



St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: [Jer 31:31-34](#)

The days are coming when I will forgive their iniquity.

Second Reading: [Heb 5:7-9](#)

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel: [John 12:2-30](#)

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.



[Readings and Commentaries](#)

PRAYING with CHILDREN
SUNDAY LITURGY



[Two-Minute Homily](#) by Dcn Peter Pellicaan for the Fifth Sunday of Lent 2024. "Today we're invited to examine what we love. Do we love God more than our own lives?"

Recently Deceased

Alice De Freitas, Jillian Lockyer, Ruth Palmani

Anniversary

Bruce Bonney, Francis Coutts, Peter Southwell, Leonore Florence Parker

Sick

Lorraine Stevens, Carol Black, Baby Dion Eralino, Peter Hadley, Moira De Silva, Joy Harvey, Susan Black, Juliana Ryman, Lorna McConnachie, Philomena Jasoda, Margaret Sullivan, Bernie Knapp, Mary Davidson, Val Bonney, Peter Maher, Ryan Ferguson, Linda Pisano, Jane McMahon, Estelle Freney, Irene Dards, Toni Bennett, Beth Kloza, Kim Murphy

WCCM (Christian Meditation)

Monday at 9.30am Parish Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mater Dei: Monday & Friday 6 - 7pm

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:

LEARNING TO BE ONE WITH JESUS

How do we speak of God's commitment to us in Jesus Christ?



In today's first reading Jeremiah speaks to the Jewish people who, when the Babylonians besieged Jerusalem (597BC), had lost everything they held dear: land, temple, king. Amidst their desolation Jeremiah offers his people hope: a new covenant, a new intimacy between God and his people, a new relationship with God, this one written in their very hearts, 'deep within their being.' Their past transformed by God's forgiveness, God will now be known by the least, as well as the greatest, with no one excluded.

In the second reading, the letter to the Hebrews speaks of God being with Jesus in his death, in order that Jesus might be with us. Whatever happens, Jesus doesn't give up on us. He doesn't avoid death but rather, in dying, opens himself to the One who hears his prayer and has the power to save him 'out of death.' In following him we gradually begin to realise that now nothing can separate us from the love of God. This is the new covenant written in our own hearts, our very selves.

This God is revealed in the gospel when Jesus asks not to be saved from his forthcoming death, because 'it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.' It poses the question of who might we give our lives for? Who do we live for? Our children, our families perhaps, anyone else?

We struggle with the thought of losing our lives because we fear it will mean losing everything. Jesus' image of the grain of wheat speaks to our fears and teaches us that, if we learn to let go, if we give fully of ourselves, we will yield 'a rich harvest'. In doing so, the glory of God will be revealed. This is to be the pattern of our lives.

It's not always easy, as Jesus suggests, and as we'll hear in next week's Passion. It's what the lay missionary Jean Donovan came to understand when she was urged to leave the violence of El Salvador in 1980. She refused to leave the children, 'the poor, bruised victims of this insanity.' She didn't do 'the reasonable thing.' Consequently, she and three missionary sisters (Maura Clarke, Ita Ford and Dorothy Kazel) were murdered by government soldiers. They died because they shared their lives with the children and their families.

As we follow Jesus ever more closely, we begin to face our fears, their hold on us loosening so we might live in a bigger world, a bigger story, to which we're all invited to be part. This is what we're doing in the Mass: learning to be at one with Jesus, 'offering our lives with him for the world's sake.' Offer our own lives? If we're for real, in doing so we enter ever more deeply into relationship with God, a relationship written in our own hearts, our very selves. [Damian Coleridge © Majellan Media 2024](#)

NEW ROSTERS for COORDINATOR, MINISTER OF THE WORD, MINISTER OF COMMUNION, ALTAR SEVER AND COMPUTER OPERATOR FOR WEEKEND MASSES AT MATER DEI from APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2024.

The present Ministries Roster finishes end of March. A new Ministries roster for weekend masses is to be prepared for the next 6 months - APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2024.

If you wish to join the roster for any of the Ministries – **(New people for any of the Ministries are very welcome and help is given to learn the role)** (For any volunteers there is a requirement regarding Safe Guarding). OR if you **do not** wish to continue on a roster please phone or email -

For Coordinators, Minister of the Word and Ministers of Communion

Saturday 5.30pm Mass - Helen Mahoney Ph. 3300 2207

Sunday 9.30am Mass - Tricia Wogan Ph. 3300 4773 or email tricia.wogan44@gmail.com

For Audiovisual Operators and Altar Servers – Cathy Kruijff email

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Day/Date	Liturgy	Activity	Venue
Tuesday 19/03/2024	St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9am –Mass	Mater Dei
Wednesday 20/03/2024	Wednesday 5th Week of Lent	9am - Anointing Mass 7pm –Communal Rite of Reconciliation	SPC Mater Dei
Thursday 21/03/2024	Thursday 5th Week of Lent	9am-Mass (followed by Lenten group)	SPC
Friday 22/03/2024	Friday 5th Week of Lent	9am - Mass 7.30pm Stations of the Cross	Mater Dei
Saturday 23/03/2024	PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD	5.30pm – Mass	Mater Dei
Sunday 24/03/2024		8.00am - Mass	SPC
		9.30 am - Mass	Mater Dei
		5.00pm - Mass	SPC

WELCOME



We would like to welcome all the children and their parents who are commencing their journey to celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The children will celebrate their First Holy Communion from the weekends of 4th-26th May. We ask that you keep the children and their families in your prayers.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



There is a group of parishioners who have decided to look at ways of encouraging a deeper sense of community and family involvement in the parish. This may be something like providing opportunities for families to come together to meet in social settings throughout the year at dinners, or movies etc., and finding ways for families to feel welcomed and included in parish life. If this is something that you think we as a parish would benefit from, or if you'd like to be involved, or if you have suggestions for what we could do then we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Luke Garske - luke.garske@connect.qut.edu.au or Michelle Mead - thameads@gmail.com if interested.



“COME as you are,” – that’s the message from **Reco Rally** organiser Nattasha Mierendorf.

In preparation for Holy Week, Evangelisation Brisbane is inviting young people from across the Archdiocese to Padua College, Kedron, for a night of praise, worship and reconciliation on March 22. “Reco Rally is going to make reconciliation accessible for young people who have not fully engaged with the sacrament before,” she said.

Ms Mierendorf said the speaker for the event was Ged Trolove who would talk about framing God’s forgiveness correctly.

“He’s going to talk a lot about his own personal story and his experience of going to reconciliation, putting things right, not just with yourself and your friends but with God,” she said.

“At the heart of what we do is giving people the chance to encounter,” she said.

“A chance to have (an encounter) with a communal, universal Church and an encounter with the merciful God who loves them.”

With Reco Rally expected to attract more than 250 young people, EB have organised for a number of priests to take part and provide the attendees with ample opportunity for reconciliation.

ST JOHN'S WOOD / THE GAP PARISH

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Mon, Wed, Fri:- 8:30am - 3:30pm

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[Mater Dei Primary School](#)

T: 3514 4100

[St Peter Chanel Primary School](#)

T: 3300 1202



HOME ROSARY

This week’s rosary will be said at the home of Gordon Simpson on Monday 18th March. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

WELCOME

This weekend we welcome to our parish Fr Stephen Byrnes who will be presiding over the 5pm Mass at SPC. We also welcome **Fathers JoJo, Rodel and Ignaz** who will be celebrating the Communal Rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday night.

Planned Giving Program

We would be thankful if you are able to review your current donations or begin participation in The Planned Giving Program to assist us with the ongoing operation of the parish.

Here are different ways for you to participate or amend your current giving.

- An Envelope Planned Giving Program
- EFTPOS Machines in both churches
- Bpoint—Contact the parish office
- [Direct Debit](#)
- [Parish Giving App](#)

<https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/slides/>

You can also do a direct deposit into the bank account

BSB: 064-786

Account Name: SJWTG Parish

Account Number: 100000079

Reference: Your Surname and giving



The parish office is always available to help if needed or you can access further details on our parish website here <http://www.stjohnswoodthegap.net.au/administration-finance/payments-donations-2/>

If anyone is interested in attending the Liturgical retreat below please contact the parish office so we can organise a group booking.



Partnership in action

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse. Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection. You can donate through Project compassion donation boxes and envelopes at the back of the churches or by visiting: caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by scanning the QR code.



Praying with the Liturgy A LITURGICAL RETREAT

You are invited to take time out for a morning retreat of liturgy-focused input, experience and reflection

For all involved in preparing & celebrating liturgy in parishes & schools:
Clergy, Readers, Communion Ministers, Music Ministers,
Liturgy Committees, APREs, Teachers and all who gather for worship.

Facilitated by:

Rev Dr Tom Elich



An internationally renowned liturgist, Tom Elich earned a Doctorate of Theology in Paris and subsequently lectured widely in liturgy and theology. He was secretary for liturgy with the ACBC for 10 years and took part in the work of ICEL in the 1990s. Tom served 15 years as parish priest at Bulimba and spent 35 years as director of Liturgy Brisbane until September 2023.

Sr Jill O'Brien



Jill O'Brien is a Sister of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict. Her ministries have included teaching in Catholic and public schools, parish work, university chaplaincy and adult education with a particular emphasis on liturgical education. Jill is currently chaplain at Yarra Theological Union in Melbourne.

SATURDAY 20 APRIL, 2024

9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary
Cnr Earnshaw Rd & Approach Rd, Banyo

Morning Tea Provided



Cost: \$15.00
(\$12.00 for bookings of 5 or more)
To register, go to:

<https://shop.liturgybrisbane.net.au/collections/workshops>

Lenten and Easter schedule

As we journey through these forty days, let us be mindful of the transformative power of prayer, allowing it to shape our hearts and prepare us for the joy of Easter.

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY
FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY—22ND MARCH	7.30PM	MATER DEI	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH	7PM	MATER DEI	COMMUNAL RITE OF RECONCILIATION
HOLY THURSDAY 28TH MARCH	7PM	MATER DEI	MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER
GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH	10.30AM 3.00PM	MATER DEI ST PETER CHANEL	STATIONS OF THE CROSS THE LORD'S PASSION
SATURDAY 30TH MARCH	7PM	ST PETER CHANEL	EASTER VIGIL
SUNDAY 31ST MARCH	8AM 9.30AM	ST PETER CHANEL MATER DEI	EASTER SUNDAY (NO 5PM MASS)

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Change you've made so far



SAVE THE DATE

March For Life
Brisbane
Saturday
June
8th,
2024

more info to follow



Cherish Life
Queensland
info@cherishlife.org.au

Archbishop Mark Coleridge
invites you to the annual

CHRISM MASS

Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7:00pm

Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street,
Brisbane 4000

A CELEBRATION FOR THE ENTIRE ARCHDIOCESE

ALL WELCOME

CAR PARKING AVAILABLE FROM 6:00PM

A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE MASS



To celebrate the 150th Anniversary
of the Cathedral of St Stephen

The Queensland Symphony Orchestra
conducted by Umberto Clerici

will perform concerts in the Cathedral

Friday 10 May 2024 - 7:30pm

Saturday 11 May 2024 - 1:30pm

Saturday 11 May 2024 - 7:30pm

Psalm 24 - The Earth is the Lord's
Lili Boulanger (1893-1918)

Mass in C minor ('Great') K427
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Sara MacIver - soprano
Sofia Troncoso - soprano
Andrew Goodwin - tenor
David Greco - baritone
St Stephen's Schola
Brisbane Chamber Choir

Tickets are available from the QSO website
<https://qso.com.au/events/2024-special-events/special-event-mozart-mass>