



St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

First Reading: [Acts 4:8-12](#)

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Second Reading: [1 John 3:1-2](#)

We shall see God as he is.

Gospel: [John 10:11-18](#)

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:

THE GOOD SHEPHERD'S PROMISE

This week's readings highlight how knowing Christ can change people. The first reading shows how the Resurrection and the presence of the Holy Spirit transformed Peter. Now, he heals as Jesus did and preaches as Jesus preached.

In Peter, we see living proof of what is further explained in the second reading. Through faith in Christ, we come to participate in the relationship of love and communion that the Son has with the Father: "we are God's children now."

Knowing the Father in this way as children of God gives us access to a whole new way of living, and means being transformed into becoming more and more like him. We come to know and participate in God's way of being.

When Peter heals and preaches, he does so because Jesus lives in him, transforming Peter in his own likeness. Like Peter, we live as co-heirs, through Jesus, to the promises of God. What belongs to Jesus as the Son, namely his capacity to know the Father's heart and to do the Father's will, is also promised to us.

Becoming like God does not mean that we lose our individuality or freedom. Instead, we become more our true ourselves, each of us according to the grace and the gifts we have been given.

This is the life for which God created us: to be persons, different and diverse, each uniquely gifted, and, through love, bound together with Jesus, gathered together into one flock with one shepherd.

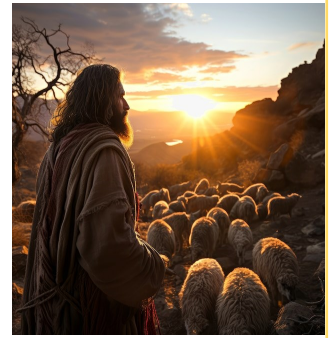
Like a good shepherd, Jesus has faced and overcome the mortal danger posed to his flock by the power of sin and death, against which they have no other escape. In laying down his life for his sheep, he proves that he is the true guardian, protector and carer of his flock, the Good Shepherd.

Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus claims power for himself and for all who love him over whatever impediments or difficulties befall us on our journey to the fullness of life and union with God. He assures us: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep . . . I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again." Jesus' power to take his life back up again is the power that restores us to new life and relationship with God.

Jesus opens up for humanity a whole new way of living. Whatever the hatreds, conflicts and divisions that arise between people, Jesus invites us into one fold, the flock of the Good Shepherd. He calls us to lives of faith, hope and love, under his protection and in relationship with him as the Good Shepherd.

There is no other power or god or ideology in the world that can promise this same hope for the human race that the Good Shepherd promises. Let us follow him.

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[Readings and Commentaries](#)

PRAYING With CHILDREN
SUNDAY LITURGY



Deacon Gary says, "My lived experience is that the Spirit of Anzac is founded in the spirit of following Jesus as Good Shepherds." [Watch now.](#)

Recently Deceased

Joy Harvey, Brian Noonan, Rodolfo Rimando, Teresa David.

Anniversary

Michael Ratnayake, Eileen Cahill, Ursula Macpherson, Joseph Sharpe

Sick

Elizabeth Lau, 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

ANZAC DAY, THURSDAY 25TH APRIL

We *pray* that the gift of peace that has been given to us by the ANZACs and other brave service people, will be protected and treasured for generations to come. ***Least we forget!***



Day/Date	Liturgy	Activity	Venue
Tuesday 23/04/2024	TUESDAY of the 4th week of Easter	9am –Mass	Mater Dei
Wednesday 24/04/2024	WEDNESDAY of the 4th week of Easter	9am - Mass	SPC
Thursday 25/04/2024	ANZAC DAY	9am—Mass	SPC
Friday 26/04/2024	St Mark, evangelist	9am- Mass	Mater Dei
Saturday 27/04/2024	FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER (Feast of St Peter Chanel)	5.30pm – Mass	Mater Dei
Sunday 28/04/2024		8.00am - Special School Mass	SPC
		9.30 am - Mass	Mater Dei
		5.00pm - Mass	SPC

ST JOHN'S WOOD / THE GAP PARISH

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PLEASE NOTE:

- There will be **NO** Ever Young group this Thursday due to ANZAC DAY.
- The Holy Spirit Seminary has given us the 2024 Prayer Calendar for Seminarians and Priests. We ask that you take one and pray for vocations.
- Next **Youth Led Mass** will be held on **Sunday 12th May** at 5pm Mass at St Peter Chanel followed by the **Pot Luck Dinner**.

If anyone is having trouble accessing the Safeguarding webinars here are the direct links:

Wednesday 1 May: 6.30pm <https://archbnesafeguarding.clickmeeting.com/safeguarding-training-webinar-4/register>

Wednesday 8 May: 10.30am <https://archbnesafeguarding.clickmeeting.com/safeguarding-training-webinar-5/register>



BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND AT MATER DEI

On Saturday we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism Capri daughter of Jennifer and Luke. We congratulate the family and ask that you keep them in your prayers.

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST PETER CHANEL



On **Sunday, April 28**, the school community together with the Parishioners of St Johns Wood/The Gap will come together for a **special 8am Mass, honouring the life and legacy of St. Peter Chanel**. This event serves as a reminder of the school's commitment to spiritual growth and unity. Students, staff, parents, and alumni will gather to reflect on the values upheld by St. Peter Chanel and renew their dedication to embodying those values within the school and beyond. We hope you can join us for the Mass and the BBQ breakfast after the Mass.

PLANNED GIVING

THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO RE-ORDER OUR PARISH GIVING ENVELOPES AND WE WOULD LIKE YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- * If you would like to **continue** using our envelope planned giving, please place your name and details on the sheet provided at the back of the Church.
- * If you would like to **cancel** your envelopes and use the eftpos machine please write **cancel**.
- * If you would like to **change to monthly direct debit**, please contact the parish office.
- * If you are **NEW** to planned giving please write your details on the sheet at the back of the church and which method of payment you would like to use.

Thank you for your assistance.

CHURCHES

Mater Dei

16 Philomene Drive, Ashgrove, 4060

St. Peter Chanel

41 Chaprowe Road, The Gap, 4061

SCHOOLS

[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 Donna & Brendan on Monday 22nd April. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

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



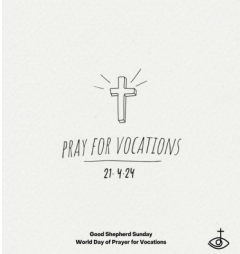


World Day of Prayer for Vocations

21 APRIL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



PRAY 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.



Scan the QR code to find out more, or call 1300 133 544 www.vocationbrisbane.com Follow us on socials @vocationbrisbane



7:00pm Saturday 27 April 2024

St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, West End

Inspired by the parish dances held around Brisbane during the 1950s to 1980s (ask your parents or grandparents about them!), the St Francis Social is a good ol' fashion dance and social mixer for young Catholic adults in their 20s and 30s, with a bit of fundraising for charity thrown in for good measure!

Dress in your best white, gold or bright coloured outfits and continue the joyful celebrations of Eastertide!

GOOD TUNES + GOOD DANCING + GOOD CROWD + FOR A GOOD CAUSE = A GOOD NIGHT OUT



SCAN FOR MORE INFO & TO PURCHASE YOUR \$20 (+BF) TICKETS

A MORNING'S PRAYER | "REMAIN IN ME"

SATURDAY 27 APRIL

A Morning's Prayer is a three-hour experience held on Saturdays throughout the year. The mornings are perfect for

individuals and groups seeking time for peaceful prayer and reflection. The theme will be centred on the scripture of John 15:4-5: A Morning's Prayer includes prayerful input, time for individual prayer and reflection, as well as time of discussion and some fellowship. This is a great opportunity to make space in our lives to respond to Pope Francis' invitation to 'intensify' our prayers during this Year of Prayer and 'experience the power of God's hope'.

Date: Saturday 27 April 2024 **Location:** Santa Teresa Spiritual Centre **Cost:** \$25 per person (morning tea included) **RSVP:** Wednesday 24th April 2024 **Time:** 9:00am – 12:00pm tickets.org.au - Australia's Premier Ticketing System For Organisations



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@bnc.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.

All Welcome

MAY 1 6 PM

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



Catholic Mission invites World Mission May Rosary Prayers sessions

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the World Mission rosary.

The World Mission Rosary aims to "embrace the world in prayer" and especially pray for those living in poverty. This special rosary has a colour-coded decade representing each continent where the Church continues our foundress Pauline Jaricot's mission. It helps us to understand what it means to belong to a Global Church and how the Church can be a leader in the world through the work of Mission.

Mon – Fri Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>
Meeting ID: **893 8798 2280** Password: **876574**



The Corpus Christi Procession, presided by **Archbishop Mark Coleridge** will start at 2pm from the Cathedral of St Stephen, walk through the city streets and finish with Benediction at the Cathedral.

In addition to the procession, an exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles around the world will be on display in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, **from Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd June**. There will also be a vigil of Adoration in St Stephen's Chapel overnight from 7pm Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd June.

Come along with your family, community and parish groups. For transport and other information, please call 0412 802 122 or visit the Corpus Christi website at <https://www.corpuschristibrisbane.com> All are welcome!

What to do if you see distressing content online



Following the distressing events of the last several days, young people might be struggling to come to terms with what they have read and seen online.

Online spaces should be safe for everyone. If your child sees violent or distressing material, it is important to check in and talk to them about the content they have seen. We also recommend that children use devices in open areas of the home, rather than in their bedroom, so you can be attuned to how they are coping and what they are reading or watching.

Tips on how to deal with violent and distressing content

- Don't share it further – even if your intention is to help or raise awareness, you may cause distress to others.
- Report it to the platform to help get the material removed quickly.
- If the material is not removed, you can report it to eSafety. eSafety can notify the platform to either remove the content or block access from within Australia. Your actions could protect you and others from seeing that content again.

You can find more guidance and information about distressing online content below.

Relevant resources

We understand as a parent or carer you may want to take extra precautions against your children seeing disturbing content online. eSafety has a range of helpful resources including:

For kids and young people

- I saw something online I didn't like (for primary-school aged children)
- Dealing with disturbing content (for teenagers)

For parents and carers

- How to get started with parental controls
- General online safety advice for parents

Support services

If your child, or someone you know, has come across disturbing content online, there are a range of counselling services you can reach out to for help and support.

If a life is in danger call Triple Zero (000) right now.

- Kids Helpline, for 5–25-year-olds: 1800 55 1800 or kidshelpline.com.au (webchat is also available).
- headspace: support for young people, professionals, educators and families
- Lifeline: 13 11 14 or lifeline.org.au
- Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636 or beyondblue.org.au

More support services, including state-based services aimed at parents and carers, are listed here.

We know that at challenging times, schools become hubs of support for their communities, with students, staff and families often seeking advice. We have reached out to educators with information that schools can circulate to their educators, wellbeing staff, and parents and carers, to provide them with strategies to reduce the risk of children and young people being exposed to this content, and to support those who are.

We hope the information above has been useful, and that it provides some practical support for Australian families as we collectively process these tragic events.

NOTICE FROM THE GAP UNITING CHURCH

Sara is a Mum from Colombia who lives in The Gap. Her English is okay, but not enough for her to be confident to reach out for help. She has been here for over 12 months and been diagnosed with cancer while here in Australia visiting her son. Despite what her private health company indicated when she paid for it upfront as a requirement for her visa, they have covered almost nothing toward her chemo and radiation treatment at the Wesley Hospital. The medical and pastoral staff there are doing what they can to support her, but her medical bills have been astronomical, especially seeing as though Medicare cannot yet cover her.

Sara has incredible faith, her sense of peace and calm, despite the incredible pain from the ongoing treatment.

This is a wonderful cause for our community to support in the lead up to Mother's Day – a local Mum who simply does not have the support that many of us take for granted. **Below is the link for the GoFundMe page that has been set up for Sara.**

<https://gofund.me/23e5474a>

A vocation view: Fourth Sunday of Easter - B

This is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs worthy leaders, Good Shepherds of the 21st Century, caring unselfishly for the needs of God's people. **Please pray for Vocations.**

To find out more call 1300 133 544

or Follow us at @vocationbrisane

or scan the QR code

