

# PARISH OF ST JOHN'S WOOD / THE GAP



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**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.



Website: [www.stjohnswoodthegap.net.au](http://www.stjohnswoodthegap.net.au)

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

Parish Office: PO Box 408, The Gap, Qld 4061

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8.30 am—3.00 pm

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*SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*



## King of the Poor

Jesus entered the Holy City not riding on a mighty chariot with powerful army marching front and back and generals accompanied him. No, Jesus entered the Holy City riding on a donkey, surrounded by joyful crowds and his band of disciples. Their songs and shouting hosanna, hosanna were fitted to welcome a triumphant king who returned from a battle field. Kings and powerful men ride on fine horses; Jesus rode on a donkey. The poor and ordinary peasants employed donkey for carrying goods and for transportation. They could not have afforded to buy a horse. Jesus rode on a donkey and its back was covered not with red carpet but covered by a simple garment. It was not a new one but the one a bystander used to protect him from heat. All these symbols symbolized the simplicity and meekness and humility of Jesus. Jesus used the entry by means of identifying himself with the poor and the needy.

*To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation, to prisoners, freedom, and to the sorrowful of hearts, joy. To accomplish your plan, he gave himself up to death, and, rising from the dead, he destroyed death and restored life. Eucharistic prayer IV*

There was no flag flying in the breeze but the multitude were wavering any palm they could pick up on the road side and shouted at the top of their voices to praise and showed honour to Jesus. The glorification that the crowds gave were short lived and immediately followed by the long suffering. The following week Jesus was suffering on all levels of physical, psychological and spiritual. Physical suffering caused by the arrest, the unjust and rush trial and the cruel of soldiers who showed no mercy in their inhumane treatments. Psychological pain began with the betrayal of trust and love from his disciples and the humiliation of hanging between the two criminals. Spiritual sting was reflected through the loneliness and a sense of feeling abandoned when he shouted aloud: *Father, why have you abandoned me?*

What paramount stood out in this whole ordeal was his unwavering fidelity to God the Father. Throughout the Passion the theme of obeying God the Father was evident and through it Jesus has reconciled us to God for the forgiveness of the human race's sins.

For the authority Jesus received a dead sentence not because he had done anything wrong but because his reputation spread far and wide and rapidly that created fear amongst the authority. They destroyed Jesus and had imposed more fear upon themselves living when they heard about the reappearances of Jesus.

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey was not an incident but it had some connections to the way he was to be born in Bethlehem. Mary on her final days of her pregnancy rode a donkey on her returning home for the census registration. She gave birth on the way. Jesus on his final days had quietly made arrangements for the donkey and the upper room for the Last Supper.

Some have experienced being rejected as early as school applications and feel pain and fear in our sickness. In times of difficulties it is better to be in solidarity with Jesus' passion and learn that pain and suffering is always part of the living.

Vudinh Tuong

**Next Week's Readings:**  
**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
**Ordinary Time**  
*First Reading*  
*Acts 10:34, 37-43*  
*Second Reading*  
*Colossians 3:1-4*  
*Gospel*  
*John 20:1-9*

**Prayers for the Sick**  
 Eamonn O'Dwyer  
 John Perks (Nellie's husband)  
 Paul Sharpe  
 Helen Murphy  
 Beth Kloza  
 Neil Duncalfe

**Recently Deceased**  
 Howard Crawley  
 Ursula Macpherson

**Anniversaries**  
 Jennifer Conroy  
 Pamela Summerlin  
 Arnold Amabile  
 Donna Dempsey McNeill  
 Betty Robinson  
 Joe Sharpe  
 Mary Lee  
 Gerome Paiva  
 Elizabeth Paiva  
 Alpha Paiva  
 Aloy Paiva

**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: 0409 894 904

**Rosary**

Rosary will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Pushpa Jayasekera's house, The Gap



**Rosary**

If you would like to pray the Rosary in your home please contact **Bruce Bonney** Phone: 3300 2959

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**  
 I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**  
 He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
 Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.  
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:14-27:66**  
 The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



**Stations of the Cross**

For many years a number of Parishioners gather at Mater Dei on Friday nights at 7.30pm during Lent to pray the Stations of the Cross. This tradition of the Stations of the Cross has been going on for centuries. Attending the Stations marks for us a way of understanding our struggles in the light of Christ. Please come and join those in our Parish who see this way of prayer as a source of joy, and follow Christ's Passion, as he walks with us in our own journey.



**Community Pantry**

As part of our Lenten program the Parish is supporting the Community Pantry. Community's Food Relief Pantry relies on donations to support the urgent need for food in our local community. Instead of giving up chocolate or something else you like this Lent, why not bring some non-perishable items in to the donation boxes at each church so those in need can benefit. Items like cereals, tins of fruit, pasta, rice, tinned ham, tin salmon or tuna, are all very much appreciated.  
 Thank you for helping out others in need.



**PARISH EASTER FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**

PRIZE IS A HAMPER VALUED AT \$150.00  
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THE RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN AT THE NEXT POT LUCK DINNER AT THE END OF APRIL

Five Minutes with the Word Easter 2017 books and the Little White Books have now arrived. Available at the parish office or at each church for \$5.

**Easter Mass Times in Our Parish**

- **Palm Sunday 9th April 2017**
  - Saturday 8th April 5:30pm MD Mass;
  - Sunday 9th April 8am SPC Mass, 9:30am MD Mass, 5pm SPC Mass
- **Wednesday 12th April 2017**
  - 7pm Mass of Forgiveness at Mater Dei Church
- **Holy Thursday 13th April 2017**
  - 7:30pm The Lord's Supper at Mater Dei Church
- **Good Friday 14th April 2017**
  - 10:30am Stations of the Cross at Mater Dei Church
  - 3pm The Passion of the Lord at both St Peter Chanel & Mater Dei Churches
- **Holy Saturday 15th April 2017**
  - 6pm Easter Vigil Mass at St Peter Chanel Church
  - **Note no 5:30pm Mass at Mater Dei**
- **Easter Sunday 16th April 2017**
  - 8am Mass at St Peter Chanel Church
  - 9:30am Mass at Mater Dei Church
  - **Note no 5:00pm Mass at St Peter Chanel**





**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Mater Dei Church**  
**Monday 7pm-8pm**  
**Friday 6pm-10pm**  
**(During Lent Station of the Cross start at 7:30pm on Fridays)**

**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](mailto:thegap@bne.catholic.net.au) or contact the Parish Office on 3300 6099.

**Quilt Raffle**

The lovely ladies of Happy Patches have kindly offered to raffle off this beautiful quilt with all proceeds going to Claire's Cottage. Tickets are on sale now from the parish office - 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10 which will be drawn on Mother's Day.



There is also a second quilt as second prize which was made by the children who attend the Saturday children sewing classes.

**Share the Dignity**



No woman should suffer the indignity of choosing between eating or buying sanitary items. Throughout the month of April we are collecting sanitary items for women at risk and homeless women in Australia. Boxes are located at the back of each church. Please contribute to this worthy cause.

**Canticum Chamber Choir Good Friday**

**Musical Meditation**  
 Friday 14 April, 5:30pm Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 369 Given Tce, Paddington (cnr Fernberg Rd). Tickets \$30 adult / \$22 concession (under 16s free) from 4MBS Ticketing (3847 1717) or [www.4mbs.com.au](http://www.4mbs.com.au) or at the door. See also [www.canticum.org.au](http://www.canticum.org.au)

The St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland is conducting an appeal for people who need assistance following Cyclone Debbie. If you would like to provide a financial contribution to the Cyclone Debbie Recovery Appeal, you can do so at: [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) If you know anyone who needs emergency financial assistance due to Cyclone Debbie please ask them to ring St Vincent de Paul on 1300 633 343.



Our April meeting has been moved back to Wed 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Venue has changed to the Parish Office Meeting Room at SPC. This will allow Eric and Jim to present their important report on their recent trip to Atabae.

**Bible Group**

Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Next meeting Wednesday evening 12<sup>th</sup> April at SPC Parish Office at 7:30pm to 9pm.

Anyone interested please contact Luisa Ph: 0422 919 887



**menCONNECT**

What is happening? Come to the dinner at 6pm on Friday 21 April in the parish hall (SPC) to hear Michael Forbes talk about "meaning and mission". Michael will cover topics like, "what's my life about?" "how do I lead a good life?" and "what am I being called to do and be at this stage of my life?". Michael, a former parishioner, has done some very exciting and interesting things in his life some of which he will share with us. Currently, among other things, he is a senior lecturer in mathematics at UQ and likes running marathons. Cost is \$10.00, please RSVP Mike on 0459 992 228 before 18<sup>th</sup> April for catering purposes.



**GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION**

The collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.

**Mass of Forgiveness**  
 Wednesday 12th April  
 at 7:00pm  
 Mater Dei Church



**Birthday's for this week in April**  
**Pam Healy**



**Easter Office Hours**

Please note the parish office will close at midday on Holy Thursday (13th April) and reopen on Tuesday 18th April.

**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 10/04			
Tuesday 11/04	9:00am		
Wednesday 12/04	7:00pm Mass of Forgiveness	9:00am	
Thursday 13/04	7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper		The Sacred Paschal Triduum The Lord's Supper Holy Thursday
Friday 14/04	10:30am Stations of the Cross  3:00pm The Passion of the Lord	3:00pm The Passion of the Lord	The Passion of the Lord Good Friday
Saturday 15/04	<b>Please note:</b> No 5:30pm mass	6:00pm Easter Vigil Mass	Holy Saturday
Sunday 16/04	9:30am	8:00am <b>Please note:</b> No 5:00pm mass	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



**Furniture & Electrical Goods Needed**

Claire's Cottage is a parish supported group which is designed to help and support young adults with disabilities.

The Parish has recently rented a house in The Gap for its weekend program and is in need of furniture, electrical and white goods, etc. to help furnish it. If you can help with any of the following items, please advise the Parish office within the next two (2) weeks before the Parish either buys or rents the products for Claire's Cottage.

Items in need:

- \* 6 x King Single Beds
- \* 2 x 3 seater modular lounges
- \* Washing machine (7kg or more)
- \* 2 x TV (40"-50")
- \* 2 x microwaves
- \* 2 x fridges (450 ltr or more)
- \* 2 x dining tables (6 seaters)
- \* Office corner desk.



**Mater Dei Dance offers affordance after school lessons in an air conditioned environment for girls and boys in Prep to Grade 6.**

Lessons are \$11 to \$12 per session.

- \* Contemporary
- \* Jazz Dance
- \* Musical Theatre
- \* Girls Hip Hop
- \* Girls Prep Dance
- \* Boys Hip Hop
- \* Ballet

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