

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.

**Last Pot Luck
Dinner for the year**
This Sunday 29th
October after 5pm
Mass at SPC.
Please bring a meal
to share. Tea, coffee
and cordial provided.

Website: www.stjohnswoodthegap.net.au

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

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SUNDAY 29th October 2017 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Affection

Affection is a visible sign of love. It is through affection that we are able to see the love of someone for another person or for something. Affection is a feeling of liking and caring for someone or something manifested through human interactions. The language of love includes verbal, non-verbal and physical gestures, giving and receiving of gifts. It is demonstrated through physical appearances or in the form of gifts and of electronic means. It is nice to know that you are being loved by someone and that love confirms to you that you are a loveable person; able to receive and able to give love. True affection has its foundation on what is in the heart and that empowers the brain to act it out. We do it just because we love that person and the love given is unconditional love. Love by choice or choice of affection happens when we choose to show our love for that person with a hidden purpose and that is conditional love.

The Pharisees asked Jesus: 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus answered them: 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself' (ref. Mt 22:36-40).

Jesus gave the answer probably from his own personal experience. It was from his childhood that His parents taught Him to love God above all things, love with all his heart, mind and soul and he had been growing up in that loving atmosphere. We all know that without love we are not here on earth and without sufficient love we can't survive. Love is the most important thing in life that gives life, supports life and most importantly true love offers eternal life. Jesus requires those who love God that their love must come from a true loving heart, not a choice of love but truly love deep from their heart and that love makes our mind tune in to love God. The visible sign of our loving God is to love our neighbour. The word 'all' heart, mind and soul stresses that loving God is our first priority and next to it is our neighbour. Jesus loves us with all His heart, mind and soul and He expects us to love Him in the same way. It is not an equality of love in return but when we love someone dearly we love them with all our being, no reservation. True love requires voluntary sacrifice. It counts no cost and has no conditions. Jesus has loved us by dying for us. His sacrificial love cost Him His life and it was an act of voluntary on His part to show how much He loved us.

Jesus required loving God with all mind and heart and soul because He has experienced that some loved God from their lips while their hearts were far away from God. He wouldn't accept love with empty promises. To love God from the lips or only part of our being is considered as a choice love and a choice love is subjective and intentional. Loving God needs to demonstrate through loving our neighbour and how to love our neighbour. It is measured by loving oneself. Love others as you love your own self.

Vudinh Tuong



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

First Reading
Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Gospel
Matthew 23:1-12

Prayers for the Sick

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

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Annette Condon
Murray Dick
Jocelyn Connolly
Rosario Merenda
Caterina Merenda
Helene Khoo
Paul Gannon

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 30th October 2017 at Paul & Katrina Price'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: Exodus 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

Responsorial Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself.



ADORATION GROUP

Meets on the 1st Friday of each month (3rd November)
2pm to 3pm at SPC Church.

Children's Masses

Next Sunday 5th November, the children are serving at both morning Masses (SPC & MD). MD's prep, year 5 & 6 students are serving 9:30am MD mass.



80th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FOR MATER DEI CHURCH

THIS WILL BE ON SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER AT THE 5.30PM MASS WITH REFRESHMENTS AFTER AND ON SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER AT THE 9.30AM MASS WITH A SPECIAL MORNING TEA AFTER AT MATER DEI CHURCH.

The 8am and 5pm Mass on Sunday 12th November at ST PETER CHANEL CHURCH will be as usual for those who are unable to come to the celebrations at Mater Dei Church.

There will be MEMORABILIA & PHOTO DISPLAY at Mater Dei. Please see this form re Memorabilia or Photos of Mater Dei Church and our Parish.

You are asked to invite present and past parishioners. You can use the invitations at the back of the church to invite people. Please **indicate** on the form at the back of the church **if you are attending** for catering purposes. If you would like to write a few sentences re any experiences of Mater Dei Church and Our

Parish please leave them at the Parish office or email to tricia.wogan44@gmail.com

HELP is needed for the catering after the 5.30pm mass at Mater Dei church. Please indicate on the form where you may be able to help. Thank You. We hope as many as possible will help celebrate this occasion.

menCONNECT

Date claimer

The next gathering for men in the parish will be a breakfast on **Saturday 18th November** at SPC.

Guest speaker will be Father Stephen Byrnes.

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

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

PARISH WORKING BEE

Saturday 18th November

This will be a great opportunity for parishioners to get together to help "tidy up" our churches. If you can lend a hand for an hour or two it would be greatly appreciated. Jobs involved are cleaning the window tracks, cob web removal, weeding gardens, window cleaning, removal of wax from altar area carpet, dusting blinds and statues. Many hands make light

work. Please mark the date in your diaries now to keep it free.

Thank you.



A VOCATION VIEW:

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time-A

A VOCATION VIEW: We must stop just putting band-aids on the wounds of society. We must tell the world that we are God's people. God loves us and we were created to serve God, and others in God.



**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.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Date	Mater Dei	St Peter Chanel	Notes
October 2017			
Wed 25/10/2017		9:30am	SPC Mother's Morning Tea in SPC Hall
Sat 28/10/2017		Evening	Claire's Cottage Halloween Party in SPC Hall
Sun 29/10/2017		After 5:00pm Mass	Last Pot Luck Dinner for the year
November 2017			
Wed 01/11/2017		9am All Saints Mass	1:00pm school liturgy SPC
Thurs 02/11/2017		9am All Souls Mass 7pm All Souls Vigil Mass	SPC
Sun 05/11/2017	9:30am Mass	8:00am Mass	Children's Mass - MD school children serving mass
Sat 11/11/2017	5:30pm MD		MD 80 th Ann. Celebrations Supper provided
Sun 12/11/2017	9:30am MD		MD 80 th Ann. Celebrations Morning tea provided
Tues 14/11/2017			Blessing of Trinity Place MD school 10:00am
Sat 18/11/2017			Parish Working Bee both churches
Wed 22/11/2017			Christmas Lights go up
Sun 26/11/2017		After 5:00pm Mass	Volunteer's BBQ, Christmas Lights Display turn on & launching of Parish History Book
Tues 28/11/2017	6:00pm Year 6 Graduation Mass		
Wed 29/11/2017		6:00pm Year 6 Graduation Mass	
December 2017			
Fri 01/12/2017	9:00am MD	11:00am SPC	End of School Mass
Tues 12/12/2017	7:30pm MD		Mass of Forgiveness
Sun 17/12/2017		5:00pm Mass 6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-8:00pm Entertainment	Christmas Festival Begins
Mon 18/12/2017		6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-8:00pm Entertainment	Christmas Festival
Tues 19/12/2017		6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-8:00pm Entertainment	Christmas Festival
Wed 20/12/2017		6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-8:00pm Entertainment	Christmas Festival
Thurs 21/12/2017		6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-8:00pm Entertainment	Last night of Christmas Festival
Sat 23/12/2017	5:30pm		Normal Saturday MD Mass
Sun 24/12/2017	9:30am 5:30pm Carols 6:00pm Vigil Mass	8:00am 6:00pm Carols 6:30pm Vigil Mass	Christmas vigil mass to take over Sunday 5:00pm mass
Mon 25/12/2017	9:30am	8:00am	Christmas Day Mass
Sat 30/12/2017	5:30pm		Normal Saturday MD Mass
Sun 31/12/2017	9:30am	8:00am	NO 5:00pm Mass

Birthday's for this week in October
Mick Bruhwiler



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: SPC 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



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 30/10			
Tuesday 31/10	9:00am		
Wednesday 01/11		9:00am (Healing Mass)	All Saints Day
Thursday 02/11		9:00am (Healing Mass) 7:00pm All Souls Mass	All Souls' Day
Friday 03/11	9:00am (Healing Mass)	Adoration 2pm-3pm	
Saturday 04/11	5:30pm mass		Saint Charles Borromea
Sunday 05/11	9:30am Mass (Children's Mass)	8:00am Mass (Children's Mass) 5:00pm Mass	

SPC School News....

In September seventeen students from our Senior Concert Band performed in the culminating event of their music 'camp' – the GRIPPS Concert. Our talented musicians came together with approximately 140 other children from 11 neighbouring schools and surrounding suburbs. What talent we have in our local community!



Term 4 has seen a busy start at our school. We have engaged in the external review process – an event that takes place every five years in Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) schools. In August, as part of the process, we were visited by a BCE Area Supervisor who undertook an evidence audit in relation to accountability and compliance, including evidence of policies, processes and practices demonstrating compliance. Then, in early October a Review Panel spent a day with our school community, speaking to various focus groups. It is anticipated that the school will receive the official Report before the end of the school year. That said, preliminary feedback from the Panel was very positive about our school and affirmed so much of what we do. In particular, the panel were very impressed with the way the focus groups spoke so highly of the school.

Our Year 4 students have enjoyed a two day camp at Mapleton, located in the Sunshine Coast hinterland. The students were challenged to find courage and make the most of every opportunity presented to them. The children were inspiring as they rose to each new challenge.

Not even the very heavy rain and ducks on the oval put a damper on the great night many of our families enjoyed last Saturday. Our P&F Association hosted another fantastic family event which expressed a grateful 'thank you' for the wonderful contribution our families have made to our community this year. We are blessed with the community we have!



We are shortly commencing our orientation for our Prep 2018 students. Should any families be interested in enrolling their child/ren at our school, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Blessings,
Margo Carwardine,



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