

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
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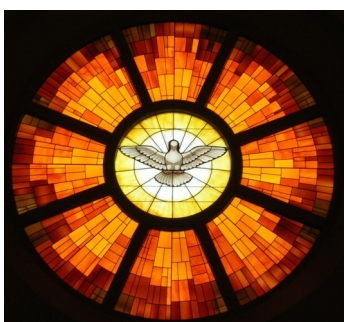
St Peter Chanel
Primary School
Phone: 3300 1202

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New Parishioners
WELCOME

Please complete the form
in the newsletter.



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SUNDAY 2nd April 2017 - Fifth Sunday in Lent



Die with Jesus

Hearing his friend Lazarus died, Jesus told his disciples that he would like to go to Judea to console his friends Mary and Martha. His disciples reminded him of the persecution that the Jews were determined to kill him. The event was still fresh in their mind. They reminded him that:

"Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you: are you going back again?"

Thomas was bold when he said to the other disciples:

"Let us go too, and die with him."

The saying is more like a protestation than a commitment statement. Probably at the time Thomas made the statement it had never occurred to him that the idea of dying with Jesus was a privilege, not a disgrace. We know that Thomas and the other apostles later in life learnt that being able to give sacrifice of their very own lives to Jesus was a special gift and when opportunity was presented they all wanted to shed their blood for Jesus. The apostles were happy to die for their faith as a testimony of their great love for Jesus. All of them died a violent death, except for one who died at a ripe age. We Christians would enjoy life like the rest of mankind but when our time comes for us to depart from this world we would love to die with Jesus regardless of what kind of death it would be. It is our hope and our purpose in life is to live for and to die for Jesus, because to die with and for Jesus means to unite with him in his death and be resurrected with him and live with him in eternity.

No one can escape death. We all die and we would rather die at an old age and of a natural death, not a violent death. Enduring a violent death in faith is a curse for nonbelievers but it is a privilege and God's grace for a disciple of Jesus. The universal Church at the same time both mourns for the life of a faithful Christian and also praises their heroic act in terms of a martyr. It is the heroic act to show our love for Jesus. It told the opponents of Jesus that their love for Jesus was stronger than death and their sacrifice for the faith would never be forgotten. They may fail many battles in their lives but win the final battle and the final victory is what counts.

We Christians believe that dying with Jesus is God's gift, God's grace. It is better to die with the Lord rather than to die alone or die without the Lord because to die for and with the Lord is to die in faith, love and hope - faith in Jesus, love for Jesus, love for mankind and for the faith and hope to be with Jesus, who once said he is the resurrection and life.

"Whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

The raising of Lazarus is somehow to be understood that God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are at work in the world and in our lives. Jesus has the power over life and dead and through the Holy Spirit, God the Father will raise Jesus up from death.

Vudinh Tuong

Next Week's Readings:
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Ordinary Time
First Reading
Isaiah 50:4-7
Second Reading
Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel
Matthew 26:14- 27:66

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

Anniversaries

Elsie Carroll
 Mary Miles
 Arnold Sullivan
 Marie Sullivan
 Betty Hill
 Bernie Rowe
 Jennifer Conroy
 Pamela Summerlin
 Arnold Amabile
 Donna Dempsey McNeill
 Betty Robinson

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 3rd April 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

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
 I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

Responsorial Psalm:
 With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11
 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

Gospel Acclamation:
 Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
 I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
 Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45
 I am the resurrection and the life.



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.



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.

PARISH EASTER FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

PRIZE IS A HAMPER VALUED AT \$150.00 DONATED BY CCI PERSONAL INSURANCE
TICKETS \$2 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5
 AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR AT EACH CHURCH
 THE RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN AT THE NEXT POT LUCK DINNER AT THE END OF APRIL

Thank you playgroup kids for the beautiful colourful crosses you presented Father Tuong with to put up around the church and hall.

They are lovely especially when the light hits them.



Easter Mass Times in Our Parish

- Palm Sunday 9th April 2017**
 - Saturday 8th April 5:30pm MD Mass;
 - Sunday 9th April 8am SPC Mass, 9:30am MD Mass, 5pm SPC Mass
- Wednesday 12th April 2017**
 - 7pm Mass of Reconciliation at Mater Dei Church
- Holy Thursday 13th April 2017**
 - 7:30pm The Lord's Supper at Mater Dei Church
- Good Friday 14th April 2017**
 - 10:30am Stations of the Cross at Mater Dei Church
 - 3pm The Passion of the Lord at both St Peter Chanel & Mater Dei Churches
- Holy Saturday 15th April 2017**
 - 6pm Easter Vigil Mass at St Peter Chanel Church
 - **Note no 5:30pm Mass at Mater Dei**
- Easter Sunday 16th April 2017**
 - 8am Mass at St Peter Chanel Church
 - 9:30am Mass at Mater Dei Church
 - **Note no 5:00pm Mass at St Peter Chanel**





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.

Quilt Raffle

The lovely ladies of Happy Patches have kindly offered to raffle off this beautiful quilt with all proceeds going to Claire's Cottage. Tickets are on sale now from the parish office - 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10



which will be drawn on Mother's Day.

There is also a second quilt as second prize which was made by the children who attend the Saturday children sewing classes.

**CHRISM MASS
 APRIL 6, 2017**

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 6 April 2017 commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

**Canticum Chamber Choir
 Good Friday Musical Meditation**

Friday 14 April, 5:30pm Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 369 Given Tce, Paddington (cnr Fernberg Rd). In our annual Good Friday musical meditation, we perform Orlando di Lasso's *Lagrimae di San Pietro* (Tears of St Peter). This rarely-performed masterpiece explores the grief of St Peter after his denial of Christ. Rich with pathos, this sequence of 20 spiritual madrigals and one motet represents the height of Renaissance polyphony.

menCONNECT

What is happening? Come to the dinner at 6pm on Friday 21 April in the parish hall (SPC) to hear Michael Forbes talk about "meaning and mission". Michael, a former parishioner, has done some very exciting and interesting things in his life some of which he will share with us.

Cost is \$10.00, please RSVP Mike on 0459 992 228 before 18th April for catering purposes.

RCIA Candidates

Last Sunday Simon Bristow, Maddison Eyb, Hana Kim and Miriam Price took part in the rite of acceptance for them to be received or baptised into the Catholic faith during the upcoming Easter Vigil Mass. We wish them all the best on their faith journey and welcome them into our parish community.



Five Minutes with the Word Easter 2017 books and the Little White Books have now arrived. Available at the parish office or at each church. \$5 per book.

Mass of Forgiveness
 Wednesday 12th April
 at 7:00pm
 Mater Dei Church



MASS TIMES	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL	FEAST DAYS/NOTES
Monday 03/04			Regis Nursing Home Mass
Tuesday 04/04	9:00am		
Wednesday 05/04		9:00am	
Thursday 06/04		NO MASS 9am Liturgy of the Word	
Friday 07/04	9:00am (Healing Mass)		
Saturday 08/04	5:30pm		
Sunday 09/04	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Please note:

There will be no mass and no healing mass held at St Peter Chanel Church on Thursday 6th April

A VOCATION VIEW:
Fifth Sunday of Lent - A
 Seeing physically dead people return to life is not a common event. But Christians, serious about their vocation, are eager to help the "down and out" find new meaning in Christ and live a full life.

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

SPC School News

Our school has enjoyed an amazing few weeks in concluding Term 1.

This year our Author in Residence saw two visiting authors... Mrs Andrea Gallagher who worked with our children in Prep - Years 3, together with Mr Brian Falkner who worked with our students in Years 4 - 6. Each author spent three days working with classes, sharing their passion for literature and writing, complementing our school's focus on the value of high quality literacy for all. Classes eagerly engaged in working with the authors to either write individual pieces or collaboratively write a very entertaining tale. These will be published later in the year for all in our community to enjoy. We thank our P&F Association for partnering with us in this significant initiative. Our children's learning is richer for it!



Our Zone Swimming Squad proudly represented our school at Chandler Aquatic Centre. Our students were called to draw on their growth mindset, give their best and have fun and they certainly rose to the challenge, achieving first place in the Division A schools. All involved can feel very proud of this achievement.



Our school has been actively involved in supporting Project Compassion initiatives during Lent. This has included an Easter raffle, 'Piggytails for Piggytas day' and the collection of 5 cent coins. Tallies are still being calculated, though it is humbling to know that needy people will have their lives changed because of the thoughtfulness and generosity of our families.

Do you have a child born between 1st July 2012 and 30th June 2013? If so, they are eligible for Prep next year. Potential new families to our school enjoyed our recent Open Day. If you missed this event and are interested in your child/ren attending our wonderful school, feel free to contact the office (tel 3300 1202) to arrange a tour. Please spread the word amongst family, friends and around your neighbourhood, especially over the school holiday period. For more information, visit... <http://www.spcthegap.qld.edu.au/Enrolment/Pages/default.aspx> We have some places available now and enrolments will also be available across year levels in 2018.

To all in our parish, best wishes for a blessed, holy and safe Easter season.

Birthday's for this week in April
Mary Kelly (100th) - Congratulations!
Donna Telfer
Caryn Lee
Lynette Alcorn




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