

# 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)

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

Churches: Mater Dei : 16 Philomene Drive, Ashgrove

St Peter Chanel: 41 Chaprowe Road, The Gap

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Parish Manager: Richard James [manager.thegap@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manager.thegap@bne.catholic.net.au)

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*SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## Indestructible

No matter how solid built and how beautiful things are their lives on earth are limited because there are hands to build and there are hands to knock it down. The book of Qoheleth says that there is a time for everything: a time to build and a time to demolish Qo. 3,3. Jesus used the image of the holy temple which will be destroyed to talk about the process of spiritual destruction of a person. The physical destruction of the grandeur of the temple is visible and everyone can see it; but the destruction of the spiritual temple is invisible because it is attacked from within, hidden from our eyes. The temple of God is built in our heart at the time of Baptism. Some of them have been damaged beyond recognition; some have been disfigured and again others have been destroyed. The people of God are the Church and when a part of the Church, no matter how small, is being attacked the whole Church gets hurt. We need to pray for one another, for healing and for God's protection.

Every Church built on historical sites or Cathedral becomes a tourist attraction more than a place of worship of the Almighty God. People come to take photos and admire of its beauty and forget to say thanks to God. It seems that the public have a high regard for the handmade things and less for the Creator. It should be the other way round, worship the Creator who creates creations and through the creations we recognize the Creator who created it.

Life is an internal struggle between good and evil and the evil spirit appears to win the battle. Jesus tells us that those who have firm faith in Him certainly will win the final battle. What counts is the final one. The false teachers and their supporters are more vocal and more convincing in their arguments since their argument is based on material proof which is visible to our eyes. Some false teachers present themselves to be good but their teaching is toxic to the Christian faith and they are able to deceive some. This kind of internal struggle is real and we need to stay awake in prayers for not being misled.

We are challenged to discern in our daily lives to be faithful to the true faith and keep our internal temple healthy and shine because it is our inner eye that helps us to follow Jesus. Through constant prayers we are able to listen to the movements of the Spirit who is quietly active working in us and that would help us to discern between which one is true and which one is a false teacher. We all have moments of misery and insecurity but Jesus made clear that we Christians will be hated and persecuted for being faithful to Him. We have experience in our ministry that there are resisters and harsh judgments and even persecution. We are able to continue to go on in our ministry because we know that we serve God and place our faith and hope in God. We are not alone but God's Spirit will journey with and protect us from the evil ones. It is only through prayers and firm relationships with Jesus we can stand firm in time of trouble and know of what we live for. Our God can turn our failures into successes, tragedies into triumphs and pain into grace.

Vudinh Tuong

**Next Week's Readings:  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

*First Reading*  
2 Samuel 5:1-3

*Second Reading*  
Colossians 1:12-20

*Gospel*  
Luke 23:35-43

**Prayers for the Sick**

Dominic Smith  
Jane McMahon  
Tony Maher  
Sonia Renwick

**Recently Deceased**

Michael Ratnayake  
Maureen Jarczyk  
Jocelyn Connolly

**Anniversaries**

Mary Ridley  
Andrew Mahoney  
Tony Mulrone  
Jack Dihm  
William Maher  
Terry Eastwood  
Terry Stewart  
Joe Paiva  
Bell Paiva  
Cruz Motha

**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 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at Carmel Herbert's house, 25/14 Paltarra St, The Gap



**Rosary**

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

**First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20**

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

**Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Life up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19**

Your endurance will win you your life.



**Christmas time is nearly here**

The SPC Church piety stall will open after 8am mass this weekend for the sale of cards and a variety of gifts. Gift prices range from \$3 to \$15. The stall will try to open each Sunday after 8am mass until our Christmas festival.

Christmas cards are also available from the Parish office to purchase. Packs of 8 (\$3 budget cards) and 16 (\$18 boxed set).

\$3 Christmas cards and \$12 Columban Art Calendars have been sent to both churches for purchase as well.



**PARISH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION**



**ALL PARISHIONERS** please join us for Father Tuong's Silver Anniversary celebrations and our volunteers BBQ on **SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER** after our 5pm mass at St Peter Chanel. The Christmas Light Display will be officially commenced on this night. So Come and Celebrate, Give Thanks and Meet old and new friends.

**Parish Freezer Meals**

Our meal supply for families in need in running low. If you are able to make large family meals ready to freeze (casseroles, lasagne, spaghetti mince sauces etc. ) your assistance would be appreciated. Containers are available at the rear of the Church and can be delivered to the Parish office. Thanks.



**PARISH FUNDRAISING  
RAFFLE**

PRIZES COMPRISE OF HAMPERS  
EACH CONTAINING DIFFERENT ITEMS

**TICKETS \$2 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5**

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASSES

THE RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN ON THE LAST NIGHT OF THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

*"We need to enter the darkness, the night in which so many of our brothers live. We need to be able to make contact with them and let them feel our closeness, without letting our selves be wrapped up in that darkness and influenced by it."*

— Pope Francis, *The Name of God is Mercy*

**Friends and Partners with East Timor**

Next meeting –  
Mon 14th Nov,  
7.30 pm, MD Meeting Room.  
All welcome.

**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 SPC & MD

Churches (right of the altar).





**Year of Mercy**  
**Exposition of the Blessed**  
**Sacrament**  
**Mater Dei Church**  
**Monday 7pm-10pm**  
**Friday 9.30am-10pm**


 **Year of Mercy**  
 The closing celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy will be held on Sunday 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. More information will be given on that day.

**NEW PARISHIONER CONTACT FORM**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children & DOB's: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 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.

 **Caritas Australia Advent Program**

Learn, act and pray for a more just and peaceful world this Advent by using Caritas Australia's Advent program. Divided into the four weeks of Advent and exploring the themes of hope, peace, joy and love you can reflect on the Gospel, learn about the people Caritas Australia serves, pray and take action. There are resources for Parish groups/individuals, Catechists, Young Adults, Secondary schools and Primary schools. Download the resources at [www.caritas.org.au/advent](http://www.caritas.org.au/advent)



 **Caritas Australia Global Gifts**

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the gift of love we receive, it is important that we consider our own opportunity to give in return. A Caritas Australia Global Gift helps make lasting change to some of the world's poorest communities. When you send a gift to a friend, colleague or loved one, you're helping to spread the message that we're all part of one global family, working to make the world a better place. Gifts start from \$10 which represents a Gift of Clean Water. Go to 



**menCONNECT**

All men are invited to our final breakfast of the year to be held in the Parish Hall at SPC on Sat 19th Nov starting at 7am. Our guest speaker will be Peter Selwood, Executive Director of Centacare, who will talk about Centacare's work with particular emphasis on the changes driven by aged care reforms and the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Peter will also cover the faith dimension of the organisation's work and how being a Catholic impacts on this work. Centacare had a turnover of more than \$150m last financial year so clearly its services are reaching a significant number in the community. This will be a very informative talk so please come and join us. The cost for breakfast including coffee is \$10. For catering purposes please RSVP to Mike on 0459 992 228 by Nov 16.

Preview of "Draw the Line Film" around the Timor Sea Maritime Boundary Issue 18 Nov at St Williams School, 67 Dawson Rd Keperra. Come along for movie preview at 7pm followed by a cuppa. Bring along a plate to share.

**Volunteer Hospital Pastoral Carers**

**Centacare Pastoral Ministries** supports Catholic Pastoral Care teams in both public and private hospitals in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Pastoral carers are highly valued by hospitals for their contribution to the holistic care of patients, staff and families through spiritual and religious support.

Centacare provides scholarships for training in this essential work of the Church and invites interested people to apply for courses in 2017. The desire and capacity to commit to a very interesting learning journey in the theology and skills of pastoral care is essential. Faith, kindness, compassion and a genuine interest in being present for others in their sickness and suffering also form primary requirements of the volunteer role.

Hospitals ready to welcome new pastoral carers on their happy, positive teams include:

Prince Charles, RBWH, Princess Alexandra and Wesley  
 If you would like to know more please contact: Judy Norris, Director,  
 Centacare Pastoral Ministries E: [judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au](mailto:judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au)  
**Mobile: 0428 669 572**



**Children's Sewing Group**

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at SPC Hall from 9:30am - 12:00noon. (\$15 per session). All girls aged 11 upwards and mothers wanting to learn sewing are welcome. Morning tea is provided and you make something to take home each time.

**Bookings essential**

Email [shalafi@aapt.net.au](mailto:shalafi@aapt.net.au) or call Moria Flynn 3366 4536



**Silent Auction**

Silent auction fundraiser of the painting "Brumbies" by well-known artist, Cheryl Nugent, for St Brigid's Longreach Drought Appeal. The painting will be sold by Silent Auction. Those interested in placing a bid for the painting can do so via individual Bid Sheets. The painting, a handout with more details, and Bid Sheets are available after Masses in the Parish over the next few weeks. The sale will be finalized on 27 November 2016. Please help make this project a great success. And tell all your friends! For more information please contact Elizabeth 0413 741 244 or the parish office.



**Plant Stalls**

Look out for Plant stalls to be held in the parish - proceeds to the Longreach Drought Appeal: Sunday 20 November - after 9.30 Mass at Mater Dei Sunday 27 November - after 8am and 5pm Masses at St Peter Chanel.

## 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.



## Wine Sales

Looking for Christmas gift ideas or maybe just for yourself. Our Wines from Seven Hills winery in SA are available for purchase. Merlot and Riesling \$15 per bottle or \$160 per carton of 12. Money raised goes towards families in need in our Parish. Please contact the parish office.



## 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 and in the bulletin 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 14/11			
Tuesday 15/11	9:00am		
Wednesday 16/11		9:00am	
Thursday 17/11		9:00am	Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
Friday 18/11	9:00am		
Saturday 19/11	5:30pm		
Sunday 20/11	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## Parish News from Mater Dei Primary School

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, the Mater Dei School community welcomed our Prep children and their families for 2017. Excited and wary children spent the morning in the Prep classrooms whilst parents were entertained and informed by the School Leadership team. Our current Prep children and the Year 5 children lead us in a heartfelt prayer celebration welcoming our new prep families to the Mater Dei Community. There was not a dry eye in the church. It was pleasing to receive so many positive comments throughout the day from many parents.

This led us to the Annual Mater Dei Dance School Performance hosted at Mt St Michael's College on Saturday night, where all who attended were entertained with a delightful array of dances and costumes. Thanks to our P & F and the many hours of work and organisation that the parents freely give in supporting the children in the Ashgrove community. Congratulations on a fabulous night.

Touch football fever was amidst our Year 6 students thanks to the generosity of our teachers: Mr Mark Robinson and Mr John Muir who trained and organised the Mater Dei Touch team last weekend. The Mater Dei Team won the All Schools Primary Touch Championships in a very close game. Congratulations to our girls and coaches.

In the coming weeks, the school community, will prepare for the Year 6 Graduation (Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November) and the End of Year Whole school Mass (2<sup>nd</sup> December). I ask that we as a parish and school community keep these young students in our prayers as they leave their primary school and venture to secondary school in 2017. I take this opportunity to extend our prayers and blessings to all students who will be moving onto new schools in their educational journey.

Thanks for reading.  
Madonna Sleba  
Principal



## 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**



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## A VOCATION VIEW:

### Thirty-third Sunday of the Year - C

A VOCATION VIEW: You know that at the end of earth-time, everything will be rubble. Listen to Jesus as He comes to rule the world with justice and show us our call to follow.



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