

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
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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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SUNDAY 6th August 2017 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

Natural Phenomenon

The natural forces such as a cloud and wind, lightning and thunder, they are all obeyed and they are there for purposes that God had intended them to be. They had been created from the beginning of the world and sometimes God employed them to reveal God's work in the world. We recall in the Old Testament, God used the natural phenomena such as earthquake on earth then followed by strong mighty winds and clouds in the sky and flames burning from a bush or a combination of these elements prior to the appearance of God Gen cc19-35. In other words the whole natural world was already welcoming the arriving of the Lord. The idea behind these natural phenomena was that God used creations to serve God. They would always obey God as their Creator and would have never questioned their Creator.

The Feast of the Transfiguration employed to the same concept of the Old Testament relating to the natural phenomena that God is the Lord of the forces of nature. They were parts of the natural world, apart from God's interference, and would be faithful to the rules of nature. The Patriarch, Moses and Elijah and the apostles were eye witnesses to these significant events. The Transfiguration of Jesus opened the eyes of the apostles to see that the lives of the Patriarch were ended on earth and be transformed to a new life in God's kingdom. They were departing the earth and returning to the One whom they had been for years to love and to serve faithfully and now they accompanied God on the mountain. The second point about the presence of the Patriarch was Moses who obeyed God and had received the Ten Commandments. He was embodied, representing of the Law which came from God and that is the law of love: love God and love our neighbours. Prophet Elijah was representing the prophets whom God sent from time to time to remind his people, calling them to observe the law of love and be faithful to God and that God's wrath would pass them by.

With modern technology we can understand and explain the cause and effects of the natural forces and we hope to predict before what is going to happen. We can do it by analysing the movements of signs and symptoms of the natural forces.

The Patriarchs were not looking for answers about the movements of nature. They wanted to go beyond the forces of nature to learn about God's voice. How often we read about God's voice speaking behind the clouds and that is what they were looking for. For them the forces of nature didn't simply happen but there were a message and they wanted to decode the message. With faith they were looking for clues to understand God's will.

In the New Testament the apostles were surprised wondered whom Jesus was when he gave a command and even the mighty winds would drop and a storm would obey and the sea calmed again Mk 4, 35-41. Medical doctors have tests and look for signs and symptoms to diagnose or predict the coming sicknesses. We Christians need to examine our minds and hearts closely to see what is happening in our inner lives. When storms come to our family and when we feel that life is heavy and over burdened we need to examine them to see what is going on. What these significant events are telling us and through them can we learn about life and faith life.

Vudinh Tuong

**Next Week's Readings:
Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

First Reading
1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Second Reading
Romans 9:1-5

Gospel
Matthew 14:22-33

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

His raiment was as white as snow.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Second Reading: *2 Peter 1:16-19*

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:
listen to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 17:1-9*

His face was shining like the sun.



Prayers for the Sick

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

Recently Deceased

Marina Wightman

Anniversaries

Klaus Ingenhoven
Eric Lalor
Maria Shorley
Ron Breitreuz

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



Thank you to our sacramental team, teachers from our parish schools and parents for all your efforts in allowing the children to make their confirmation last Wednesday night at St Peter Chanel Church. We wish the children all the best who are yet to make theirs this coming Wednesday night at Mater Dei Church.

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 7th August 2017 at Angela Faria's house, Ashgrove



Rosary

If you would like to pray the Rosary in your home please contact

Bruce Bonney
Phone: 3300 2959

Multicultural Mass & Lunch
Sunday 20th August

Mass 10am St Peter Chanel Church

Lunch 11.30am St Peter Chanel School hall - Please bring a dish to share

BBQ, drinks

Free jumping castle

Multicultural Trivia



SPC School Choir performance

Mater Dei School drama performance

You are welcome to dress in your native attire



Further details please contact Kylie Gaul (kylie.brian@bigpond.com) or Sherille Dolby (sherilledolby@gmail.com)

Bible Group

Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Next meeting Wednesday evening 9th August at SPC Parish Office at 7:30pm to 9pm.

Anyone interested please contact Luisa
Ph: 0422 919 887



Children's Masses

Thank you to the Year 2's and Year 3's from Mater Dei School for their participation in this weekends Children Mass at MD's 9:30am Sunday morning 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.

You are invited to attend the **Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop** celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge on **Tuesday, 8th August 2017 at 10am** Cathedral of St Stephen

All the faithful are invited to celebrate the feast of Australia's first saint and guests are encouraged to join us for morning tea in the Cathedral grounds after Mass.



The Parish Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul expresses a huge thank you to everyone who so generously donated to our Winter Appeal. The money raised is used in our parish to help those in need. If you know anyone who may be needing our help, our help line number is 3010 1096 Monday-Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm. Our furniture depot is in need of donations as stock is critically low. If you have any surplus beds, tables, chairs etc. that you would like to donate please ring the furniture donation line on 1300 551 894.



The St Vincent de Paul Brisbane West Community Sleepout is being held on 15 August 2017 at the Ashgrove Sports Ground. The Sleepout's awareness, education and fundraising campaign is dedicated to assisting and dignifying the most vulnerable in our community. Vinnies need all they can get to assist the needy. Mike Hardy & Denis Newman are participating in the sleepout. Please contact Mike (0459 992 228) or Denis (0411 159 304) or the Parish Office if you want to support them.

A VOCATION VIEW:
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time-A
 If some people did not hoard the riches of this world, all people would have enough to eat and drink. Too many people starve to death every day. Who will speak loudly of justice today? May the Transfiguration move you to justice for the King Most High.

**WANTED:
 DONATIONS FOR
 MULTICULTURAL DAY
 RAFFLE**

Dear Parishioners,
 We are looking for donations for a raffle for multicultural mass on the 20th August 2017. If you have anything you would wish to donate please drop it into the parish office before Tuesday 15th August 2017.
 Many thanks, Dorene

Pot Luck Dinner

The next Pot Luck Dinner is on Sunday 27th August after 5pm Mass at SPC.

Please bring a meal to share.

Tea, coffee and cordial provided.



Share the Dignity

No women should suffer the indignity of choosing between eating or buying sanitary items. Our parish is again helping this cause throughout August.

Please contribute to this worthy cause by leaving sanitary items in the box at the back of the Church. Your help is appreciated.



Women's Night of Spirituality

Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm - 9:15pm
 Stuartholme School Chapel, Birdwood Tce, Toowong.

St Ignatius Parish Toowong is very pleased to be able to continue to hold this annual event as a legacy of the work of Fr Peter Quin sj. No bookings required. Donation at door. Supper provided. Parking available. Please check Stuartholme School's website for more details: www.stuartholme.com



Feast of the Assumption of Mary Holy Obligation

Tuesday 15th August 2017

MD Church - 9am mass
SPC Church - 7pm Vigil

MASS TIMES	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL	FEAST DAYS/NOTES
Monday 07/08			Regis Nursing Home Mass
Tuesday 08/08	9:00am		Saint Mary of the Cross
Wednesday 09/08		9:00am	
Thursday 10/08		9:00am	Saint Lawrence
Friday 11/08	9:00am		Saint Clare
Saturday 12/08	5:30pm mass		
Sunday 13/08	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm mass	



ADVENT MUSIC WORKSHOP

Holy Spirit Seminary

Saturday 9th Sept.

Facilitated by Sr

Ursula O'Rourke,

Michael Fitzpatrick

and the

Maroochydhore Music

Ministry Team.

Designed for anyone

engaged in music

ministry. If you

would like to attend,

please contact the

Parish Office before

17th August.

The parish will cover

enrolment fees.

Mater Dei School News....

Mater Dei Primary School Catholic Education Week Celebrations:

Celebrating our Catholic Identity here at Mater Dei is what makes us stand out from our neighbours. Catholic educators have always acknowledged the importance of educating the whole child; academically, physically, socially and spiritually. Mater Dei has a rich history and success in all of these areas and know that over the last 66 years, has supported hundreds of children as they develop into young adults. The Holy Spirit works in mysterious ways and I truly believe each of us plays a vital role in continuing Jesus' mission through the children we teach and interact with each day. The strong sense of community that exists between school and the home help support the success of our school.

The children, staff and families came together throughout the week to celebrate the great work happening at our school. We began the week with our Caritas Awards celebrated and led by Fr Tuong at our Caritas Mass.

On Wednesday afternoon, the whole school joined together in a Play is the Way Games Event better known as the Friendship Games, with children grouped across the year levels. In playing these challenging games, we strived to perform to the best of our abilities, used strength of character and to treat others as we would like to be treated. These 'wisdoms' from the Play is the Way program are reflective of the charism of our school and a most appropriate way to celebrate Catholic Education Week.



On Friday our School Open Day was a tremendous success with open classrooms and welcoming our 2018 Prep children and families. We then gathered as a whole school on the oval to participate in the International Tree Planting Day liturgy. Following the liturgy the Prep children joined with their Buddies to plant 'sensory shrubs' in the Adventure Playground. Our grateful thanks to the energy and dedication of the Sustainability Committee for their vision and organisation.

Friday afternoon we watched the Brainstorm Production performance 'Sticks and Stones', this interactive, live show helped us to identify the danger and hurtful personality of bullying behaviour. It gives strategies to manage situations which might escalate into bullying and reinforces the understanding that treating others as we would like to be treated is the only way to behave.

Such a fabulous week in our School year. Thanks to all the teaching and support staff for their incredible dedication to Catholic Education.



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)



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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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