
Marion Bowden
Carolyn Webster
Beth Kloza

Recently Deceased

Daniel Daley
Eamonn O'Dwyer

Anniversaries

Ross McLeod
Jill Beaton
Doreen Clifford
Jack Clifford
Agnes Bergin
Ged Cosgrove
Val Carter
Brian Collins

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: 0477 894 904

Rosary

Rosary will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 15th May 2017 at Theresa Fry's house, Ashgrove



Rosary

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

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

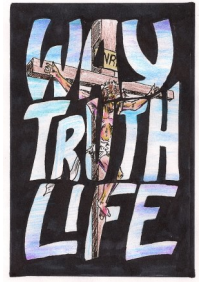
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.



Quilt Raffle for Claire's Cottage

Just a note that the quilts made by the Happy Patches will not be raffled on Mother's Day but at the end of May. Tickets are still available for purchase from the parish office. All proceeds going to Claire's Cottage.

Tickets prices - 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10.



Just a reminder that the children preparing for the sacrament of First Holy Communion have their workshops on this weekend either before evening masses or after morning masses.

First Holy Communion will be received on the weekends of 27th & 28th May 2017 during normal mass times.

Children's Sewing Group

On Saturday 20th May at SPC Hall from 9:30am - 12:00noon.
(\$15 per session).

All girls aged 11 upwards and mothers wanting to learn sewing are welcome.

Morning tea is provided and you make something to take home each time.

Bookings essential

Email shalafi@aapt.net.au or call Moria Flynn 3366 4536



LIVING THE GOSPEL

The Way, the Truth and the Life

When Thomas asks, 'we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus answers by saying, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' The reader of the gospel has known this truth all along from the opening line of the gospel, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' Our aim, as Christian people, is to be one with God, not only by sharing in the resurrection but also in the way we live. Jesus makes clear that the way to be with God is by following his example.

Dear Lord,
NO MATTER WHAT TODAY BRINGS...
I TRUST YOU WITH IT
Amen



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Mater Dei Church
Monday 7pm-8pm
Friday 6pm-10pm

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.

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” I PETER 2:7

Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people are able to recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills. No gift is too small or insignificant.

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CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN DARKNESS SAYS THE LORD - JOHN 8:12

SUNDAY, 2:00PM
18TH JUNE 2017
ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL BRISBANE

PROCESSION THROUGH THE CITY STREETS

PROCEEDINGS LED BY ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

Part-time Position Vacant
Parish Administration Assistant at Cathedral of St Stephen
 (2 days per week, one of which must be a Friday; 8.30am to 4.30pm)

For a copy of the position description please email hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au
 Applications close Friday, 26 May 2017. Start date will be in early July 2017.

Full-time Position Vacant
Executive Assistant to the Auxiliary Bishops at The Episcopal Office

To obtain a copy of the position description and salary information please email hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au
 Applications close Sunday, 28 May 2017.



Loving God,
 we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

Amen.



MASS TIMES	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL	FEAST DAYS/NOTES
Monday 15/05			
Tuesday 16/05	9:00am		
Wednesday 17/05		9:00am	
Thursday 18/05		9:00am	
Friday 19/05	9:00am		
Saturday 20/05	5:30pm mass		
Sunday 21/05	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm mass	

Parish Name Tags

The Parish is in the process of organising name tags for all parishioners. It is desirable that you wear them each week and return them to the back of the church.

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

Journey Towards the Year of Youth 2018

Young people, faith and vocational discernment.

The next Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF), to be hosted in Sydney in December 2017, will launch a national Year of Youth.

The Australian Catholic Bishops recently approved a proposal from the Australian Catholic Youth Council to host a national Year of Youth in 2018.

The Year of Youth in 2018 will celebrate ten years since Australia hosted World Youth Day in 2008.

The Year of Youth will coincide with the liturgical year of 2018 and will begin on the first Sunday in Advent on 29 November 2017, reaffirming the important role of young people in the life of the Church.

All of us are called to be a part of this Year of Youth, to take the faith journey as young Catholics, or to discern the call with the young people in our midst.

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