

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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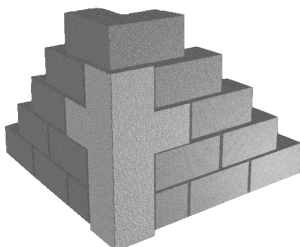
St Peter Chanel
Primary School
Phone: 3300 1202

PARISH COUNCIL

Kylie Gaul
(Chairperson)
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New Parishioners
WELCOME

Please complete the form
in the newsletter.



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SUNDAY 8th October 2017 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Corner Stone

All builders know that a firm and solid foundation of a building plays a crucial part of balancing and stability of the building. Any building, big or small, to be built on an unstable, not firm foundation, is a foreseeable disaster. It is certain that sooner or later the building will collapse. A good solid foundation is strengthened by the corner stones and they are first and utmost an important part of any structure. Jesus openly told the religious leaders and the elders that those who unwelcomed his teaching were very much like an unwise builder who doesn't know that he is lacking basic knowledge in building construction. Corner stones are buried underground but play the utmost important role to the whole building from the starting point to the completion and even more so long after into the future.

To be a true disciple of Jesus our faith must be deeply rooted in his teaching and it is the corner stones of our Christian living. Without this corner stone our faith in Jesus is a wavering faith and our preaching of the Gospel message is an empty message because it is a message without substance. True authority of the message must come from Jesus, the corner stone of our faith. Without solid foundation of faith, our love for the Gospel message is purely a human understanding of love. Relying on uninformed conscience to decide on matters of moral is misleading the interpretation of the Gospel's message. Clever minds can argue convincingly about love with passion and enthusiasm but they have no Gospel values. It is only pure human interpretations of it. They are not the same love Jesus talked about and died for on the cross. We Christians promote the love of the Gospel revealed to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. His teaching about love is self sacrifice and everlasting love. Modern societies are promoting for different kinds of love which are initiated by human desire and flesh and in the name of 'having a good time'. They are passionate about it because it is motivated by the urge of the flesh and selfishness.

When our life is deeply rooted on God's love and mercy it will dictate our thoughts and actions and loving actions make our faith shine. Corner stones are not just helping to get balance on the proportions of the building but they serve as the boundaries where the building will stand. It determines the height of the building that can be built. Our love in Christ is guided by God's love and that helps us to move freely within the spheres of God's love and mercy. God's love comes from on high and when our love for God and for others is based on the teaching of Jesus our love has the capacity to move beyond the ordinary loves of world's materials and prestige and we are able to see God's love in the hearts of others to serve them with unconditional love of God. Unlike the love for the world which has local values and limited because it is born out of the desires of local people; the Christian love comes from God and it has the universal implication. It is God's desire to care for others and asks his followers to do the same, to care for others in the name of Jesus. We are called to let the world know that God loves the world, his creation, and we are called to be living and active witnesses of God's love for the world.

Vudinh Tuong

Next Week's Readings:
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading
Isaiah 25:6-10

Second Reading
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel
Matthew 22:1-14

Prayers for the Sick
 John Perks (Nellie's husband)
 Stefan Golebiowski
 Mary-Lou Hay
 Carolyn Webster
 Andrew Dudgeon
 Paul Quinlivan

Recently Deceased
 Clarence Corera

Anniversaries
 Mike Coleman
 Patricia Macuga
 Rod Kelly
 Helen Ross
 Fay Meregá
 Lucy Micale
 Brian Begg
 Malcolm Horton
 Mick Harvey

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 9th October 2017 at Leo Dempsey's house, The Gap
 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: Isaiah 5:1-7
 The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.
Responsorial Psalm:
 The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.
Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9
 Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-43
 He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Diaconate Ordination – Thomas Zaranski

Parishioners are invited to the Diaconate Ordination of Thomas Zaranski, son of Adam and Heidi and parishioner's at Mater Dei parish. Thomas will be ordained along with Damien Everitt on Friday the 10th of November at 11am. The ordination will take place at the Australian Catholic University Chapel, 1100 Nudgee Road Banyo. The Order of Deacon is an important step towards priestly ordination which, God willing, will be in 2018. Thomas is in his sixth year at the Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo.



Our Prayer. See Me, Hear Me

Gracious God provide us with a listening heart that we see and hear the voice of each of our children.

We ask you God to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us the ability and time to listen carefully when children come to us seeking help.

May our institutions and families respect, listen and do what is required to help all children feel safe.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded initially by abuse then again through the failure to be heard. We stand in constant need of your healing and help.

Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace, and resilience to seek out assistance when required.



We ask you God to provide each us with the wisdom to involve children in making institutions and communities safer.



Bible Group
 Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.
 Next meeting Wednesday evening 11th October at SPC Parish Office, 7:30pm to 9pm.
 Anyone interested please contact Luisa
 Ph: 0422 919 887



Conductor Wanted! Serenata Singers, a local 4part community choir, has a conducting team of two; one is retiring so we're looking for a replacement. We sing a wide variety of music, practice on Monday nights in The Gap and perform regularly throughout the year. The person would need to be available for mid-week morning concerts at nursing homes/villages. Contact Lois 0413305942 or Desleigh 0434630885.

PARISH WORKING BEE

With Christmas fast approaching we are wanting to have a parish working bee on Saturday 18th November 2017. 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 from cleaning the window tracks to cob web removal, many hands make light work. More details will follow but please mark the date in your diaries now to keep it free. Thank you.



Upcoming Dates
All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day

All Saints' Day (Wed 1st Nov) - SPC 1pm All Saints liturgy (Whole School)

All Souls' Day (Thurs 2nd Nov) - SPC 7pm All Soul's Mass

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY



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.

Child Protection Sunday 10th September "See Me, Hear Me"

As has become the custom each year the Child Protection Sunday and preceding week, provides a focus reminding each of us to play a part in protecting our children. This year our theme is "See Me, Hear Me". The question is how do we, St John's Wood / The Gap (parish, community, school, etc), play our part in listening to children to ensure they are kept safe? This year the National Committee for Professional Standards have commissioned a video and brochure through the Australian Catholic University reflecting on research around what children think about their safety. Printouts of the brochure are at the back of each church.



In the first reading for the 10th September, Child Protection Sunday the Prophet Ezekiel speaks of "being a sentry to the House of Israel". As already stated within our Catholic Communities there is horror, anger and sorrow over the abuse of children. As Pope Francis outlined before leading the crowds in the Angelus prayer in March last year it is important to "Listen: this is the key word. Do not forget, listen to the hurt, sick and marginalized, or among families" As a sentry, each of us plays a part in listening to what the children have to say, making sure that every child is safe and protected from abuse and harm.

We can see evidence of the strength of our community providing support, protection and opportunities to help keep our children safe through implementing safe recruitment and selection practices of all parish volunteers, adhering to the code of ethical behaviour, operating safe activities for children and mandatory reporting of harm or suspected harm.

Pope Francis Day of Prayer and Penance

In 2016, following a proposal from the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, the Holy Father established a 'Day of prayer and penance for the victims of sexual abuse and to ask God for a greater awareness of the responsibility of the members of the Church towards the underage people entrusted to them'. Here in Australia, this second-stated purpose is already a focus of Child Protection Sunday, which is observed each year on the second Sunday in October. Therefore the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has decided to observe the Day of prayer and penance for the victims of sexual abuse on Sunday or the preceding Friday. Here at St John's Wood / The Gap Parish our 'Prayer and Penance for Victims of Sexual abuse' is organised for Sunday 8th October 2017.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy

You may have children or grandchildren that attend this Parish, you may be elderly or have elderly relatives who are ministered to by volunteers from the Parish. At any age, anyone of us could be considered a vulnerable adult at anytime through illness, grief/loss, separation or financial stress. No matter the scenario, we want you to know that the church is making every effort to protect everyone in our Church, especially the most vulnerable.

The Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy covers essential components identified by the Trust Justice and Healing Council which include:

- A clear written policy statement;
- Safe recruitment and selection processes for both employees and volunteers;
- A code of ethical behaviour;
- Training and education in conducting safe activities for children;
- Responsible management of disclosure;
- Mandatory reporting of suspected criminal behaviour to the police.

This policy is now part of a Parish Compliance Audit to prevent abuse from occurring in our Church. With your help monitoring and implementing this policy, our Parish can ensure the safety of our children and vulnerable adults is protected.

POLICY STATEMENT

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14

Children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocese of Brisbane Code of Ethical Behaviour for employees and volunteers who work in service of the Church as well as adherence to the legislative imperatives of the State.



Birthdays for this week in October
Brian Bennetts
Gabrielle Edmonds
Rosemary Teague

MASS TIMES	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL	FEAST DAYS/NOTES
Monday 09/10			
Tuesday 10/10	9:00am		
Wednesday 11/10		9:00am	
Thursday 12/10		9:00am	
Friday 13/10	9:00am		
Saturday 14/10	5:30pm mass		
Sunday 15/10	9:30am Mass	8:00am Mass 5:00pm Mass	

2018 Columban Art Calendar
 Available now at the Parish Office.
\$9.00 each.
 Copies available to purchase from Mater Dei Church.

Last Pot Luck Dinner for the year

The last Pot Luck Dinner is on this Sun 29th October after 5pm Mass at SPC.

Please bring a meal to share. Tea, coffee and cordial provided.

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

Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care
Invites you to a

Mass to celebrate



'VALUE MENTAL HEALTH'

FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER 2017 AT 1.00PM
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH FORTITUDE VALLEY

(Corner of McLachlan & Morgan Sts), Light refreshments will follow Mass. **PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN CHURCH GROUNDS**

Congratulations Terry Foley on receiving one of two TWH recipients awards of the 2017 Moderator's Medal for pastoral work at The Wesley Hospital and RBWH over many years.

Terry who volunteers his time every Monday, continues to visit patients and families and Pastor Julie Mackay-Rankin, Pastoral Care Manager of Uniting Care Health has chosen Terry to receive this award.

Terry who is 89 years young, seeks no reward or recompense and was thanked for his faithfulness and humility. He does, of course, represent all of the volunteer chaplains and they acknowledged and applauded his commitment to share in the healing ministry of God in their hospital.

We too thank you Terry for everything you do within our Parish and for your continued volunteering visiting those in need. Indeed you are sharing in the healing ministry of God's work.

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



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