

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

Parish Office: PO Box 408, The Gap, Qld 4061

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8.30 am—3.00 pm

Contact: Phone: 3300 6099 Fax: 3300 6255

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SUNDAY 16th July 2017 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ancient Image

The image of a farmer who manually sows seeds on his farm by hands is an ancient image because today we live in the industrial era and most things are done by machines. Sowing season is done by machines and harvesting is also done by machine. Machines that sow seeds have device controls where the seeds should fall and that stops the seeds falling into thorny soil or footpaths. There are things that are unchanged to the modern world and that is the rich soil promises a rich harvest. There is a contrast image between the small amount of seeds sown and the abundant gain at harvest time. After the seeds have been sown the farmers have not much say in what the harvest will be like. All they can do is try their best and hope for the best. The same kind of seeds, sown at the same time in the same field, the harvest is different: some yields thirty; others sixty and others again one hundred and the farmers have no control but only enjoy the harvest.

Jesus used the image of a farmer sowing seeds to talk about God's messengers who sow the seeds of the Gospel—the words of God or the message of God's love—that is sown into human hearts. A heart that opens to the message will make it grow and the words will change the heart and that makes change in the life of a person's thoughts. The word of God is active and it is manifested through acts of charity and mercy.

Wheat grains sown in the soils are subject to all kind of dangers, namely birds and small animals eat them and the weather factors and even the seedlings would be eaten by grasshoppers, snails and slugs. The surviving seeds are the lucky ones and that is what farmers would like to see. Unlike the grains, the words of God have only one condition applied and that is the condition of a heart of a person.

A closed heart will not foster the message and the person could not stop the words of God to make a home in them. The words are sleeping or being buried deep within a person's heart because the conditions of the heart are not ready. A closed heart dislike both the words of God and the messenger who sowed the seeds. The message of God's love becomes the subject of rejection and the messenger becomes the subject of persecution. Farmers have to choose both the quality and quantity of the seeds being sown and learn about the time when it is right to sow the seeds. The word of God's love is perfect and in plenty and it can be sown at anytime. The messenger can sow the seeds as much as they like with the knowledge that he is not going to dishonour the seeds. There is no limit on how much they allow to sow because the seeds will never run out and they are in top quality. Some messengers of God loved by accident found out that the seeds they sowed ten or twenty years earlier would now yield fruits and that brings them great joy. The seeds of God's love once sown are not dead but quietly sleeping in other peoples' hearts for some-time before it start to burst and bloom.

Vudinh Tuong

Next Week's Readings:
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Second Reading
Romans 8:26-27
Gospel
Matthew 13:24-43

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
 The rain makes the earth fruitful.
Responsorial Psalm:
 The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.
Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23
 All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.
Gospel Acclamation:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.
 Alleluia!
Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-23
 A sower went out to sow.



Prayers for the Sick
 John Perks (Nellie's husband)
 Marion Bowden
 Stefan Golebiowski
 Keith Hall (Louise's husband)
 Marina Wightman
 Beth Kloza
 Mary-Lou Hay
Recently Deceased
 Con Lucey

Anniversaries
 Edmund Goodwin
 Janelle Lunney-Baptist
 Michael O'Hanlon
 John Humphreys
 Astra Dihm
 Pansy Gomes
 Hose Martins
 Thomas Sexton
 Sid Everingham
 Patrick Roberts
 Irene Rive

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

Year 3 Sacramental Program
 Reminder that the *compulsory* confirmation preparation workshops for those students enrolled in the sacramental program will be held next weekend—Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd July. Please check the dates your child is booked into and ensure they attend.



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



Did you know the Parish of St John's Wood/The Gap has a Facebook page?

Please like our Facebook page. It is a great way to keep informed of our Parish activities and be involved in our Parish community.

Facebook page: StJohnsWoodTheGapCatholicChurch@St John's Wood / The Gap Parish



MD Children's Liturgy Leaders Needed

The Mater Dei Children's Liturgy program is in need of new leaders and assistants to join our team. We have tonnes of experience between us, so you don't need to have any - all training and guidance is provided at a pace that suits you. To juggle the roster around everyone's busy family schedules and life events, we just need more people to be able to confidently cover all of the dates within the school year. We presently each cover just 2-3 Sundays per term, but you can do as little as one Sunday if required. Please contact Donna Lynn 0418931203, or lynn@lynnfamily.org

PARISH COOKING CLUB

The next cooking club is scheduled for Friday 4th August 2017 at 6pm at the Parish Hall. \$15 includes dinner and a glass of wine. Limited spaces so please book early.

Email your interest to Sherille sherilledoly@gmail.com. Cash can be dropped off in an envelope to the Parish Office with your name and number marked 'cooking class'.



Rosary
 Rosary will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 17th July 2017 at Pushpa Jayasekera's house, The Gap



Rosary

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



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.



When: Friday 1st September 2017
Where: Arana Leagues Club - Foundation Room (upstairs)
Time: 6:30 entry for 7pm start - 10pm finish (approx.)
Cost: \$20 per person **Teams:** 2-10 people
Dress Code: Harry Potter themed of course (prize for best dressed)
Food/Drink: There will be a bar open in the room and dinner/snacks available for purchase at the club bistro.

For more information or to book email hptrivia@clairescottage.com.au

If you or your family have been in the parish for over 25 years and would like yours or your family's picture in the upcoming parish history book, please give photos and names to the parish office (thegap@bne.catholic.net.au) before the end of July.

This history book comprises of three parts:

- The existing history book remains unchanged;
- The groups and events in recent times; and
- Individual or family photos submitted.



The history book will be published at the same time of the 80th anniversary celebrations of Mater Dei Church.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Scatter that seed!

The teaching of the parable of the sower is as true for us today as it was in its original context. The word of the kingdom continues to fall on people who are at various stages of readiness to receive it. What Jesus suggests to his disciples – and to us – is that the 'good soil' can't always be predicted. Jesus doesn't tell his disciples to only sow the word in people who are receptive. Rather, he wants them – and us – to scatter the word everywhere and to rejoice when it does find good soil and yields a rich harvest.

The Benedictines

Sr. Ursula O'Rourke, a Good Samaritan Sister, will talk at Grovely (Daley Centre) at 7.30pm on Tuesday July 25. Her Religious Order follows the Rule of St. Benedict (The Benedictines). Over the next 4 months, Grovely Adult Faith Group are presenting the Charism, Prayer Life, Spirituality, and the concept of relationship with God as found in three such religious traditions. Sr. Ursula is presenting the first of these on the Benedictine approach. Many of us know the quality of her work for the Church in Brisbane.

A VOCATION VIEW: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, sometimes it lacks depth. But other times it is nourished by loving and caring friends.

RCIA -

Do you know someone who is considering becoming a Catholic? Have you been considering becoming a Catholic yourself or have a school age child who would like to be a Catholic? The next RCIA program is commencing shortly. Please contact the parish office on 3300 6099.

MASS TIMES	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL	FEAST DAYS/NOTES
Monday 17/07			
Tuesday 18/07	9:00am		
Wednesday 19/07		9:00am	
Thursday 20/07		9:00am	
Friday 21/07	9:00am		
Saturday 22/07	5:30pm mass		Saint Mary Magdalene
Sunday 23/07	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm mass	

FREE PARISH KIDS MOVIE EVENT This Sunday 16th July 2017

Where: SPC Parish Hall

Movie starts 3pm sharp.

Movie: **BOSS BABY** (PG)

Food (BBQ), drinks, lollies & snacks available for purchase from 2:45pm. Bring bean bags / cushions if you want to be more comfortable.

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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