

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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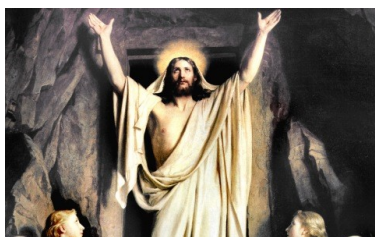
St Peter Chanel
Primary School
Phone: 3300 1202

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(Chairperson)
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New Parishioners
WELCOME

Please complete the form
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SUNDAY 23rd April 2017 - Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

Faith Alive

When the soldier nailed Jesus on the cross, they nailed also the hope of his apostles on the cross. Seeing Jesus nailed on the cross made the apostles feel that their Master was a dead man and their hope in him was dwindled. The apostles' hope was weakened as they saw Jesus grasp for air but their faith and love for Jesus was stronger and firmer. They recalled his words, his face, his movements and the experience of being loved by Jesus were flooded back to their minds. Years of following Jesus with his gentleness, compassion and love were what they missed most. This love stayed with each individual and with the whole group of the apostles. They were in hiding, not scattered but bonded together for providing support and mourning.

When their hope and faith came to the lowest point they received the good news from the women that Jesus was raised from the death. They looked at each other in consternation and doubt and became more active; some went to the tomb; others stayed in the locked door in the upper room and Jesus appeared to them in person. They were overwhelmed with joy that they couldn't even utter a single word to greet him. Their fear was melted and hope restored and future was brightened. They felt fully alive and began a new life in the Risen Christ. The newness started not from a new day but it stemmed from the Risen Christ. It was through the Risen Lord that their life, their faith and their hope were renewed, fresh and fully alive. Before meeting the risen Lord their life was dark and dull and was lost without a future. They went on living but their lives were purposeless.

We are living in a world where we spend most of our time for life enjoyment and relaxation which have not come from our own effort but were done and promoted by the commercial world. We have found joy on other's people achievement- artists and sports stars- and felt disappointed when our sports star didn't fulfil our expectation. The message of Easter calls for more time for family. Jesus said to them "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; there they will see me" Matthew 28:10.

Our first mission is to have more time for family. Our second mission is to have more time for social interactions; especially to have more time for our local faith community. As Jesus commands "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15-16.

We need to recognize daily deaths in each one of us in order to enjoy a new life, the death of a childhood before we became an adult. Each stages of death in us give us more wisdom and empowers us to move forward to another step with stronger hopes and a brighter future. To do that we need a life model to follow because without a life model to follow our life will evolve, not be transformed. The transformation takes place when it is modelled after someone. In faith the transformation takes place when it is modelled after the resurrection of Jesus who has been raised from death to life and that he gives eternal love for those who transform their lives after him.

Vudinh Tuong

**Next Week's Readings:
Third Sunday of Easter
Ordinary Time**

First Reading
Acts 2:14, 22-33

Second Reading
1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel
Luke 24:13-35

Prayers for the Sick

Eamonn O'Dwyer
John Perks (Nellie's husband)
Marina Wightman

Recently Deceased

Mary Kelly (Kev Kelly's mother)

Anniversaries

Margaret Lucey
Eileen Cahill
Brian Slack
Peter Mara
Peter Moynihan

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 24th April 2017 at Paul & Katrina Price's house, Ashgrove



Rosary

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

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

Responsorial Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation:

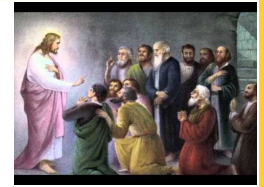
Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.



Raffle Tickets!

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FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**

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THE RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN AT THE NEXT POT LUCK
DINNER ON 30 APRIL 2017

A VOCATION VIEW:

Second Sunday of Easter - A
It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: "We have seen the Lord." With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure you, you too can inspire others who have not seen to believe.

Pot Luck Dinner

The next Pot Luck Dinner is next Sunday 30th April after 5pm Mass at SPC.

Please bring a meal to share.

Tea, coffee and cordial will be provided.



'Lest We Forget'

Anzac Day Monday April 25

- 9am Mass SPC
- Dawn Service 5:40am, March 9am, Main Service 9.30am (Anzac Memorial, Glen Affric Street, The Gap)
- 8am St Stephen's Cathedral



Bible Group

Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Next meeting Wednesday evening 26th April at SPC Parish Office at 7:30pm to 9pm.

Anyone interested please contact Luisa Ph: 0422 919 887



Everyyoung Club

Next meeting is Thursday 28th April 2017 at 10:00am in the Parish hall.

All welcome to come and enjoy a cuppa and get together.



Friends and Partners with East Timor

We are having a general meeting on Wed April 26th at 7.30pm. All welcome. Venue has changed to the Parish Office Meeting Room at SPC. Eric and Jim will present their important report on the trip to Atabae last month. This photo was taken after Sunday Mass with Fr Greg (new Parish Priest) and Veronica (our PALMS volunteer). Fr Greg is proving to be a good friend of FPET and Veronica is making a good contribution to the community.



Lindsay Stokes, President
(0419 731388)



**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: _____

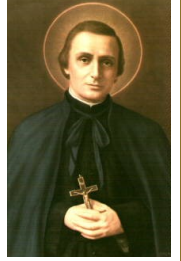
Email: _____

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.

St Peter Chanel

A Short Biography- compiled by Anthony Ward SM



Born on July 12th 1803 in the hamlet of La Botiere, a small-farming family, Peter Chanel spent his schooling at Cras. Fr. M. Trompier PP taught him Latin. Peter entered the seminary of Meximieux in 1819 and in 1824 entered the major seminary of the Diocese at Brou, being ordained priest on July 15th 1827. His first posting was as curate to Amberieu where the seminarian Claude Bret, his later friend, fellow Marist and companion on the voyage to Oceania was active in the school. Since the age of 14, Chanel had been intent on the foreign missions and his intention was strengthened by the letters that arrived at Amberieux from a former curate, now a missionary in India.

The following year he was appointed parish priest of Crozet, where he found scope for missionary work. In 1831 he joined the Marist. In 1832 Peter became spiritual director of the college, in 1833 accompanied Fathers Colin and Bourdin on their journey to Rome to promote the Society's cause and after his return in 1834 became vice-superior and effective head of the college. With the offer of the Oceania mission in 1836, he offered his name and was one of the first group of Marists who met for the retreat which culminated in the election of Jean-Claude Colin as General and the first professions on September 24th.

Having visited his family and slipped away in the early morning, he made for Lyons and on October 15th with his companions took part in a service of consecration to Mary before her statue in the shrine of Fourviere. Finally, after a long wait in Le Havre, the band set forth on Christmas eve. The journey took almost a year, round the Horn and up to Valparaiso on the Pacific coast of South America. In March 1837, Peter's friend Bret died off the Canary Isles and was buried at sea. Having left Fr. Bataillon and Brother Joseph on the island of Wallis, Pompallier sailed 140 miles further to Futuna and there deposited Chanel and Brother Marie-Nizier (Jean-Marie Delorme, aged 21), trained like all the Brothers at that period by Father Champagnat. The party was well received by the king of one of the two factions into which the islanders were split and they were allowed to stay. Pompallier left, promising to return with another missionary in six months, a promise he proved unable to keep and which seriously undermined the missionaries' position in the eyes of the islanders.

On the island were also some white English traders and they had the assistance of Thomas Boag an English Protestant and widower of a Futunan woman. Progress was painfully slow and uncertain being mainly a running battle against sickness and malnutrition and later petty persecution. They tried to help the islanders with primitive medicine, to discourage tribal warfare, such practices as abortion and to seize whatever opportunities arose for giving instruction; and administering baptism. Some progress was registered however, but the news that the king's son had been won over proved Chanel's death warrant and the king consented to his murder.

Brother Marie-Nizier escaped to bring the news to Pompallier who hastened from New Zealand with his schooner and a French frigate. There they confronted the terrified islanders. In the meantime, however, the atmosphere had changed, for the king and some others had died of a dreadful disease and in hindsight many recognized their debt to the murdered priest. The whole island was converted.

St Peter Chanel

Feast Day: April 28



O Glorious St Peter Chanel, your reliance on our most Blessed Mother makes you a perfect model of Marian simplicity. Inspire me to work humbly for others and to care for them with love that, through me, they may experience our Holy Father's love and care.

Amen

**Anzac Day Mass
Tuesday
25th April
9am - St Peter
Chanel Church**



**Birthday's for
this week in**

**April
Riza Ryan
Tim Ryan (50th)
Cath Robertson
Ken Robertson**



**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).

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 24/04			
Tuesday 25/04		9:00am	Anzac Day
Wednesday 26/04		9:00am	Saint Mark
Thursday 27/04		9:00am	
Friday 28/04	9:00am		St Peter Chanel
Saturday 29/04	5:30pm mass		Saint Catherine of Siena
Sunday 30/04	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm mass	

Happenings at Mater Dei School.....

What a fantastic finish to the swimming season. Our boys and girls competed strongly at the Zone 4 Swimming Carnival, placing a very comfortable first and overall champions for the B division schools. Well done to all the children who trained very hard for this event. Your hours of dedication have paid off with such rewarding results for you all. Congratulations on your team spirit and for representing your school in a way that makes everyone very proud.

Thanks must go to our wonderful teachers Mr Robinson, Mr Kamp & Mr Muir for the many hours spent organising carnivals and events and to the many parents who came to support the team.

Then the weather changed.....and what a finish to Term 1 it was! With Cyclone Debbie pounding down on us we were advised by the Queensland Government that all schools would be closed for Thursday and Friday. I am happy to report that our school fared very well in the downpour and winds with no damage sustained. Thanks to all those who assisted with the supervision of students and collecting children quickly as instructed by the emergency services to keep people off the roads.

As a result of the weather, we had to postpone our Easter Liturgy and Caritas K's fundraiser to this week, Week 1 of Term 2.



Yesterday each year level presented a part of the Easter story and it was wonderful to overhear a visitor to our school mention how beautifully behaved our children were throughout the Easter liturgy.



We have a lot going on at Mater Dei in Term 2.....

This Friday is our annual inter-house Cross Country carnival at Dorrington Oval. Fingers crossed for fine weather! Next Monday April 24th we begin to interview our Prep 2018 cohort. Then on Tuesday April 25th we join other schools in our area and march in the local ANZAC Day parade. Next Wednesday evening April 26th we are hosting a Daniel Morecombe Child Safety Parent Information Evening. Phew! That is only the first two weeks!

Blessings *Madonna Sleba*

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