



# St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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## THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

**First Reading:** [Acts 3:13-15,17-19](#)

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

**Second Reading:** [1John 2:1-5](#)

Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

**Gospel:** [Luke 24:35-48](#)

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.



[Readings and Commentaries](#)



Fr Regimon reminds us that, "Easter invites us to believe and witness the living God. We are sent forth to share the joy and peace, as we share our story of meeting Jesus." [Watch now.](#)

### Recently Deceased

Joy Harvey, Brian Noonan, Rodolfo Rimando, Alice De Freitas

### Anniversary

Michael Ratnayake, Eileen Cahill, Ursula Macpherson, Joseph Sharpe, Robert and Margaret Minns, Edward Newman, Bruce Bonney

### Sick

Lorraine Stevens, Carol Black, Baby Dion Eralino, Peter Hadley, Moira De Silva, Susan Black, Juliana Ryman, Lorna McConnachie, Philomena Jasoda, Margaret Sullivan, Bernie Knapp, Mary Davidson, Val Bonney, Peter Maher, Ryan Ferguson, Linda Pisano, Jane McMahan, 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:

### CALLED TO BE PROPHETIC WITNESSES

To his Nazi captors, Polish priest and Conventual Franciscan friar Maximilian Kolbe was prisoner number 16670. But to Franciszek Gajowniczczek, his fellow inmate in Auschwitz, Maximilian was much more and his sacrifice would change his life forever.



In late July 1941, a prisoner escape in Auschwitz prompted the deputy camp commander to order the deaths of 10 men to deter future escape attempts. When Maximilian heard Franciszek, who was one of the ten selected, cry out for his wife and children, he volunteered to take his place. Franciszek was reunited with his wife after the war and lived to be 93. He said that, as long as he lived, he would tell everyone about Maximilian's courageous act of love.

Jesus's dying and rising again, like Maximilian's act of sacrifice and love, was not only a moving act of humanity; it was also a prophetic witness of God's redemptive love.

The gospel reading today describes a vivid post-Resurrection appearance of Jesus. The disciples met Jesus on the road but only recognised him in the breaking of the bread. Then, quite dramatically, they see him standing in their midst and they were both terrified and overjoyed to see him again. He invites them to touch his hands and feet. He eats a piece of fish which they give him.

At Easter, we enter into the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. God, in his love for us, yearns to draw us into his presence for all eternity. It is a profound paradox that his gift of eternal life and love entailed the ultimate sacrifice of an excruciating death on the cross.

For each of us, taking up our cross also means we are utterly vulnerable to pain, suffering and death. Nevertheless, with the grace of One who has also walked this path, we find strength to do the same. St John of the Cross likened suffering to being like a log in the fire. We are consumed by his love and are forever transformed by the experience. Our suffering becomes transformative if we yield ourselves entirely to God.

Yet, our faith is not only a source of grace in own individual suffering and death. It is a prophetic witness for all time. Jesus reminds his disciples that everything that was written about him in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms has now been fulfilled, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning with Jerusalem.

We are called to rise with Jesus to a new life. In communion with our faith companions and all the saints from ages past, present and future, we are also called to be prophetic witnesses to his redemptive love. Clothed in our baptismal garments, anointed by holy oil, and redeemed by blood, let us proclaim this Easter promise to everyone. He is risen indeed. *Sophie Clements © Majellan Media 2024*

### A PRAYER TO START YOUR DAY

Here is a prayer by Pope Francis to remind us to be open to God's love and guidance everyday. Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day. Amen

Day/Date	Liturgy	Activity	Venue
Tuesday 16/04/2024	<b>TUESDAY of the 3rd week of Easter</b>	9am –Mass	Mater Dei
Wednesday 17/04/2024	<b>WEDNESDAY of the 3rd week of Easter</b>	<b>9am - Anointing Mass</b>	SPC
Thursday 18/04/2024	<b>THURSDAY of the 3rd week of Easter</b>	9am—Mass	SPC
Friday 19/04/2024	<b>FRIDAY of the 3rd week of Easter</b>	9am- Mass	Mater Dei
Saturday 20/04/2024	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER</b>	5.30pm – Mass	Mater Dei
Sunday 21/04/2024		8.00am - Mass	SPC
		9.30 am - Mass	Mater Dei
		5.00pm - Mass	SPC

## ST JOHN'S WOOD / THE GAP PARISH

### Office Hours

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

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### SCHOOLS

**Mater Dei Primary School**  
**T:** 3514 4100

### St Peter Chanel Primary School

**T:** 3300 1202

## Congratulations!

At the Easter Vigil we celebrated with Deborah Morris as she was baptised, confirmed and received the Holy Eucharist for this first time. Thank you to Chris & Ron Jackson who were her sponsors on this journey. If you know anyone who would like to become a Catholic attached is a link with more information from the Archdiocese of Brisbane  
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults/>



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP C – A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S MERCY

A simple celebration of the second rite of the Sacrament of Penance is included as part of the preparation for First Communion.

This simple ritual will take place during this week's workshop and will involve the children reflecting on choices they have made and being sorry.

#### Workshops:

**Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 4-5pm @ St Peter Chanel Church**

**Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 4-5pm @Mater Dei Church**

**Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm @Mater Dei Church**



### A VERY BIG THANK YOU!

So far our Project Compassion contributions have reached \$3134.50. You have until May to hand in your boxes or envelopes with your donations. Caritas Australia wishes to thank everyone for their amazing generosity in these hard times.

### HOME ROSARY



This week's rosary will be said at the home of Carmel on Monday 15th April. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

Please check out our [Parish Webpage](#) and [Facebook Page](#) for regular updates.



## THE GAP UNITING CHURCH

Come join us on Saturday, April 20th between 8am and 2pm at The Gap Uniting Church to pick up a few of the hundreds of books and plants we have on offer! For info about what's for sale and how to donate, check out our Facebook event - <https://fb.me/e/8DC2L7wpA>

**This is your last chance to register! If anyone is interested in attending the Liturgical retreat below please contact the parish office so we can organise a group booking.**

## 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>



## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

21 APRIL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



21. 4. 24

Good Shepherd Sunday  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations



On the 21st of April, the Catholic Church worldwide prays for vocations. Joining with those around the world, please pray for the Priests and Religious who have ministered to you throughout your life.

You could use this opportunity to encourage your children, grandchildren, and those in your community to consider where God is calling them, whether it is in priesthood, religious life or marriage.



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Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Invites you to join him for the

## ANZAC DAY MASS

Cathedral of St Stephen  
249 Elizabeth Street  
BRISBANE 4000

Thursday, 25 April 2024  
8:00am

RSVP: Monday 15 April 2024  
[cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au)

Refreshments will be served  
in the Hanly Room following the Mass.

Access to the Cathedral car park will be available on ANZAC Day. The car park will remain open until 1:00pm if you are attending the ANZAC Day Parade.

## Archbishop's VOCATIONS 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](mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au)

Places are strictly limited.

When: Thursday 18th April, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: Wynberg, New Farm

## SAFEGUARDING CORNER

Here is another opportunity for you to do your safeguarding training on line. The office of Safeguarding has given us two more sessions on the Web—Wednesday 1st May at 6.30pm and Wednesday 8th May at 10.30am. Please remember every volunteer needs to complete this training every two years. Thank you for your assistance.



**ONLINE WEBINAR**  
**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY, 2024 | TIME: 6.30PM

REGISTER NOW! LIMITED TO 100 REGISTRATIONS.  
[HTTPS://ARCHBNESAFEGUARDING.CLICKMEETING.COM/SAFEGUARDING-TRAINING-WEBINAR-4/REGISTER](https://archbnesafeguarding.clickmeeting.com/safeguarding-training-webinar-4/register)

Presented by the Office for Safeguarding Services.  
*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.*

Be quick! There are only 100 registrations available for each webinar. Places will fill fast! Click [here](#) to register or see attached invitation. See you there! **\*\* This is not a group event. Individual online registration is required.** Please ensure you register with your full and correct personal details and the details of your parish, ministry or faith community to ensure completion of the training can be registered with the People & Culture (HR) office.



**ONLINE WEBINAR**  
**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY, 2024 | TIME: 10.30AM

REGISTER NOW! LIMITED TO 100 REGISTRATIONS.  
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# DAMIAN STAYNE

## 'EMPOWER'

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

A NIGHT OF ENCOUNTER & RELEASE IN THE POWER AND GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT



APRIL 18TH

EMMANUEL CITY MISSION, BRISBANE  
 7PM-9:30PM

## A MORNING'S PRAYER

"REMAIN IN ME"

SATURDAY 27 APRIL



SCAN TO REGISTER

SANTA TERESA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE ORMISTON



# ALL Welcome



# SHINE A LIGHT ON DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE



A CANDLE VIGIL

St Francis Theological College  
 Milton Qld  
 Parking available  
 Enter via entrance between 27 and 31 Baroona Rd  
 supper to follow



### A vocation view: Third Sunday of Easter - B

What could convince someone to turn to God? That God became man and is the sacrifice that takes our sins away. Let us pray – Lord Jesus, make your word plain and set our hearts on fire with love when you speak. Enable us to respond to the call to be witnesses of your love.

To find out more call 1300 133 544 or Follow us at @vocationbrisbane or scan the QR code

