

# 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  
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.

Fr Tuong is writing a Christmas play for the children to act out at SPC Christmas Eve Mass. It is just acting roles, no speaking so little preparation will be required. If your children would like to be involved please contact Michelle  
[themeads@gmail.com](mailto:themeads@gmail.com)

Website: [www.stjohnswoodthegap.net.au](http://www.stjohnswoodthegap.net.au)

Facebook page: [@St John's Wood / The Gap Parish](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsWoodTheGapCatholicChurch)

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8.30 am—3.00 pm

Contact: Phone: 3300 6099 Fax: 3300 6255

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*SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

## Be a King

For many the concept of kingship is dead in the modern world. Royal family was once popular around the world and now only a handful of countries retains the concept. Royal families used to enjoy the absolute power over their people. The Royal governing power is no more in existence in the Democratic countries but they act as a national icon of a country.

The Feast of Christ the King was established to combat against totalitarianism that Jesus Christ is king of the human hearts who came into the world to teach the way of love, peace and forgiveness and finally the authority put Him to death by nailing Him on the cross. We Christians share the kingship of Christ at our Baptism and we are called to live a life of love, of peace and of forgiveness. Jesus is both our Spiritual and physical King who invisibly journeys with us in every circumstance of our life. To put it simply, to be a king in a Christian way means to live a life of truth taught by Jesus. In answering Pilate who interrogated Jesus on His trial Jesus responded that:

*'I have come into the world to bear witness for the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice.'* Jn 18,37.

Every time we live truthfully in a challenging situation we practice our kingship. Every time we bear witness for Jesus we live out our kingship because He came to the world to bear witness to the truth. Every time we are victims of injustice and unfair treatment for the cause of right we share the kingship of Christ on the cross who was challenged to give up God's way to adopt the ways of man. Every attempt either in actions or in words is trying to bend or sway the cross is not the way of Jesus:

*'Get down off the cross- for us to believe.'* Mat 27,42.

Every time we deny, refuse to cooperate with evil spirit or struggle against violence and prejudice we practice our kingship of Jesus who overcame the power of darkness, defeated death and came back to life. Because of that the book of Revelation praised him as the first of all creation, everything was made new by Him and the new dawn was established. Rev 1,5.

Every time we believe in the truth, say and bear witness for the truth we share the kingship of Jesus. Nothing can destroy the truth of Jesus, even death, because Jesus has defeated the power of darkness which represents the father of lie.

Every time we take control of our behaviour, our anger and our sinful desires we share the power of the truth Jesus has gained for us.

Jesus is not a Messiah of power to rule with oppression, war and violence but He is the king of peace, of silence on the cross, of not responding to curses and humiliations.

He is the king that weekly we professed the Creed - *'Through Him all things, visible and invisible were created.'* He is the King who revolutionaries the power of love and showed us how to live in the love of God, self and others and His creation. He is the King who gave his life for His friends and purchased His friends' lives by His blood poured out on the cross for those who follow His way to earn eternal life.

Vudinh Tuong

**Next Week's Readings:**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
*First Reading*  
 Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

*Second Reading*  
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*Gospel*  
 Mark 13:33-37

**Prayers for the Sick**

Stefan Golebiowski  
 Carolyn Webster  
 Andrew Dudgeon  
 Catherine Smith  
 Michele Henselien  
 Catherine Murphy  
 John Perks

**Recently Deceased**

**Anniversaries**

William Maher  
 Patricia McIntosh  
 Alfred Stone  
 Terry Mahoney  
 Scott Mahoney  
 William Holt  
 Terry Eastwood  
 Terry Stewart  
 Anne MacPherson  
 Tony Mulrone

**Please note:** we cannot add a name to the sick list or recently deceased list unless advised by a family

**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**

**Anyone who would like a visit from Father Tuong before Christmas, please contact the parish office on 3300 6099 before Friday 15th December.**

**Rosary**

Rosary will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Donna & Brendan Lynn's house, Ashgrove Call Val Bonney for details 0417 631 246



**Rosary**

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

**First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28**

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46**

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

Date	Mater Dei	St Peter Chanel	Notes
<b>November 2017</b>			
Sun 26/11/17		After 5:00pm Mass	Volunteer's BBQ and Christmas Lights Display turn on and launching of Parish History Book
Tues 28/11/17	6:00pm		MD Year 6 Graduation Mass
Wed 29/11/17		6:00pm	SPC Year 6 Graduation Mass
<b>December 2017</b>			
Fri 01/12/17	9:00am MD	11:00am SPC	End of School Mass
Tues 12/12/17	7:30pm		Mass of Forgiveness - MD
Sun 17/12/17		5:00pm Mass 6:00pm BBQ	Christmas Festival Begins 6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-7:00pm Combined SPC/MD Choir 7:10pm-8ish Brothers James Singers
Mon 18/12/17		6:00pm BBQ	Christmas Festival 6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-7:00pm Samford Community Choir 7:10pm - 8ish Jubilee Singers
Tues 19/12/17		6:00pm BBQ	Christmas Festival 6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-7:00pm Steven Foley & Friends 7:10pm - 8ish Going for a Song
Wed 20/12/17		6:00pm BBQ	Christmas Festival 6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-7:00pm Peace 'n' Choir 7:10pm - 8ish NUMB BUMS (Brisbane Ukulele Musicians Society)
Thurs 21/12/17		6:00pm BBQ	Last night of Christmas Festival 6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-7:00pm Denise Parker & Peter Monaghan 7:10pm - 8ish Tatty Tenors
Sat 23/12/17	5:30pm		Normal MD Mass
Sun 24/12/17	9:30am 5:30pm Carols 6:00pm Vigil Mass	8:00am 6:00pm Carols 6:30pm Vigil Mass	Normal Masses (NO 5:00pm Mass) Christmas Eve Masses
Mon 25/12/17	9:30am	8:00am	Christmas Day Masses
Tues 26/12/17		9:30am Mass	
Sat 30/12/17	5:30pm		Normal MD Mass
Sun 31/12/17	9:30am	8:00am	NO 5:00pm Mass
<b>January 2018</b>			
Mon 01/01/18	9:00am Mass		New Years Day Mass

**Farewell Donations for Father Tuong**

With Father Tuong leaving us at the end of the year, we have been asked by some parishioners what they can do or get for Father Tuong as a farewell gift. The parish has opened up a bank account exclusively for Father Tuong to use as he wishes. If you would like to make a donation details are:

**Account Name: Donations Fr Tuong**

**BSB No.: 064-786**

**Account No.: 007121108**

**Bank: Commonwealth Bank**

Otherwise money can be left at the parish office in an envelope for Father.

**2018 Collection Counters Roster**

A huge thank you to those volunteers who count the weekend collections. Through their generosity we were able to form 4 teams resulting in once a month duties. The new roster will commence the first week in February 2018. If you do not wish to be on this roster, please advise Richard at the office. New volunteers are most welcome. Please contact Richard if you would like to join the counters roster. Thanking all volunteers once again.

Kev Kelly



**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.



**Welcoming Sister Kari Hatherell**

Father Tuong has asked Sister Kari to come along to each mass on the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 to meet parishioners before she commences next year as our Parish's Pastoral Director. Sister Kari, who is an Ursuline Sister, will come along to speak at each mass following communion.



**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal - This Weekend**

The Parish Conference of St Vincent de Paul is conducting its annual Christmas Appeal at masses this weekend. In addition to the appeal, a Christmas Giving tree will be in each church. Please consider taking a card from the tree which will have suggestions for gifts to give needy families in our parish. Gifts are required to be returned under the Giving Tree by Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December.



**The Annual Peter's Pence Collection**

Next weekend (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec) is the Peter's Pence Collection which is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters. In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we take this collection up as a retiring collection.

Deacon Tom Zaranski from last week's Mater Dei mass.



**Christmas Lights**

Thank you to the volunteers who helped set up the parish Christmas lights and Nativity Scene.



Congratulations Terry Foley on receiving your medal for the TWH recipients awards of the 2017 Moderator's Medal for pastoral work at The Wesley Hospital and RBWH.



**Volunteers BBQ**

Please join us this Sunday after 5pm mass at the SPC Parish Hall for our annual volunteers BBQ. The Christmas Light Display will also officially commence and our Parish history book will be launched (\$20 a copy).

**ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP OFFER**

With the assistance of the Organ Society of Qld and donations received to mark Mater Dei Church's 80th anniversary, a scholarship of \$2,000.00 is being offered for the 2018 academic year for organ tuition. For more information please contact the Parish Office or see the Parish Website. Application forms are located at the back of the church. Applications close 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018.

**Help for Christmas Masses MD**

Help is needed for the outdoor 5.30pm Carols and 6pm Mass on Sunday, Christmas Eve. Sunday after 9.30am mass Christmas Eve at 10.30am – help needed to erect the Mater Dei stage, put up the Black Curtain, bring out the altar and put out chairs etc. All needs to be put away after the 6pm Mass.

There will be some chairs provided. **BYO chairs** if possible.

Children to come dressed as angels, shepherds and wise men to be part of acting out the gospel for the 6pm mass. **Help** needed to organize this. Please contact Mary Davidson Ph.3366 5103 Email [peter@tpg.com.au](mailto:peter@tpg.com.au). On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec all meet at the stage area of the MD School for a practice.

Ministers – Coordinator, Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, & Singers - are needed for the 9.30am Mass on Christmas Day at Mater Dei.

Please indicate on the sheet at the door of the church where you can help or contact Tricia Wogan Ph.33004773 Email [tricia.wogan44@gmail.com](mailto:tricia.wogan44@gmail.com)

Thank you The Liturgy Committee Mater Dei

**SPC Liturgy Roster**

The roster for coordinators, readers, ministers of communion & computer is currently being prepared. Please let the parish office or Rosemarie Brady know if you would like to join the roster or come off the roster.

**Birthday's for this week in November**  
**Narelle Davis**  
**Catherine Murphy**



**Congratulations Pat & Leo Mead on your 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.** Also at this time marks 50 years in our Parish.



**Prayers for the Deceased during November**

If you have any deceased family members you would like included in the prayers of the faithful during November, please write their names in the book at each Church (right of the altar).

**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 27/11			
Tuesday 28/11	9:00am 6:00pm Year 6 MD		
Wednesday 29/11		9:00am 6:00pm Year 6 SPC Graduation Mass	
Thursday 30/11		9:00am	Saint Andrew
Friday 01/12	9:00am MD End of School Mass NO HEALING MASS	11:00am SPC End of School Mass	
Saturday 02/12	5:30pm mass		
Sunday 03/12	9:30am Mass	8:00am Mass 5:00pm Mass	First Sunday of Advent

**SPC School News....**

The 2017 school year is almost at an end and we have enjoyed many events recently showcasing our learning for the year. Our Year 6 students have enjoyed inter school debating and our Prep – Year 2 students have showcased their swimming skills. Children from Prep – Year 6 who participate in the extra-curricular Piano program have performed at their piano recital, whilst *A Touch of Christmas* was the theme for our Junior and Senior Concert Bands as they showcased their talent at our recent evening concert. As a community, we have taken the time to celebrate the many remarkable things we have achieved in the area of reading this year. All students have made progress in their reading development, with many of our children showing significant gains in their 'growth trajectory'. Under the supportive leadership of our Primary Learning Leader, Mrs Veronica King, our teachers, alongside our students, were acknowledged at a special assembly for their growth mindset and commitment towards learning and reading.



We have published, on our school website, our *2017 Annual Report of Progress Against Strategic Goals*. It highlights many wonderful things our school community has achieved this year and makes for an interesting read.



St Peter Chanel Primary School, The Gap

School concludes for the summer vacation at 12 noon on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December. Also for your diaries... the first day of the 2018 school year for our students is Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, with Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January seeing the Australia Day public holiday. The office will be open on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> January from 12 noon to 2.30pm, then from when the students return. Members of staff will be undertaking a number of days of professional development before the school year commences. The school email address will be monitored periodically over the break, including for any families seeking enrolment applications.

We thank members of the parish for your support throughout 2017 and wish you a safe, happy and holy Christmas season. We very much look forward to our continued partnership in 2018.

Blessings,  
 Margo Carwardine,



**St Peter Chanel**  
 Catholic Primary School, The Gap



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