

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.



Website: www.stjohnswoodthegap.net.au

Facebook page: StJohnsWoodTheGapCatholicChurch@St John's Wood / The Gap Parish

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

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8.30 am—3.00 pm

Contact: Phone: 3300 6099 Fax: 3300 6255

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Sacramental Program enquiries only: ps.thegap@bne.catholic.net.au

SUNDAY 9th July 2017 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rest in the Lord

'Rest In Peace' is what we last wish for our loved ones when they have finished their earthly journey. We pray that the Lord will embrace them and give them peace and love as they desired to serve the Lord in their life and now is the time for them to rest in God's love.

'Rest in Peace' makes sense for those who have faith in Jesus, in this life and in the life to come, because their lives are guided, not by the urge of the flesh, but by the Spirit of the Risen Christ. St. Paul wrote to the Romans 8,9 that when the Spirit of God made home in us we belong, not to the flesh, but to the Spirit. The Spirit has raised Jesus from death; it is the same Spirit that will sustain the life to those who belong to her. It is the Spirit that Jesus said God the Father revealed to mere children- Mat 11,25. Simple minded children are those who accept Jesus as their Lord and learn from Him. The more we question about the faith in Jesus the more we complicate the faith Jesus was teaching about. A human mind prefers logical thinking and faith is the mystery of God's love and love has its own way of operation, the way of a heart not of a mind. The very first step of faith begins with loving God and loving others and that will help to deepen our faith in Christ. Love one another is the way of the Lord. Through providing services and charity we learn that love is the key to unlock the mystery of God's love. Children could never understand how much parents love them. The cross is the visible sign of God's love for us and we will never understand the mystery of the cross. Experiencing God's love helps us to live a life of thankfulness and acknowledge that without God we are nothing. We don't even exist.

Denying the faith Jesus offers we gain nothing. However accepting the faith Jesus offers we gain everything. We gain hope and love and everlasting life. Denying Jesus St Paul said that person lives according to the flesh. We understand that no matter how much we care for the flesh it is fading away and eventually death. Without faith in Jesus the final wish for our loved ones 'Rest In Peace' needs some explanation. Who and what would give guarantee that the deceased will 'Rest In Peace' or it is just a mere wish. We certainly don't want to give our loved ones something which we believe it is unreal.

I can't prove that the God I believe in exists and equally you can't prove that there is no God but the faith I have in Jesus gives meanings for most things I do and say now and after and that simplifies life. While denying the existence of God we struggle to find answers for things. Science has answers for many things but they are not the final ones because new findings give new answers. There is no burden which is heavier and lasts longer than to say good bye to the loved ones and Jesus calls us to him for support when he says: "come to me all who are heavy burden and rest in me." Mt 11,30.

Next Week's Readings:
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading
Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading
Romans 8:18-23

Gospel
Matthew 13:1-23

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Gospel Acclamation:

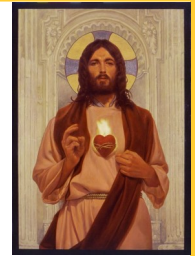
Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.



Prayers for the Sick

John Perks (Nellie's husband)
Marion Bowden
Stefan Golebiowski
Keith Hall (Louise's husband)
Marina Wightman
Beth Kloza
Mary-Lou Hay

Recently Deceased

Catherine Price
Nicholas Swain

Anniversaries

Alma Herlihy
Edmund Goodwin
Janelle Lunney-Baptist
Michael O'Hanlon
John Humphreys

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

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 10th July 2017 at Leo Dempsey's house, The Gap



Rosary

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

Parish Pastoral Council News

The Parish Pastoral Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th July 2017.

The following matters were discussed:

- Multi-Cultural Mass - organization for the Multicultural Mass and lunch to be held on Sunday 20th August. All welcome – mark the date on your calendar. If you would like to volunteer to help out on the day or to help with set up on Saturday afternoon 19th August please contact Kylie Gaul or Chris Jackson. Any help greatly appreciated. ;
- Mater Dei Church 80th anniversary celebrations;
- Kids Movie night - Our first ever Parish kids movie afternoon will be held next Sunday 16th July. Please come along around 2:45pm for movie, popcorn and sausage sizzle. Big kids also welcome. A big thanks to Council members Chelsea Clark and Dorene Parsonage for organising this event. Please contact Chelsea or Dorene for further information.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd August 2017.



Planned Giving Envelopes

Next financial year's planned giving envelopes are available for collection at the back of the Church. If you would like to be a planned giver, please contact the parish office thegap@bne.catholic.net.au

THANK YOU

Thank you Father Tuong and parish for the card and best wishes for my move to Ashgrove after 62 years with St John's Wood / The Gap. I have settled into my lovely villa and ready to welcome you at: 1/43 Dalmore Street, Ashgrove (3366 4803). Pat Marnane

MUSICIAN NEEDED FOR MATER DEI MASS

A musician is needed for 5.30pm Mass on Saturdays and 9:30am Mass on Sundays at Mater Dei. Please contact Tricia Wogan - Phone 3300 4773 or email – tricia.wogan44@gmail.com to enquire about being part of this Ministry.



FREE PARISH KIDS MOVIE EVENT

Sunday 16th July 2017,
SPC Parish Hall

Movie starts 3pm sharp.

Movie: **BOSS BABY** (PG)
Food, drinks, lollies & snacks available for purchase from 2:45pm. Bring bean bags / cushions if you want to be more comfortable.

PARISH COOKING CLUB

The next cooking club is scheduled for Friday 4th August 2017 at 6pm at the Parish Hall. \$15 includes dinner and a glass of wine. Limited spaces so please book early. 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'.

COOKING CLASS



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.



National Weekend for Men who explore the things that matter including Parish Renewal

Hosted and run by [menALIVE](http://menALIVE.org.au). The menALIVE MAX 17 weekend is an Annual National Catholic Men's Conference Event now in its 14th year. It is not just a conference of presentations but a comprehensive experience.

The material and experience on the weekend is all NEW to previous years and comprehensively different to the parish weekends run nationally. 1 of the 4 streams this year is on Parish Renewal.

The Details:

When: 7:30 pm Friday 14th to 2 pm Sunday 16th July 2017

Where: St Leo's Catholic College, University of Queensland, Brisbane

Cost: from \$245 single room plus 2 nights' accommodation, 6 meals and a great event

REGISTER NOW Contact: mail@menalive.org.au

Peter Carrigan — 0404 496 405 Robert Falzon — 0412 745 734



When: Friday 1st September 2017

Where: Arana Leagues Club - Foundation Room (upstairs)

Time: 6:30 entry for 7pm start - 10pm finish (approx.)

Cost: \$20 per person Teams: 2-10 people

Dress Code: Harry Potter themed of course (prize for best dressed)

Food/Drink: There will be a bar open in the room and dinner/snacks available for purchase at the club bistro.

For more information or to book email hptrivia@clairescottage.com.au

Welcome Back..... As term 3 begins for school children we hope you all have a great start to the new term and had a lovely enjoyable holiday break.

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



Men Connect gathering held on Saturday 17th June.

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 10/07			
Tuesday 11/07	9:00am		Saint Benedict
Wednesday 12/07		9:00am	
Thursday 13/07		9:00am	
Friday 14/07	9:00am		
Saturday 15/07	5:30pm mass		Saint Bonaventure
Sunday 16/07	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm mass	

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 end of July.

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.



Happy Birthdays for this week in July
John McCaffery
Mike McAuliffe



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

New Road Improvements at Mater Dei Church Carpark



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