

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.

Welcome Bishop Brian Finnigan who will be celebrating all masses this weekend at our Mater Dei church.



Website: www.stjohnswoodthegap.net.au

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

Facebook group: 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

Churches: Mater Dei : 16 Philomene Drive, Ashgrove

St Peter Chanel: 41 Chaprowe Road, The Gap

Parish Priest: Fr. Vu Dinh Tuong mdei@bigpond.com

Parish Manager: Richard James manager.thegap@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Secretary: Caryn Lee thegap@bne.catholic.net.au

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



Please note the Parish Office will be closed between Christmas and New Years (Last day Friday 23rd December 2016 reopening on Wednesday 4th January 2017). The telephone messages are checked daily.

SUNDAY 25th December 2016

The Nativity of the Lord

Being Loved

Being in loved is a great blessing because it brings hope and a bright future and it makes dreams and hopes real and relevant to our lives. The Christian love often conceals itself in forms of providing services that throughout the year I have witnessed in our parish. It has been demonstrated in our parish in the name of various ministries of service. Many of St John's Wood / The Gap parishioners have shown love for the Church through the faith in our parish and we all benefit from your service. We see lots of small changes happening at both Churches and with the people. Children are being cared for and elderly housebound receive home visits. The working adults in their business schedule try to find time to fit into the parish life to keep their stewardship calling alive and active. The whole week Christmas festival and BBQ with Christmas Carols bring joy and hope for many who have experienced the relaxation and the prayerful atmosphere. It is nice to see the cake store attracts the sweet tooth and children face painting has filled the atmosphere with young voices and loud laughter. They are all the visible signs of being loved and love for the parish.

Wishing you all a Holy Season blessing, safe travels and enjoy the family gathering and a blessed New Year.
Vudinh Tuong



For more photos see our Facebook page and website

**Next Week's Readings:
Solemnity of Mary, The
Holy Mother of God**

First Reading
Numbers 6:22-27

Second Reading
Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel
Luke 2:16-21

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.

Responsorial Psalm:

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-18

The word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.



Prayers for the Sick

Jane McMahon
Eamonn O'Dwyer

Recently Deceased

Lorraine Schmiede
Laurence O'Shannessy

Anniversaries

Jack O'Shannessy
Daphne Trudgian
Jim Macpherson
Michael Marnane
Glenice Graham
Sister Desley Robinson
Michael Ridley
Maureen White
Jan Osborne

Wine & Port Sales



Looking for Christmas gift ideas or maybe just for yourself. Our Wines and Fine Old Tawny Port from Seven Hills winery in SA are available for purchase. Merlot and Riesling \$15 per bottle or \$160 per carton of 12. Fine Tawny Port for \$20 per bottle. Money raised goes towards families in need in our Parish. Please contact the parish office.



PARISH FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas hampers!

**Marietta Millar
Neil Duncalfe
Bev Dick
Peter Woodward
Jill Bruhwiler
Leona Collins**



We would like to thank the following businesses from The Gap Village Shopping Centre for your donations of prizes for the raffle:

- **Discount Drug Stores**
- **NewsXpress**
- **South Family Jewellers**
- **Loot Homewares**

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 26th December 2016 at Pushpa Jayasekera's house, 1 Sassafras St, The Gap



Rosary

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

*Wishing you a
Very Merry Christmas
Have a Happy & Safe
New Year!*





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

“And the Word became flesh” John 1:14

Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas joy every day.

(Accessed on 20 Sept 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

Music Director/Organist

The Catholic Parish of St Mary's, South Brisbane is seeking a Music Director/Organist to be employed on a casual basis (approx 5 hours per week) to work with existing choir.

Full position description is available from the Parish Office
Ph. 07 3844 2744 or Email: southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au

The Parish is After a House to Rent

The Parish is looking for a house to rent for Claire's Cottage group, which is a place for respite for young adults with disabilities. If you have or know someone who has a 3 or 4 bedroom house to rent for a 6 to 12 month lease, please contact the Parish Office on 3300 6099.



ADORATION GROUP

Meets on the 1st Friday of each month (6th Jan)
2pm to 3pm at SPC Church.

ALL WELCOME

It has been lovely having Sean Woods be part of our parish while he was placed with us during Advent. Sean will now return to the Holy Spirit Seminary where he will continue his studies.



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.

Extra New Years Mass

Monday 2nd January

- SPC Church 9:30am Mass

MASS TIMES	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL	FEAST DAYS/NOTES
Monday 26/12		9:30am	Saint Stephen
Tuesday 27/12	9:00am		Saint John
Wednesday 28/12		9:00am	The Holy Innocents
Thursday 29/12		9:00am	
Friday 30/12	9:00am		The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Saturday 31/12	5:30pm		
Sunday 01/01	9:30am	8:00am 5:00pm	The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Birthday's for last week in December

**Denise Parker
Mary Davidson**

Birthday's for First week in January

**Wayne Le Bon
Judy Golebowski**



Claire's Cottage Christmas Party

It was lovely to meet a few new families, everyone loved Santa and we ate some delicious food. A big thank you to Father and Richard and the parish for all their support throughout the year. The families Claire's Cottage has worked with have some amazing young adults and we look forward to continuing our program in the New Year. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



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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Christmas - A

A VOCATION VIEW: Vocations are born in the family. The priests, sisters and brothers of tomorrow are being born in our local hospitals and playing in our own backyards.



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