

# PARISH OF ST JOHN'S WOOD / THE GAP



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**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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## Cultures of Faith

The culture of faith is the cultures that prophet Isaiah called to care for justice and act with integrity for everyone whether you are male or female, adult or a child, Jew or non Jew or Gentiles. Isaiah 56,1 called justice for all because Israel once misunderstood that they were the chosen people and that justice is just for them not for the rest of the world. Isaiah told them that God's gifts are for all. The chosen race had a mission and their mission is to be light for all the nations and it is reflected in their songs of praise:

*Let all the peoples praise God. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.  
Psalm. 66, 5-6*

God had chosen a race with a universal mission to be the mouth of God - to proclaim God's gift to all, no exception and those who join the chosen race must share the same mission. The Christian cultures are not taking control of other cultures but it calls to sanctify and purify cultures that have been borne out of God's love and mercy and justice for a human life. Cultures are born out of human desires, serve personal greed and self-indulgence. It is God's love and mercy that is the essence of Christian's cultures. Cultures have true values when it promotes life and peace and justice for all and it is the teaching of Jesus. To deny the Christian cultures is to deny the basic of human life. It is to contradict to the will of God for the human race. Through Christian's cultures God communicates to us by means of people's interactions with each other and with the world that we are called to protect and promote life and justice and that should be the way of life. Human intervention of new cultures contradict to God's purposes for men on earth when they call to listen to the voice of the majority. The truth is a clever leader can influence other people's mind and that inflicts much pain and suffering for the voiceless and marginalized. The Church has a long list of prophets who gave warning to publics about their appalling behaviours and declined and shocking moral practices. The struggle between the worldly cultures and the Christian cultures is an ongoing battle. The present time shows that the worldly cultures dominate the Christian cultures but eventually the teachings of Jesus about life, justice and peace will prevail.

Christian's cultures help us to look forwards to something which is beyond this world and that is above this world. It helps us to open to God's goodness and embrace the teaching of Jesus. The Christian's cultures will change our outlook in life and purpose of life. It changes our relationships with others and to the world and it changes our ways of serving and finally transformed our lives to be more like Jesus.

The Samaritan woman in today's reading was consistence in pleading Jesus to save her daughter. The disciples felt embarrassed and asked Jesus to grant what she asked for but Jesus was unmoved. In feeding the five thousand from five loaves and two fish confirmed that Jesus 'himself knew exactly what he was going to do' Jn 6,7. Jesus probably knew that he was going to grant the woman's request but before he acted Jesus wanted the woman to speak out loud what was hidden in her mind and heart. The woman said God's gift is for all and Jesus granted her request.

Vudinh Tuong

**Next Week's Readings:  
Twenty-First Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

*First Reading  
Isaiah 22:19-23*

*Second Reading  
Romans 11:33-36*

*Gospel  
Matthew 16:13-20*

**Prayers for the Sick**

John Perks (Nellie's husband)  
Marion Bowden  
Stefan Golebiowski  
Mary-Lou Hay  
Carolyn Webster  
Ray Garske

**Recently Deceased**

John Roberts  
Merv Cawley

**Anniversaries**

Mary Roberts  
Alma Brady  
Marie Sefton  
Barry Weir  
Edward Cahill  
Elizabeth 'Bess' Egan  
Helen Oberle  
Martin Eastwood  
Beverley McPhee  
Bob Colley

**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 21<sup>st</sup> August 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: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7**

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

O God, let all the nations praise you!

**Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32**

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28**

Woman, you have great faith.



**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**



**Pot Luck Dinner**

The next Pot Luck Dinner is on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August after 5pm  
Mass at SPC.

Please bring a meal to share. Tea, coffee and cordial provided.



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**9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Multicultural Mass & Lunch  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

Mass 10am St Peter Chanel Church

Lunch 11.30am St Peter Chanel School hall - Please bring a dish to share

BBQ, drinks

Free jumping castle

Multicultural Trivia



SPC School Choir performance

Mater Dei School drama performance

You are welcome to dress in your native attire



Further details please contact Kylie Gaul  
([kylie.brian@bigpond.com](mailto:kylie.brian@bigpond.com)) or Sherille  
([Dolby\(sherilledolby@gmail.com\)](mailto:Dolby(sherilledolby@gmail.com)))

**Thank you Monsignor John Grace and Father Fernando for celebrating the supply masses on the weekends while Father Tuong is away for 3 weeks.**





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](mailto:thegap@bne.catholic.net.au) or contact the Parish Office on 3300 6099.

Thank you to everyone who came to morning tea on Thursday in celebration of Father Tuong's birthday.

We wish Father Tuong a wonderful and safe holiday as he jets off to Canada this week for 3 weeks.



**menCONNECT**

**Date Claimer**

**Our NEXT Gathering**

Our presenter will be Fr John Chalmers. A priest well known throughout the Diocese. Fr John will speak of the lay vocation through the eyes of Hugh of St Victor and Pope Francis. His presentation will help us imagine how we might live life faithfully.

**Date - 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Cost: \$10.00 (dinner included)**

**Time - 6.00 pm**

**Venue- The Parish Hall at St Peter Chanel  
 Chaprowe Road  
 The Gap 4061**

**RSVP - by Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September by email [justmichael@bigpond.com](mailto:justmichael@bigpond.com)  
 or Ph: 0459 992 228**



**Share the Dignity**

No women should suffer the indignity of choosing between eating or buying sanitary items. Our parish is again helping this cause throughout August.

Please contribute to this worthy cause by leaving sanitary items in the box at the back of the Church. Your help is appreciated.



**Multi-cultural Mass**  
**Sunday 20th August 2017**

**MASS TIMES**

Saturday MD 5:30pm mass  
 Sunday SPC 10:00am mass  
 No Sunday SPC 8am mass  
 No Sunday MD 9:30am mass  
 No Sunday SPC 5pm mass



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](mailto:lynn@lynnfamily.org)

**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 21/08			Saint Pius X
Tuesday 22/08	9:00am Communion Service		The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 23/08		9:00am Communion Service (No morning tea)	
Thursday 24/08		9:00am	Saint Bartholomew
Friday 25/08	9:00am Communion Service		
Saturday 26/08	5:30pm mass		
Sunday 27/08	9:30am Mass	8:00am Mass 5:00pm Mass	Pot Luck Dinner

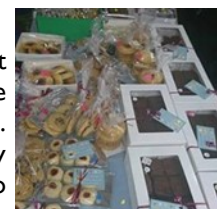
**SPC School News....**

The last month has seen many significant events for the school community ...

Our Grandparents Day during Catholic Education Week saw us welcome over 300 grandparents to our school, as we embraced this year's theme and *shared our journey*. Following mass, our Senior Concert Band and Choir performed, then students from every year level showcased their learning, either as a performance or in their classrooms. This has now become an annual event and a highlight on our school calendar.



Our school Fair, hosted by our Parents and Friends Association, was a magnificent day all round! We were blessed with glorious weather and the energy and positive spirit throughout the day was palpable. Family, food and fun were certainly the focus. The added bonus is that interim financial statements indicate that we can safely say that the Fair made over \$35,000. Thank you to all in our local community who supported this event.



In addition to these two significant events, we have celebrated Confirmation with a number of children, held the Junior Band micro Concert and our Athletics Carnival, then honoured St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's Feast Day.

Each event individually was a significant testament to our spirit of community and the wonderful learning that takes place at our school. I sincerely thank everyone involved, in anyway, big or small, in these important events.

A trickle of applications are still being received for student enrolments in different year levels for 2018, including Prep. Please spread the word amongst family, friends and neighbours that we are open to receiving applications and are happy to take interested families for a tour. Application details may be found on the school website at... <http://www.spcthegap.qld.edu.au/Enrolment/Pages/default.aspx>

We look forward to joining many families across the parish at this Sunday's Multicultural Day celebrations.

Blessings,  
 Margo Carwardine, Principal



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