

# Parish of St. John's Wood / The Gap



**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm

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## Local Safeguarding Officers

Caryn Lee & Kylie Gaul

## Churches

Mater Dei  
16 Philomene Drive, Ashgrove

St. Peter Chanel  
41 Chaprowe Road, The Gap

## Schools

Mater Dei Primary School  
T: 3514 4100

St Peter Chanel Primary School  
T: 3300 1202

## Parish House

As the presbytery is now vacant, we are in the process of preparing it for the rental market. It will take a couple of weeks to clear, clean and make some minor repairs. We have put the house in the care of a real estate agent who will manage the property for at least 12 months. By doing this the parish will receive some income and it gives us time to consider the long term plans for the house.

## Parish Liturgy

My first impression of the liturgy in the parish is that great care is taken for the physical environments of the churches as well as for the preparation of the liturgy. People know what they are doing, and do it well! My other impression is that parishioners are happy to be here, you take a real pride in your faith community, there is a lovely sense of joy. I am looking forward to developing the liturgical life of the parish with you, providing some education and formation later in the year. The liturgy committee is meeting next week on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm at the parish office to prepare Lent. All are welcome!

## School Begins!

The holidays are over; it's time for children and young people to begin another school year. For some it will be their final year, for others it will be their first day at school or beginning at a new school. For all it is a fresh start. Let's pray for the families and children of our parish, that whatever this year brings, they may grow in all ways and be open to the many possibilities that school offers. Have a great year!

Blessing on the week ahead,

Sr. Kari Hatherell osu



## Liturgical Calendar

### Reconciliation

Mater Dei  
Saturday 5:00pm-5:20pm  
St. Peter Chanel  
Sunday 4:30pm-4:45pm

### Sacraments

Details available on our website under Church Activities or contact the Parish Office.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mater Dei  
Monday 7:00pm-8:00pm  
Friday 6:00pm-10:00pm

St. Peter Chanel  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month  
2:00pm-3:00pm

### Rosary

Home rosary 7:30pm Monday  
22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 at Paul & Katrina Price's house, Ashgrove.  
Call Val Bonney for details  
0417 631 246.

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

St. Peter Chanel  
Thursdays after 9:00am liturgy  
(Pilgrimage of the Hearts)

Mater Dei  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month after  
9:00am liturgy  
(Marist Laity)

### Mother's Prayer Group

Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Monday morning of the month.  
Contact Helen Knight on 3300 2271.

### Bible Group

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month  
7:30pm-9:00pm at the Parish Office.

### Meditation Group

Mondays 9:30am-10:30am at the Parish Office.

DAY	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL	FEAST DAYS/NOTES
Monday 22/01			
Tuesday 23/01	9:00am Mass		
Wednesday 24/01		9:00am Liturgy of the Word & Holy	Saint Francis De Sales
Thursday 25/01		9:00am Mass	The Conversion of Saint Paul
Friday 26/01	9:00am Mass		Australia Day
Saturday 27/01	5:30pm Mass		
Sunday 28/01	9:30am Mass	8:00am Mass 5:00pm Mass	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Australia Day Mass - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Mater Dei, 9:00am with morning tea afterwards  
(please bring a plate)

### This week's readings

**First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

The world as we know it is passing away.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20**

Repent, and believe the Good News.

### Next week's readings - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28**

## Weekday Masses

While the Sunday Masses will remain the same, there is a change to the weekday timetable. Mass will be celebrated every Thursday and Friday, however every alternative week on Tuesday and Wednesday. This means, for example, this week on Tuesday will be Mass and on Wednesday Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion. Next week it will be Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion on Tuesday and Mass on Wednesday. This allows some flexibility of providing both Mass and other forms of liturgical prayer for the school communities as well as the parishioners who regularly gather to pray each morning. On major feast days Mass will always be celebrated. Please check the weekly newsletter for details.

## Reflection on Today's Reading

### Prayers for the Sick

Stefan Golebiowski  
Andrew Dudgeon  
Michele Henselien

### Recently Deceased

Janet Bryant

### Anniversaries

Betty Stevenson  
Ellen Sinclair  
Ronald Epping  
Bill Eneberg  
Margaret Breslin  
Lesley Vernon Parsonage  
Peter Tan Peng Huat  
Matilda Batch  
Jennifer O'Brien  
Irene Eaton  
Anton Corera  
Joe Tracey

Today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of discipleship, namely, evangelisation, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. It does not matter who *brings* the good news, but who *receives* it. Jonah the prophet was sent to outsiders, even enemies. The disciples were fishermen who spoke to the people of their own country. God's salvation is intended for all, and it seems to make little difference who brings this good news.

Today's readings call for repentance. The grace of God requires a new way of living, a life of faith and commitment. The gospel invites us into the age of fulfilment, a salvific reign of truth, compassion and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice.

There is an urgency in these readings. This world in its present form is passing away, and God's call demands a total response. Like the disciples, we must leave the familiarity of our former ways and follow the call that we have heard in the depths of our hearts. We are called first to enter the reign of God and then to spread it. As ambassadors of God, we bring the good news of salvation wherever we are and in whatever we do. Called by God, we now begin to live in a totally different way, guided by the values of the reign of God rather than those of the world that is passing away.

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Liturgy Help

## Parish Wine Sales

We have a few boxes of wines from Seven Hills winery in SA left over and are wanting to sell them off at a low price. Merlot and Riesling available for \$5 per bottle. All monies go towards families in need in our Parish for school fees. If you are interested in buying a bottle, please contact the Parish office.

**Please note:** We cannot add a name to the sick list or recently deceased list unless requested by a family member.

## Lenten Program Leaders

Each year numbers of people gather in small groups for the Lenten Program. This year's program is entitled, 'Blessed and Broken'. A big thank you to those who offered their homes to host last year's program. It's all about to begin again so we are looking for leaders to coordinate a group. If you are willing to do this again or would like to start up a new group please speak with Caryn at the office.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



The St. Vincent de Paul Society extends its gratitude and sincere thanks to the parishioners of our parish for your generous support of both the Christmas Appeal and the Giving trees.

With added support from the schools we were able to provide 50 hampers to families in the week before Christmas and we have sufficient funds to keep us going for the next 6 months.

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

## A VOCATION VIEW:

Even a great person like Jonah turned away, at first, from what God called him to do. It is never too late to hear the Lord say, 'Come, follow Me.'

# menCONNECT

**Our first Gathering is on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

The focus will be "**Mind, Body, Soul, Relationships, Meaning & Purpose**" with **Gary Stone** presenting. Gary is well known to the men of St John's Wood/The Gap and beyond. He has a great message for men of all ages. Come along in February 2018.

**Put this date in your diary. (Breakfast & Morning Tea Provided)**

**As in past years this is a half day event.**

**Time: 7 am to 1 pm**

**Cost: \$25.00**

**Venue: Brookfield Centre for Christian Spirituality (The Old Friary)**

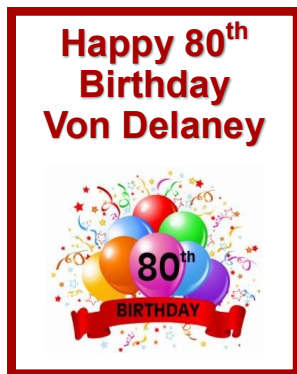
**139 Brookfield Road Kenmore Hills 4069**

**15 minutes from MD or SPC**

**RSVP -**

**by 5<sup>th</sup> February by email [justmichael@bigpond.com](mailto:justmichael@bigpond.com) or Ph: 0459 992 228**

# What is happening in our Parish?



## Liturgical Dates for 2018

Ash Wednesday  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> February

First Sunday of Lent  
Sun 18<sup>th</sup> February

Palm Sunday  
Sun 25<sup>th</sup> March

Holy Thursday  
Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March

Good Friday  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> March

Holy Saturday  
Sat 31<sup>st</sup> March

Easter Sunday (Resurrection)  
Sun 1<sup>st</sup> April

Annunciation  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> April

Ascension  
Sun 13<sup>th</sup> May

Pentecost Sunday  
Sun 20<sup>th</sup> May

Trinity Sunday  
Sun 27<sup>th</sup> May

Corpus Christi  
Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> June

DAY	DAY TIME	EVENING
Monday	<b>Breast Feeding Association</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday morning of the month (SPC Hall) <b>Meditation Group</b> Mondays 9:30am-10:30am (Parish Office)	<b>FPET Meeting</b> 7:30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month (MD Room) <b>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</b> 6:30pm 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month (Parish Office)
Tuesday	<b>Playgroup</b> 9:00am during school term (SPC Hall) <b>After School RE</b> After school (MD Room)	<b>Karate</b> 6:00pm-7:30pm (SPC Hall)
Wednesday	Morning tea following morning Liturgy (Parish Office )	<b>Parish Council meeting</b> 7:00pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month (Parish Office) <b>Bible group</b> 7:30pm-9:00pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month (Parish Office) <b>Yoga</b> 7:00pm-8:15pm (SPC Hall) <b>AA Meetings</b> 9:00pm-10:00pm (MD Room)
Thursday	<b>Happy Patchers</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Thursday mornings of the month (SPC Hall) <b>Everyyoung group</b> 10:00am 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month (SPC Hall) <b>Pilgrimage of the Hearts Rosary</b> Thursdays after 9:00am Mass (SPC Church)	<b>Karate</b> 6:00pm-7:30pm (SPC Hall) <b>Happy Patchers</b> 7:15pm-9:00pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month (Parish Office)
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday morning of the month morning tea following Mass (MD Room) *Please note changes  <b>Exercise Class</b> 9:15am-10:15am (SPC Hall)	
Saturday	<b>Exercise Class</b> 8:00am-9:00am (SPC Hall) <b>Embroidery / Sewing Group</b> 10:00am-1:00pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month (SPC Hall)	
Sunday		<b>AA Meetings</b> 9:00pm-10:00pm (MD Room)

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