

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

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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.

Please note, Father Tuong is
away next week - Tuesday
7th November (afternoon) -
Friday 10th November
(afternoon).

Website: www.stjohnswoodthegap.net.au

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SUNDAY 5th November 2017 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Incoherence

Incoherence happens when a group of people or an individual says something and does something else. It is not considered as human ignorance or an ordinary mistake but they are intended errors with a specific purpose in mind. In today's gospel reading Jesus revealed the specific purpose of the Scribes and the Pharisees when they demanded others to strictly observe what they preached but they themselves were freed from what they preached. Jesus recognized the authority and the knowledge of the Scribes and the Pharisees but He also criticized their improper behaviour. The Scribes knew the Laws well and taught others what people should observe but they themselves did not observe the Laws. They knew the ways how to legally remove heavy burdens for themselves but not for the people. Instead of removing the heavy burden for the people the Scribes intended to place even more burden upon the people, not to improve the relationship to God, but to achieve the Scribes' own ambition. Jesus criticized them, not because of their preaching about the Laws but because their ambition was aimed to receive the public's rating and popularity. They acted in order to earn praise and Jesus condemned their insincerity in their relationships with God and with their neighbours. They used the people for their own benefit. They wore special clothes for prayers and took the first place in public places and preferred to be recognized in public squares. They wanted to be seen and praised. The clothing and public recognition made them feel like they belonged to an upper class who deserved to be served and respected by others. They had legitimized and nourished and set apart the special social class for their own. They argued well and made people believe that they were right with God. A party that argued better at a debate with more logic and reasoning would win the case. Human knowledge has no other option rather than to accept the best solution and the best solution may not always be morally right and in accord with Christ's teaching.

Public recognition comes naturally from providing humble service which is nice and noble and it is worthwhile. That is what Jesus proposed for those who truly follow him. By providing humble service and serving others they made God's love known and real. Through acts of charity they become greatest in the hearts of whom they serve. *"The greatest among you must be your servant!"* Mt 23:11.

No one is free from making mistakes but mistakes caused by ignorance and limitations are genuine mistakes in the sense that they help us to learn more about our own ability and learn to grow in maturity. It is not our attitudes to make mistakes but purely human errors.

Advising the public *'do what they tell you and listen to what they say'* (Mt 23:3). Jesus made a distinction that a person and the errors that person made are different. It is very often we show less respect for a person and we identify that person with the mistakes they have made and use them as an excuse for not cooperating to what that person says. The truth is that everyone has some positive qualities God has given to us and we need to see the goodness of a person, the positive qualities that person has contributed to our community or society.

Vudinh Tuong

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

*First Reading
Wisdom 6:12-16*

*Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

*Gospel
Matthew 24:42, 44*

Prayers for the Sick

Stefan Golebiowski
Carolyn Webster
Andrew Dudgeon
Catherine Smith
Michele Henselien
Catherine Murphy
Fr. Jack Salisbury S.M.

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Paul Gannon
Mary Ridley
Edna Humphreys

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 6th November 2017 at Angela Faria'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: Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

Responsorial Psalm:

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ!
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.



Upcoming Baptisms

This weekend we welcome into our parish Olivia Bates and Savannah Ray, who are preparing for their upcoming baptisms. We also welcome Ayla Dyer, Delphi Winters Jenkin, Tucker Lacey, Hallie Nash, Leo Nash, Evie Percy and Amber Percy who have been participating in the school aged children baptism program in readiness for their baptism this month.

Children's Masses

Thank you to the Preps, Years 5 & 6 children from Mater Dei School for their participation in this weekends Children Mass at MD's 9:30am Sunday morning mass.

**80th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FOR
MATER DEI CHURCH - NEXT WEEKEND**

Next Weekend SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 5.30PM
MATER DEI MASS WITH REFRESHMENTS AFTER
AND
SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 9.30AM MATER DEI
MASS WITH A SPECIAL MORNING TEA AFTER

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.

ALL WELCOME!

PARISH BUS TRIP

On Friday 10 November enjoy a bus trip to the Tweed Valley taking in the views as we pass Terranora Lakes and travel down the Bilambil Valley to Tumbulgum.

Buffet lunch at Coolangatta Tweed Heads Golf Club. Cost \$40.

Departure from St Michaels Dorrington at 8:15am and Ashgrove 8:30am from St Finbarrs Ashgrove.

For bookings please phone 3366 4114.



menCONNECT

Our last Gathering of the year will be a breakfast at 7am in the parish hall at SPC on **Saturday 18 November**. The guest speaker will be **Fr Stephen Byrnes** whose topic will be "**The Hammer of God: Jesus the Strong Man**". The talk will be based on the Gospel of St Mark, which is a 'no frills' basic narrative of the resilience of Jesus when under pressure, and will put into context the 'real' Jesus rather than the glossy, passive images that have developed over time. The presentation is aimed to promote moral toughness of men when taking a stand to protect not only the family, but also the weak and vulnerable. The full breakfast, including coffee is still only \$10.00. All men are invited. Please RSVP Mike on 0459 992 228 by 15 November.

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

10am onwards

Please see sign up page at the back of the church if you are able to attend.

Otherwise, just turn up on the day. 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. Many hands make light work. Please mark the date in your diaries now to keep it free. Thank you.





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.

Now Available to Purchase From Each Church & Parish Office

Christmas cards - pack of 8 \$4. Holy Prayer Cards - pack of 10 \$3.
 2018 Columban Art Calendar \$9 each. Advent Calendars - \$5 each.
 Five Minutes with the WORD (Advent) - \$4. Little Blue Book (Advent & Christmas Season) - \$5.



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

| Date | Mater Dei | St Peter Chanel | Notes |
|----------------------|--|--|--|
| November 2017 | | | |
| 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 Entertainment: Combined SPC/MD Choir Brothers James Singers |
| Mon 18/12/2017 | | 6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-8:00pm Entertainment | Christmas Festival Entertainment: Samford Community Choir Jubilee Singers |
| Tues 19/12/2017 | | 6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-8:00pm Entertainment | Christmas Festival Entertainment: Steven Foley & Others Going for a Song |
| Wed 20/12/2017 | | 6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-8:00pm Entertainment | Christmas Festival Entertainment: Peace 'n' Choir Brisbane Ukulele Musicians Society "NUMB BUMS" |
| Thurs 21/12/2017 | | 6:00pm BBQ 6:30pm-8:00pm Entertainment | Last night of Christmas Festival Entertainment: Denise Parker & Peter Monaghan Tatty Tenors |
| 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 |

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).

Birthday's for this week in November Mick Bruhwiller



Can you Help?

Volunteers needed to help set up the Christmas light display the week starting Tuesday 21st November. If you can lend a hand please put your name on the volunteer form at the back of the church. Also, volunteers are needed for the Christmas festival Sunday 17th December to Thursday 21st December. Volunteer sign up forms are located at the back of the church if you are able to help out on any of the nights or for set up /clean up. Donations for the Christmas hampers are also needed. If you have any gifts you would like to donate, please drop off to the parish office. Thank you.

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 06/11 | | | Regis Nursing Home Mass |
| Tuesday 07/11 | 9:00am | | |
| Wednesday 08/11 | | 9:00am Communion Service | |
| Thursday 09/11 | | 9:00am Communion Service | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica |
| Friday 10/11 | 9:00am | | Saint Leo the Great |
| Saturday 11/11 | 5:30pm mass | | Saint Martin of Tours |
| Sunday 12/11 | 9:30am Mass | 8:00am Mass 5:00pm Mass | |

The Last Pot Luck Dinner

It was great to see so many families enjoying the last pot luck dinner for the year. Thank you to all that came to share a meal and enjoy each other's company.



Thomas Zaranski on your upcoming Diaconate Ordination on Friday 10th November.

Congratulations parishioners of St John's Wood / The Gap Parish on the 80th anniversary of Mater Dei's Church. What a joy it is as we celebrate this 80th anniversary.



Thank you to everyone who helped set up for the All Souls' Mass and supper afterwards.

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