



St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

First Reading: [Acts 10:34-43](#)

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Second Reading: [Col 3:1-4](#)

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

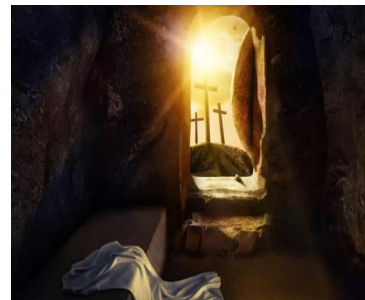
Gospel: [John 20:1-9](#)

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:

PROFESSING OUR FAITH IN A BROKEN WORLD

War, disease, famine, and economic uncertainty are part of our daily news. The global scenario is depressing, and we feel for the numerous civilian victims. What can we do and how can we respond as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord?



Our primary response must be one of hope even in the midst of these global catastrophes. Our hope is based on the fundamental Christian belief that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and without this belief our faith is futile, and we are a people living with a delusion.

Despite the work of the 'masters of suspicion': Karl Marx, Sigmund Freud and Friedrich Nietzsche who proposed respectively that religion was "the opium of the people," "an illusion," and that "God is dead," these critiques need to be addressed in our lives and our response is based on the scriptures and our lived experience.

John's gospel tells us the story of Mary of Magdala who came to the tomb early in the morning and saw the stone removed. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciples to tell them the news. Simon Peter and the 'beloved disciple' ran to the tomb and the younger man waited until Simon Peter arrived and entered the tomb.

He saw the linen cloths on the ground and the cloth that had been over his head. Peter sees the fact that there is no body and observes the details, but the 'beloved disciple' then entered the tomb and we hear that "he saw, and he believed." Peter is the leader of the followers of Jesus, but the unnamed 'beloved disciple' is the model disciple and believer.

While Mary of Magdala is the bearer of the news, it is Peter who proclaims the good news to the household of the Gentile Cornelius and his household. The message of Jesus is not just good news for the Jews but good news for all people.

The good news has influenced the lives of many people who are sustained by their belief especially when they experience difficulties in their lives. They also bear witness by their lives to the difference that faith makes to our lives. Their example is a powerful witness to their children and grandchildren who need to address the issues raised by the 'masters of suspicion'.

In a climate of increasing relativism in our Catholic schools where there is limited sense of Catholic identity and mission, it is important that we profess our faith through the example of our lives and a continuing commitment to making a difference in our world. Our prayers for a broken world may not bring immediate change to those who are suffering but our commitment to solidarity with them is part of our Christian witness.

May we be inspired by the example of the 'beloved disciple' and bear witness to our belief and hope in the presence of God in our midst.

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[Readings and Commentaries](#)



ARCHBISHOP MARK'S EASTER MESSAGE

Alleluia! The Lord is risen! Archbishop Mark shares his Easter message and invites us to embrace Easter as a time when Jesus brings us peace and transforms death into life. Have a blessed Easter. [Watch now.](#)

Recently Deceased

Brian Noonan, Alice De Freitas, Jillian Lockyer

Anniversary

Ursula Macpherson, Joseph Sharpe, Robert and Margaret Minns, Edward Newman, Bruce Bonney, Francis Coutts, Peter Southwell, Lenore 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

Day/Date	Liturgy	Activity	Venue
Tuesday 02/04/2024	TUESDAY within the Octave of Easter	9am –Mass 11am– Funeral Mass for Brian Noonan	Mater Dei
Wednesday 03/04/2024	WEDNESDAY within the Octave of Easter	9am - Mass	SPC
Thursday 04/04/2024	THURSDAY within the Octave of Easter	9am—Mass	SPC
Friday 05/04/2024	FRIDAY within the Octave of Easter	9am- Anointing Mass	Mater Dei
Saturday 06/04/2024	SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER (Divine Mercy)	5.30pm – Mass	Mater Dei
Sunday 07/04/2024		8.00am - Mass	SPC
		9.30 am - Mass	Mater Dei
		5.00pm - Mass	SPC

FUNERAL MASS



There will be a funeral Mass for Brian Noonan at Mater Dei Tuesday 2nd April at 11am. Please keep the family in your prayers.

MISSING

Our First Aid Box in the SPC sacristy has gone missing and seems to have been replaced by a family box instead. If anyone knows anything about this could they please contact the Parish Office.



PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Mater Dei School has now received approval from Brisbane City Council to remove the spotted gum tree which dropped a significant limb earlier this year. The work involved to remove the tree will be complex and has to be managed carefully.

Given the high risk involved in the removal of the tree, parishioners are asked not to enter and walk around the school grounds (including parking in the courtyard area) from Monday, 8th April to Friday, 12th April, as vehicles/trucks will be moving in and out of the school grounds during this time.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish office will be **closed from Good Friday** and will **re-open Tuesday 2nd April**.

We would like to wish all our parishioners a Blessed and Happy Easter and hope you enjoy the Easter ceremonies and time with your families. God bless!

Here's a joke you might get a laugh out of:

A priest, a deacon and the parish secretary take a shortcut through a vacant lot on their way to a meeting to discuss the upcoming Easter services when they come across an old oil lamp. The priest picks it up and rubs it with his handkerchief. To their amazement, a genie appears in a puff of smoke and offers them all one wish each.

The parish secretary cries out, "I desperately need a holiday. I want to be on an island paradise on a deck chair soaking up the sun's rays." The genie waves his hand and she disappears in a puff of smoke.

The deacon bellows, "I want to be at the Vatican, marvelling at all the artwork in the Sistine Chapel and never have to go to another meeting as long as I live." He too disappears in a puff of smoke.

Scowling, the parish priest glares at the genie, "I want those two back in time for the meeting in 10 minutes."



ST JOHN'S WOOD / THE GAP PARISH

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HOME ROSARY

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Pushpa on Monday 1st April. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

WELCOME

Father Ray Chapman is concelebrating at the Easter Vigil and Fr Stephen Byrnes will be presiding over the 8am Easter Sunday Mass at St Peter Chanel.

Congratulations!

FATHER SEAMUS

We would like to congratulate Fr Seamus on 60 years of priestly service. Fr. Seamus was ordained at Clonliffe in Dublin and during those 60 years he has served in London, Bougainville, Fiji and in a number of Parishes in Queensland including St John's Wood/The Gap.

Fr. Seamus has been the Chaplain at St. Vincent's Oxford Park and St. Paul's Rainworth for over 10 years and Fr. Seamus is much loved and appreciated by the residents and staff for his devoted service.

Wishing you many blessings and thank you for all you do and may God bless you.

EASTER VIGIL: "Let's Celebrate!"

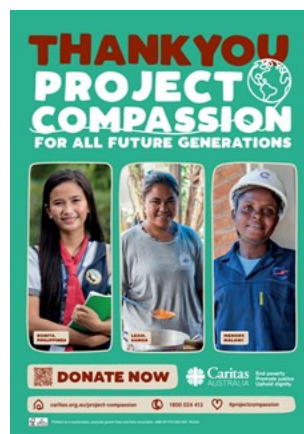
It is wonderful to celebrate Easter not just in the liturgy but as a community, as we welcome DEBORAH MORRIS to full initiation into our midst through the RCIA program.

Please bring a plate and stay after the vigil mass to enjoy the goodies and cherish each other's company.



**Easter Sunday
31 March**

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!



Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by scanning the code or visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Archbishop's VOICATIONS DINNER 2024

for WOMEN 18 APRIL

**A night of discussion and discernment
with the Archbishop.**



The Archbishop's Dinner for Women, hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, offers a chance for women discerning their vocation to connect and gain insights into their journey. The event features personal stories from the Archbishop to assist in discernment and the questions they are currently facing. It's set for April 18th at Wynberg in New Farm. Interested attendees should email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au to submit their interest.

Places are strictly limited.

When: Thursday 18th April, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: Wynberg, New Farm

TRUTH TELLING

Where to from Now?

Reconciliation Action Plan Networking Workshop



SCAN TO REGISTER

**SAT 6 APRIL
8:30am – 3pm**

OUR LADY OF GRACES,
CATHOLIC CHURCH

100 Mayfield Road, Carina

Whether you have an established **RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan)** group or are wanting to explore what engaging with Reconciliation with First Nations peoples could look like in your parish, you and your parishioners are invited to a workshop to learn more. This workshop is the second of four of these opportunities in the coming weeks, keep your eye out for a date and venue that will suit you best. This session features special guest speaker, Cheryl Buchanan a proud Guwamu Woman from Southwest Queensland. Cheryl is a renowned publisher, playwright, author, speaker, director, teacher, lecturer and traditional dancer.



Mission: Transform Lives

- theirs...and yours



Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty?

Come to Palms' [Discovery information session](#) at Garden City Library 27 April . Meet our director Soraya and former Palms participants to find out more about [Assignments Aboard](#).

Venue: Garden City Library Meeting Room

Date: Saturday 27th April 2024

Time: 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Address: Level R4 Garden City Shopping Centre
Cnr Logan & Kessels Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt

Phone: 02 9560 5333

Email: palms@palms.org.au

SAFEGUARDING CORNER—Please be advised that **EVERY TWO YEARS** all volunteers must update their safeguarding training on line. The office of Safeguarding has two online webinars that you can use. The first date is Wednesday 3rd April commencing at 6.30pm or Wednesday 10th April commencing at 10.30am. Click [here](#) to register for 3 April or [here](#) for 10 April or see the attached invitations. Please **REMEMBER** this is a requirement of the Archdiocese for our compliance to our Safeguarding requirements. I would like to thank all our volunteers, you are amazing!



ONLINE WEBINAR

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

 **DATE**
WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL, 2024

 **TIME**
6.30PM

REGISTER NOW! LIMITED TO 100 REGISTRATIONS.

[HTTPS://ARCHBNESAFEGUARDING.CLICKMEETING.COM/SAFEGUARDING-TRAINING-WEBINAR-2/REGISTER](https://archbnesafeguarding.clickmeeting.com/safeguarding-training-webinar-2/register)



Presented by the Office for Safeguarding Services.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.



ONLINE WEBINAR

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

 **DATE**
WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL, 2024

 **TIME**
10.30AM

REGISTER NOW! LIMITED TO 100 REGISTRATIONS.

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The Safeguarding Commitment for the Archdiocese of Brisbane and St John's Wood/The Gap Catholic Parish is:

Zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and strives to safeguard all who interact with its ministries & services.

Special priority is given to the safety & wellbeing of children & adults at risk.

In an emergency, please call the Police 000 or information can be provided to **STOPline** anonymously. Phone: 1300 304 550 Email:

AOB@stopline.com.au Online: www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguard/>

A vocation view: Easter Sunday - B

Christ has become our Paschal Sacrifice. Your ultimate purpose, to live and to breathe, is the eternal Jesus. Go forth to announce to the world – Christ, our hope, has risen, Alleluia!

To find out more call 1300 133 544 or

Follow us at @vocationbrisane or scan the QR code

