

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

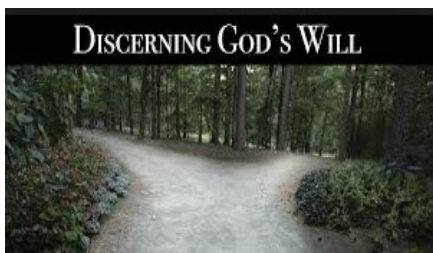
PARISH COUNCIL

Kylie Gaul
(Chairperson)
kylie.brian@bigpond.com

New Parishioners
WELCOME

Please complete the form
in the newsletter.

DISCERNING GOD'S WILL



Website: www.stjohnswoodthegap.net.au

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

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SUNDAY 30th July 2017 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Mixture

There are several parables talking about different images of God's kingdom on earth. The parable of a farmer who sowed seeds on the ground and wheats and weeds grew on the same field. The parable of a woman who mixed yeast and flour and waited for it to rise is another one. Three short parables are the mustard seeds and a good pearl found hidden in a field and a fish monger. The common themes of these parables are relating to discernment and compassion.

The process of discernment in the parables is choosing what is best, not the second best, but the best. Choosing the best means to choose what is most pleasing to God and place God's will in first priority in life and it is in tune with the Lord's Prayer - 'You will be done on earth'. The apostles had chosen to follow Jesus and left everything behind, their boat, their father and their fishermen companions. Mat 4,18-22.

Discernment of God's will and to follow will change our lives. Uproot the former way of life and adopt a new life; the life of following Jesus, the life on belonging to Jesus and the life of trusting Jesus as our leader and Saviour.

After sowing the seeds a farmer patiently waits for the harvest and at the harvest time the choosing process will take place where wheats are separated from weeds. Wheats are stored while darnels will be burned. Pearls are buried and hidden in fields and often have soil gathered around them where they need to sand them off. The process of sanding requires special tools and techniques and hard work with the hope that the end results will be satisfaction. The parable of a fish monger lives in hope because there is no guarantee that every haul will bring in good quality fish. Fish mongers have no control of the catch; its quality and quantity. They only hope that the catch will be plenty. After the catch the fish will be separated; good quality fish are set apart from the not so good ones. Many scholars identify this parable with the reality in the Church where saints and sinners share a same place of worship, live at the same place and know each other. The idea comes from Jesus when he told the apostles that they will be fishers of men. Actually we are all sinners and all need God's compassion and love. In following Jesus there is a certainty and that means Jesus will look after, care for and make us to be true disciples, doing the same kind of mission he had begun on earth. Certainty in these parables is the active hope. They had hoped to achieve something after their hard labour. The farmer worked hard in the field and hoped to have a good and rich harvest; the merchant had sold everything in hope for the fine pearl; the fisherman hoped to have a good catch with good quality fish. In becoming disciples of Jesus we hope to be faithful to God's will and God's purpose is ours because we know that everything we have come from God and everything we achieve in life is not for God but for God's children. At the harvest time or the end time it is our love for God and love for neighbours that will be counted. Time we live in this world is the time to build up the network of loving relationships to one another and we need to do it in God's name. Then there will time to complete our mission on earth and that is each individual's harvest time. Pray for wisdom to make a right choice and be chosen into God's kingdom.

Vudinh Tuong

**Next Week's Readings:
The Transfiguration
of the Lord
Ordinary Time**

First Reading
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Second Reading
2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel
Matthew 17:1-9

Prayers for the Sick

John Perks (Nellie's husband)
Marion Bowden
Stefan Golebiowski
Mary-Lou Hay

Recently Deceased

Noel Gayler
Peter Kuchler
Marina Wightman

Anniversaries

Joe Martins
Verissimo Morato
Doreen McCormick
Patricia Valentine
Guiseppe "Bepi" Pittis
Maxwell Bastick
Louise McGahan
Maureen Stewart
Klaus Ingenhoven
Eric Lalor
Maria Shorley

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 31st July 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: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.



St Peter Chanel Primary School

Family, Food & Fun Festival Fair

The **SPC Church Carpark** will be closed on **Sunday, 30th July**, in support of the St Peter Chanel School Fete. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Disabled parishioners can park in front of the parish office in the parish office car park.

Sacramental Program

After a very successful weekend of Confirmation workshops we now look forward to our parish children being Confirmed by Bishop Ken Howell.



There will be four Confirmation liturgies:

- St Peter Chanel Church on Wednesday 2nd August at 5pm and 7pm; and
- Mater Dei Church on Wednesday 9th August at 5pm and 7pm.

Please pray for these children.

A big thank you to all the Sacramental team, volunteers and teachers who helped make the weekend workshops successful. We couldn't do it without your valuable assistance. Thanks also to the parents who have committed their time to journey with their children.

Thank You

Louise and Keith Hall would like to thank everyone for all the wonderful thoughts and prayers during Keith's illness. You will be happy to know that Keith is on the road to recovery. Wonderful news indeed.



PARISH COOKING CLUB

Last chance to book in for the parish cooking club. Friday 4th August 2017 at 6pm at the Parish Hall. \$15 includes dinner and a glass of wine.

Email your interest to Sherille sherilledoly@gmail.com. Cash can be dropped off in an envelope to the Parish Office with your name and number marked 'cooking class'.



ADORATION GROUP

Meets on the 1st Friday of each month (4th August) 2pm to 3pm at SPC Church.

ALL WELCOME



Children's Masses

Next Sunday 6th August, the children are serving the masses. MD's year 2 & 3 students are serving 9:30am MD mass.





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.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Matthew Ch 13

Over the last few weeks we have now heard Matthew Chapter 13 almost in its entirety. We heard first the parable of the sower then last week three short parables about weeds amongst the wheat, the mustard seed growing into a great tree and leaven in the flour. Finally, today we have had these additional pithy parables. The entire chapter seeks to paint metaphoric images of the kingdom. Woven through these images is a suggestion that the kingdom is open to all – all are presented with the invitation – but not everyone will accept that invitation or respond to it in the same way.

“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” - ROMANS 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God's plan for our lives may be different than our plan. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

(Accessed on 25 July 2017 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

Marist friends, associates, students and ex-students are invited to the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the first community of Marist Brothers at LaValla France 1817 by St Marcellin Champagnat.

11 am 12 August 2017

at the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane
 For catering purposes please rsvp your attendance to Helen Quirk helen.quirk@marists.org.au or phone 3354 0600 by Monday 7 August 2017

It will be important to be seated by 10.45 am at the Cathedral for Mass

Lourdes Hill Past Pupils - 2017 Annual Lunch

Sunday 13 August 2017
 11.30am for a 12pm start
 Held in Duhig Hall
 Cost: \$65 Cash Bar available
 Bookings Essential
 RSVP by Tuesday 8 August
 Enquiries to Jane Milne on 3399 0431 or lhcppa@lhc.qld.edu.au

Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – 8 August 2017

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate Mass at 10.00am Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen for the Feast Day of our Archdiocesan patron, Saint Mary MacKillop. If you wish to concelebrate, please let the Cathedral office know in advance at cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 07 3324 3006.

Following Mass, there will be morning tea in the Cathedral precinct. We are asking people to reply to rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au to let us know how many will be attending so that we can plan for catering.

Position Vacant Parish Pastoral Associate

Applications are open for a position at the Carina Catholic Parish. A person with knowledge of Sacramental Programs, Liturgical Ministry, Pastoral Care and Visitation and Adult Faith Education is required for a full time position of parish pastoral associate for 38 hours a week. For additional information please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

A VOCATION VIEW:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A
 Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever we have to in order to be able to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift, possessing it is our vocation.

RCIA -

Do you know someone who is considering becoming a Catholic? Have you been considering becoming a Catholic yourself or have a school age child who would like to be a Catholic? The next RCIA program is commencing shortly. Please contact the parish office on 3300 6099.

MASS TIMES	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL	FEAST DAYS/NOTES
Monday 31/07			Saint Ignatius of Loyola
Tuesday 01/08	9:00am		Saint Alphonsus Liguori
Wednesday 02/08		9:00am	
Thursday 03/08		9:00am Healing Mass	Saint Dominic
Friday 04/08	9:00am Healing Mass		Saint John Vianney
Saturday 05/08	5:30pm mass		
Sunday 06/08	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm mass	The Transfiguration of the Lord

Last chance to get your photos in for the parish history book.

If you or your family have been in the parish for over 25 years and would like yours or your family's picture in the upcoming parish history book, please give photos and names to the parish office (thegap@bne.catholic.net.au) before the 8th August.

This history book comprises of three parts:

- The existing history book remains unchanged;
- The groups and events in recent times; and
- Individual or family photos submitted.



The history book will be published at the same time of the 80th anniversary celebrations of Mater Dei Church.

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).

Check out their Facebook page [Tuesday Playgroup@St Johns Wood Parish Hall](https://www.facebook.com/TuesdayPlaygroup@StJohnsWoodParishHall)



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

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