

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.**

Deacon Thomas Zaranski
will be helping celebrate
Mass at Mater Dei on
Sunday morning 9:30am as a
deacon and will be giving the
homily.
Thank you Deacon Thomas.

Website: www.stjohnswoodthegap.net.au

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

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

Churches: Mater Dei : 16 Philomene Drive, Ashgrove
St Peter Chanel: 41 Chaprowe Road, The Gap

Parish Priest: Fr. Vu Dinh Tuong mdei@bigpond.com

Parish Manager: Richard James manager.thegap@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Secretary: Caryn Lee thegap@bne.catholic.net.au

Sacramental Program enquiries only: ps.thegap@bne.catholic.net.au

SUNDAY 19th November 2017 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cooperation

Cooperation means individuals or groups working together to achieve something worthwhile. A parish can't exist without good cooperation. Lack of social interactions and poor care for each other and little acts of charity will make a Christian to be a lip service to God and the spiritual life of that faith community is hollow. When individuals or groups combine their efforts working together they will achieve amazing things and we now enjoy the manmade marvels around the world as the result of cooperation. Faith cooperation is a reciprocal process of sharing God's love and knowledge and that will strengthen the hearts and enrich the minds of the faith community.

Today's Gospel seems to suggest three types of cooperation. They are fully committed, indifferent and ignored. Full cooperation happens when individuals actively invest their time and talents for the community in terms of their skills and profession to achieve goodness for God's people. They are involved in the community in times of challenge and in times of peace.

'Sir, you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.' Mt 25:20.

The indifference shows little concern for the life of the community. They serve the community in their convenient times and are indifferent in times of difficulty.

'You should have deposited my money with the bankers and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest.' Mt 25:27.

The non-committed show no concern for the life of the community. They belong to the community by name and that is it.

'I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is, it was yours, you have it back.' Mt 25:25.

Cooperation is a risky business but the end results are often rewarding. It requires surrender of one's own will and ideas and is led by a group's leader. They live in hope, the hope of achieving something worthwhile from their great efforts and receiving great compliments from their Master.

'Well done, good and faithful servants; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.' Mt 25:23.

A Christian cannot live happily and comfortable without sharing their lives with others. The basic foundation of a Christian life is to be active in their promises at the Baptism, endowed with the three fold offices: priest, prophet and king and that is to live a life of constant prayers and offer services. They share the Good News by means of doing things, not alone, but with others to enrich their spiritual lives and the lives of others. This mutual support makes life easier, bearable in solidarity with the Passion of Christ. In the family setting cooperation is indispensable. Without cooperation between parents and children, family life is independent living, each member is an island in their own home. Cooperation both in time of prayers and in providing services will sustain the joy and peaceful quality of a Christian family. Parishes foster for happy family living which is a parish that shows great welcoming and hospitality for other community members. Cooperation would foster better respect and show more understanding and tolerance towards each other. Without cooperation there is no unity in a community and it is not a community that Christ called to be.

Without cooperation individual life is good for nothing and the life of that person is reduced to a spiritual "zombie".

Vudinh Tuong

Next Week's Readings:
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
First Reading
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel
Matthew 25:31-46

Prayers for the Sick

Stefan Golebiowski
Carolyn Webster
Andrew Dudgeon
Catherine Smith
Michele Henselien
Catherine Murphy
John Perks

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Jack Dihm
Andrew Mahoney
William Maher
Patricia McIntosh
Alfred Stone
Terry Mahoney
William Holt
Terry Eastwood
Terry Stewart
Anne MacPherson

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 20th November 2017 at Theresa Fry's house, Ashgrove
Call Val Bonney for details
0417 631 246



Rosary

If you would like to pray the Rosary in your home please contact

Bruce Bonney
Phone: 3300 2959

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Mater Dei Church's 80th Anniversary Celebrations

Thank you to Tricia Wogan and the committee and parishioners who organised Mater Dei Church's 80th anniversary celebrations last weekend. Thank you Mater Dei school for the use of the school hall, to the Mater Dei school parents and parishioners who prepared food and the school children for your wonderful performances. It was a great celebration with many fond memories.



ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP OFFER

With the assistance of the Organ Society of Qld and donations received to mark Mater Dei Church's 80th anniversary, a scholarship of \$2,000.00 is being offered for the 2018 academic year for organ tuition. For more information please contact the Parish Office or see the Parish Website. Application forms are located at the back of the church. Applications close 10th Dec 2017.



We as a parish wish you all the best on your journey to Priesthood.

Congratulations Thomas Zaranski on your Ordination of Deacon.



Farewell Donations for Father Tuong

With Father Tuong leaving us at the end of the year, we have been asked by some parishioners what they can do or get for Father Tuong as a farewell gift. The parish has opened up a bank account exclusively for Father Tuong to use as he wishes. If you would like to make a donation details are:

Account Name: Donations Fr Tuong

BSB No.: 064-786

Account No.: 007121108

Bank: Commonwealth Bank

Otherwise money can be left at the parish office in an envelope for Father.

Can you Help?

Volunteers are needed for the Christmas festival Sunday 17th Dec to Thursday 21st Dec. Volunteer sign up forms are located at the back of the church if you are able to help out on any of the nights or for set up / clean up. Donations for the Christmas hampers are also needed. If you have any gifts you would like to donate, please drop off to the parish office.

Thank you.



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.



Welcoming Sister Kari Hatherell

Father Tuong has asked Sister Kari to come along to each mass on the weekend of 2nd & 3rd December 2017 to meet parishioners before she commences next year as our Parish's Pastoral Director. Sister Kari, who is an Ursuline Sister, will come along to speak at each mass following communion.

Parish Volunteer's BBQ

Next Sunday (26th Nov) the parish has it's annual volunteer's BBQ following SPC's 5pm mass. Please come along. The Parish Christmas lights will be turned on and the launching of our Parish History Book will also be on this night. This is the time of year the Parish gets together to thank all our volunteers throughout the Parish. Without volunteers, many events and activities could not be held without you. RSVP to the Parish office not essential but appreciated.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal - Next Weekend

The Parish Conference of St Vincent de Paul is conducting its annual Christmas Appeal at masses next weekend (25th & 24th Nov). In addition to the appeal, a Christmas Giving tree will be in each church. Please consider taking a card from the tree which will have suggestions for gifts to give needy families in our parish. Gifts are required to be returned under the Giving Tree by Saturday 16th December.

St Vincent de Paul is assisting Community and the Red Cross to facilitate transitional living for a group of 14 men aged between mid 20s and mid 40s who are asylum seekers currently living in a nearby suburb. The group at Community assisting these men is called the Asylum Circle. Community is looking at starting a "buddy" system for these people consisting of people who wish to help them and offer on-going support. If you wish to know more about the program or wish to give assistance in some way, Community is conducting an information/training forum on December 3rd between 2 and 4pm at The Exchange, 81 Musk Avenue, Kelvin Grove. To RSVP please use the link - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/asylum-circle-volunteer-introductory-training-tickets-37443944847>
 Some of their needs include non-perishable food such as rice and lentils as well as toiletries and money to top up go-cards.



News from Claire's Cottage.....

Claire's Cottage has arranged with Stepz Fitness Ashgrove a fitness program especially designed for Claire's Cottage with their very own personal trainer, Jason. As you can see from the photos, it is a great way for young people with disabilities to have a workout especially designed for them to keep them fit and active.



Also coming up next year, Claire's Cottage is offering cooking classes in conjunction with Mt St Michael's College. This is a great opportunity for young adults with disabilities to acquire life cooking skills or just for fun. If you are interested in either of these events, please contact Claire McCourtie from Claire's Cottage 0413 270 167.

As a fundraiser, Meat U @ Home Butchers at The Gap Village is offering a Christmas special deal where 80% of the price goes to Claire's Cottage. For \$115 you can purchase a free range Christmas bundle comprising of 1/2 woodsmoked ham, whole children, boneless pork leg (all free range). For details, please see the printouts at the back of the church and place orders directly with Meat U @ Home Butchers.

Everyyoung Club

Last meeting for the year and Everyyoung's Christmas party is Thursday 23rd Nov 2017 at 10:00am in the Parish hall. All welcome to come and enjoy a cuppa and get together.

Thank you to those Parishioners who helped out at the Parish working bee this weekend. Your help and effort was very much appreciated.



SPC Liturgy Roster

The roster for coordinators, readers, ministers of communion & computer is currently being prepared. Please let the parish office or Rosemarie Brady know if you would like to join the roster or come off the roster.

Birthday's for this week in November
Vi Hall
Danielle James



Wine Sales

Looking for Christmas gift ideas or maybe just for yourself. Our Wines from Seven Hills winery in SA are available for purchase. Merlot and Riesling \$15 per bottle or \$160 for carton of 12. Money raised goes towards families in need in our Parish. Please contact the parish office.



Prayers for the Deceased during November

If you have any deceased family members you would like included in the prayers of the faithful during November, please write their names in the book at each Church (right of the altar).

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 20/11			
Tuesday 21/11	9:00am		The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 22/11		9:00am	Saint Cecilia
Thursday 23/11		9:00am	
Friday 24/11	9:00am		Saints Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
Saturday 25/11	5:30pm mass		
Sunday 26/11	9:30am Mass	8:00am Mass 5:00pm Mass	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Date	Mater Dei	St Peter Chanel	Notes
November 2017			
Tues 21/11/2017			Christmas Lights go up
Sun 26/11/2017		After 5:00pm Mass	Volunteer's BBQ, Christmas Lights Display turn on & launching of Parish History Book
Tues 28/11/2017	6:00pm Year 6 Graduation Mass		
Wed 29/11/2017		6:00pm	SPC Year 6 Graduation Mass
December 2017			
Fri 01/12/2017	9:00am MD	11:00am SPC	SPC End of School Mass
Tues 12/12/2017	7:30pm MD		Mass of Forgiveness
Sun 17/12/2017		5:00pm Mass 6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-8:00pm	Christmas Festival Begins Entertainment
Mon 18/12/2017		6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-8:00pm	Christmas Festival Entertainment
Tues 19/12/2017		6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-8:00pm	Christmas Festival Entertainment
Wed 20/12/2017		6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-8:00pm	Christmas Festival Entertainment
Thurs 21/12/2017		6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-8:00pm	Last night of Christmas Festival Entertainment
Sat 23/12/2017	5:30pm		Normal Saturday MD Mass
Sun 24/12/2017	9:30am 5:30pm Carols 6:00pm Vigil Mass	8:00am 6:00pm Carols 6:30pm Vigil Mass	Christmas vigil mass to take over Sunday 5:00pm mass
Mon 25/12/2017	9:30am	8:00am	Christmas Day Mass
Sat 30/12/2017	5:30pm		Normal Saturday MD Mass
Sun 31/12/2017	9:30am	8:00am	NO 5:00pm Mass

Pender & Whitehouse Solicitors Since 1917

JOHN WHITEHOUSE
PH (07) 3356 6589

Deceased Estates, Fixed Fee Conveyancing,
 Business - Leasing and Buying & Selling

Email: pwh@qld.chariot.net.au
 250 Enoggera Road, Newmarket.. Qld 4051

Michael Messery

(Advanced certificate of horticulture)
 (Associate diploma of science-horticulture)

- Landscaping
- Gardening
- Mowing

Ph:3300 0572
 Ph:0407 645 559



HOLY CROSS FUNERALS

The only funeral service owned and operated by the Catholic Church

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

