

# 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.**



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**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

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*SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## Fairness and Justness

When it comes to employment we have a diversity of opinions. Everyone agrees that we all need to work to earn a living but there are factors defining the concept of employment for many. It is the kind of work, the conditions of the work place and the behaviour of superiors and their colleagues that make enormous differences to the understanding of employment. Some people love their job while others don't appreciate it. Some people find inspiration in doing their work with joy while others struggle hard to go to work and look forward to the payday. Some are happy with their employment and have plans for the future with the hopes of improvement on the work force while others just keep repeating a tasteless routine. Some are happy with their rewards while others demand for more pay to meet the rising cost of a living. Some people find friends at the workforce and form the friendships for week-end enjoyment while others can't stand their colleagues.

Whether we like to labour or not, we all need to have a noble and proper way to earn a living. It is the main source of regular and necessary income to have a roof over our head, food on our table and to feed the bills. The pain of unemployment is much greater than hardship of working conditions, especially when you live in a society where there is no unemployment benefits or food stamps or social network to support. It is very hard to go to bed with an empty stomach. It constantly reminds a person to feed it and yet there is nothing else, except water. Hunger went to sleep and dreamt about food and woke up in agony. Employment is considered a great opportunity for us to develop our talents to its potential. Through work we learn and develop and know more about our own talents and gifts. Through work we find out hidden talents and inventions and that is useful for the human race. Work gives us a sense of being useful and experience personal worth. The human values depend not on what kind of work we do but it is through work we feel worthwhile and useful. After a hard working week we enjoy weekends more and feel the value of relaxation.

In doing business most people would see profit is their first priority and that is their final goal. Workers don't realize that it is rare to have an employer who is extraordinarily generous to place the benefit of the employees before his/her own profit. It is the heavenly gift to work for such employers because they do not just value highly the work of the employees but also look after and respect them as humans who were created after the image and likeness of the loving God. Workers who fail to see the generosity of the employer only want to satisfy their own desires and fail to see the necessity needs of others. Employers who sacrifice their financial gain would gain something much more valuable. They gain respect and fondest love from the workers. Envy is born out of ignorance about one's own talents.

Vudinh Tuong

**Next Week's Readings:**  
**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*First Reading*  
 Ezekiel 18:25-28  
  
*Second Reading*  
 Philippians 2:1-11  
  
*Gospel*  
 Matthew 21:28-32

**Prayers for the Sick**  
 John Perks (Nellie's husband)  
 Marion Bowden  
 Stefan Golebiowski  
 Mary-Lou Hay  
 Carolyn Webster  
 Sue McCurdy  
 Catherine Murphy

**Recently Deceased**  
 Raymond Garske  
 Vi Pardella

**Anniversaries**  
 Len Johnstone  
 Francis Longmore  
 Frank Williams  
 John McPhee  
 Eric Evans  
 Susan Fanning  
 William Sewell  
 Vanda Lupi  
 Patrick Corby

**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 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Trish Corby's house, Keperra



**Rosary**

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

**First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9**  
 My thoughts are not your thoughts.  
**Responsorial Psalm:**  
 The Lord is near to all who call him.  
**Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27**  
 For me to live is Christ.  
**Gospel Acclamation:**  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.  
 Alleluia!  
**Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16**  
 Why are you jealous because I am generous?



**Parish Freezer Meals**

Our meal supply for families in need is running low. If you are able to make large family meals ready to freeze (casseroles, lasagne, spaghetti mince sauces etc. ) your assistance would be appreciated. Containers are available at the rear of the Church and can be delivered to the Parish Office.

If you find yourself in need of one of these meals or know someone who could use them, please use them. That is what they are there for. Contact Petrea Mansul for Mater Dei (pmansul@aapt.net.au) or the Parish Office for SPC (thegap@bne.catholic.net.au). Thanks.



**2018 Columban Art Calendar**

Available now at the Parish Office.  
 \$9.00 each.  
 Copies will be sent to each church in due course.



**Everyyoung Club**

Next meeting is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 10:00am in the Parish hall.

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



**Bible Group**

Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Next meeting Wednesday evening 27<sup>th</sup> September at SPC Parish Office, 7:30pm to 9pm. Anyone interested please contact Luisa Ph: 0422 919 887



**School Aged Children Baptism Program**

The first enquiry meeting for the school aged children baptism program is on next Sunday 1st October at 4:15pm at the Parish Office. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact the Parish Office.

**Save The Children Devonshire Morning Tea**

The Gap Branch of Save The Children is holding a Devonshire Morning Tea at St Peter Chanel Church Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 10.30am. Our very special Guest Speaker will be Jenny Woodward, the ABC Weather Presenter. There will be craft, jams and cake stalls. Cost is \$20.00. Bookings can be made by ringing Julie at 38447523 before 3rd October.

**menAlive Catholic Man Breakfast Series**

**Where:-** Tattersalls Club, 215 Queen St, Brisbane

**When:-** Thursday 5 October, 7am to 9am

**Guest Speaker:-** Mr Richard Rymarz is a leader in Catholic education and his most recent books *Creating an Authentic Catholic School* and *Religious Education in Australian Catholic Schools* are highly regarded

**Cost:-** \$45 per person (\$450 per table of 10)

**Transport:-** Walking distance from Central Station or \$10 parking at Queen St Parking or Wintergarden (Tickets validated at Tattersalls)

**Bookings:-** email details to [des@menalive.org.au](mailto:des@menalive.org.au) or phone 0407744790

Volunteers are required to continue the presentation of Christian religious Instruction in local state schools. If you can help please contact the parish office on 33006099.



**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.



# SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

## Kingdom parables

*A feature of the kingdom parables that Jesus used is a challenging 'shift' to the unexpected. Jesus only ever uses parables to describe what the kingdom is like, and never says exactly what it is or isn't. In each parable he compares the kingdom of God to something that would be familiar to a 1st century audience but then he twists the familiar and makes the challenging shift by making the familiar, unfamiliar. (This 'shift' is sometimes called a 'discombobulating shift'.) Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God disrupts our normal way of thinking, it turns our expectations upside down and it completely challenges our 'normal' relationships.*

**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.

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

Date	Mater Dei	St Peter Chanel	Events
<b>October 2017</b>			
Sunday 01/10/2017		4:15pm initial meeting	Primary Age Children Baptism Program at Parish Office
Saturday 07/10/2017			MD Music in the Moonlight at Dorrington Park.
Sunday 08/10/2017			Primary Age Children Baptism Program first session at the Atrium (3:30pm)
Sunday 15/10/2017			Primary Age Children Baptism Program session 2 at the Atrium (3:30pm)
Sunday 15/10/2017		12:00 noon Baptism BBQ of children baptised this year.	
Sunday 22/10/2017	9:30am Mass MD 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations		

MASS TIMES	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL	FEAST DAYS/NOTES
Monday 25/09			
Tuesday 26/09	9:00am		
Wednesday 27/09		9:00am	Saint Vincent de Paul
Thursday 28/09		9:00am	
Friday 29/09	9:00am		Saints Michael, Gabriel and
Saturday 30/09	5:30pm mass		Saint Jerome
Sunday 01/10	9:30am Mass	8:00am Mass 5:00pm Mass	



**A VOCATION VIEW:**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time-A**

**A VOCATION VIEW:**  
We can never be called "generous". All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all the talents God has entrusted to us.

**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

## Date Claimers Christmas in our Parish 2017

This year will be an extra special Christmas festival in our parish as it is Father Tuong's final year with us. The Christmas light display will start on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Our Christmas festival will run for 5 nights commencing Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December and finishing Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, with a Christmas hamper raffle being drawn on the last night. We propose to do something different this year and have 2 performances each night.

Performers booked for the nights are as follows:

- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
- **Parish Group Choir (both SPC & MD) / Brothers James Singers**
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
- **Samford Community Choir / Jubilee Singers**
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
- **Steven Foley & Others / Going for a Song**
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
- **Peace 'n' Choir / Brisbane Ukulele Musicians Society "NUMB BUMS"**
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
- **Denise & Peter Parker / Tatty Tenors**

Each night the BBQ will commence at 6:00pm with the first performance from 6:30pm to 7:00pm and the second performance from 7:10pm to 8:00pm.

Each evening will have children activities from 6:00pm-7:00pm together with a Christmas movie.

Mark these dates in your diary and come along for a fun night of great company and entertainment.



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