



St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

First Reading: [Acts 10:25–26,34–35, 44–48](#)

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

Second Reading: [1 John 4:7-10](#)
God is Love.

Gospel: [John 15:9-17](#)

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.



Fr Lucius reminds us that "When we become friends with Jesus, it changes the way we live. We begin to pray better, experience more peace, comfort, and joy in our lives, knowing that we are truly in love with Him." [Watch now.](#)

Recently Deceased

Elizabeth Lau, Joy Harvey, Teresa David

Anniversary

Josie & Ken Allen, Michael Ratnayake, Eileen Cahill

Sick

Antonio Ferrante, Deborah Austin, 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 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:

THE OFFER OF GOD'S FRIENDSHIP

Parents often offer these words of encouragement and support to their children when they have to move to a new place or to a new school, "It will be alright; you will make new friends."



It can be difficult not only for children but for anyone to leave old friendships behind and to seek new friends. It reinforces the importance that we place on strong relationships, and the common bonds that develop through important milestones and junctures of our lives.

Many people enjoy friendships that start in primary school that last through university, careers, relationships, children and grandchildren. Lifelong friendships can be some of the most cherished and important things in our lives. Priceless treasures.

In today's gospel, Jesus offers us God's friendship. "I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you." With these words, Jesus reveals God's desire to have a different type of relationship with us. A relationship that is based on a deep, true and personal friendship.

This relationship is about God being with us in the very ordinariness of our lives. In the marketplace, at the coffee shop, the park, the beach and, more importantly, in our homes. It is because in these locations that we normally catch up with our friends to share our thoughts and desires, God wants to have that kind of relationship with us too in these places.

God wants to establish a relationship that moves beyond worship and one that enters into deep, heartfelt and very real conversations. To move beyond sterile prayer halls and into the sometimes messiness and grey areas of our very human condition. Importantly, we should understand that in God wanting to be friends with us, there is a deep acceptance and understanding of our flawed person. A safe place where we can bare all with no fear of condemnation. A place where God is listening and accepting.

St Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorists wrote extensively on this wonderful idea of God as a friend and these writings have been compiled into a book titled, *Praying to God as a Friend*. Despite the gospels revealing this more than 2000 years ago and St Alphonsus writing about this over 300 years ago, the notion of God as a friend is still a relatively novel idea today. But it's there, right in front of us in today's gospel.

God's friendship is waiting. It is truly priceless treasure that is freely offered and freely given. It is up to us to respond positively.

Mark Chia CSSR© Majellan Media 2024

PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY



Devotion to Mary is one of an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his mother.

"She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us." —Pope Francis, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 176

Day/Date	Liturgy	Activity	Venue
Tuesday 07/05/2024	TUESDAY of the 6th week of Easter	9am –Mass	Mater Dei
Wednesday 08/05/2024	WEDNESDAY of the 6th week of Easter	9am - Mass	SPC
Thursday 09/05/2024	THURSDAY of the 6th week of Easter	9am—Mass	SPC
Friday 10/05/2024	FRIDAY of the 6th week of Easter	9am– Mass	Mater Dei
Saturday 11/05/2024	THE ASCENSION of the LORD	5.30pm – Mass	Mater Dei
Sunday 12/05/2024		8.00am - Mass	SPC
		9.30 am - Mass	Mater Dei
		5.00pm - Mass	SPC

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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.



PARISH MASSES HEAD COUNT

The 4-week Annual ARCHDIOCESAN WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT 2024 will be held during the month of May commencing on the weekend of 4/5th. These numbers provide the Archdiocese with a sense of the trends in the Church in 2024. This enables the Church to understand who it is engaging, who it isn't engaging, and where it might place resources into the future.

ST PETER CHANEL FEAST DAY FAMILY MASS

Thank you to those families who attended the St Peter Chanel Feast Day Mass on Sunday. The spirit of unity was extremely touching as parishioners and families came together for a beautiful Mass which was led by our students. The turnout was amazing, and the atmosphere was truly special.



HOME ROSARY

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Ron & Chris on Monday 6th May. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

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



THE MESSAGE STICK

Last Friday at Mater Dei 9am Mass we welcomed the Message Stick that is being passed around the Parishes to celebrate the 150 year celebration of the Cathedral. Jade Chapman opened with the Acknowledgement of Country which was followed by a welcome liturgy with the Mater Dei school children during the 9am Mass.

Pictured below:

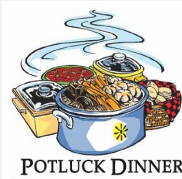
Jade Chapman with Father Terry, Parishioners and Mater Dei students.



YOUTH LED MASS—SUNDAY 16TH JUNE

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN

Our next **Youth led Mass** and **Pot Luck Dinner** will be held on Sunday 16th June. If you or someone you know would like to be involved in the Mass we have listed below parts of the Mass to be involved in:



Musicians -Looking for anyone who would like to play or sing. We will **practice before Mass, starting at 3:00pm.**

Proclaimers & Readers -Looking for people to proclaim the 1st and 2nd readings and read the prayers of the faithful. There will be time before Mass to have a run-through.

Computer Operator -Looking for someone who's keen to operate the computer/ overhead lyrics. Some experience is preferential but not necessary.

Altar Servers -Looking for anyone who knows how to altar serve, particularly the younger kids.

Offertory- Looking for people to take the bread and wine to the foot of the Altar during the Offertory. A great role for anyone!
Please contact Isabelle Deegan below if you are interested.

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GROWING GOOD MEN

A weekend experience for fathers and their teenage sons.



GROWING GOOD MEN is a weekend experience for fathers and their teenage sons.

Do you have a teenage son who would benefit from this experience or do you know of another Father and Son who would benefit from this experience?

The relationship between a **FATHER** and his **SON** is one of the primary and most critical relationships a MAN will have particularly in the teen years. The impact our Fathers have on us and we as Fathers have on our children/our sons is profound. It will always be defining.

To find more details and forward this message to others click on the link below:

[Strengthen your relationship with your teenage son! \(mjt.lu\)](https://www.mjt.lu)

GROWING GOOD MEN 2024 BRISBANE

by menALIVE

Friday, 21 June 2024 - Sunday, 23 June 2024 6:30 pm - 1:30 pm

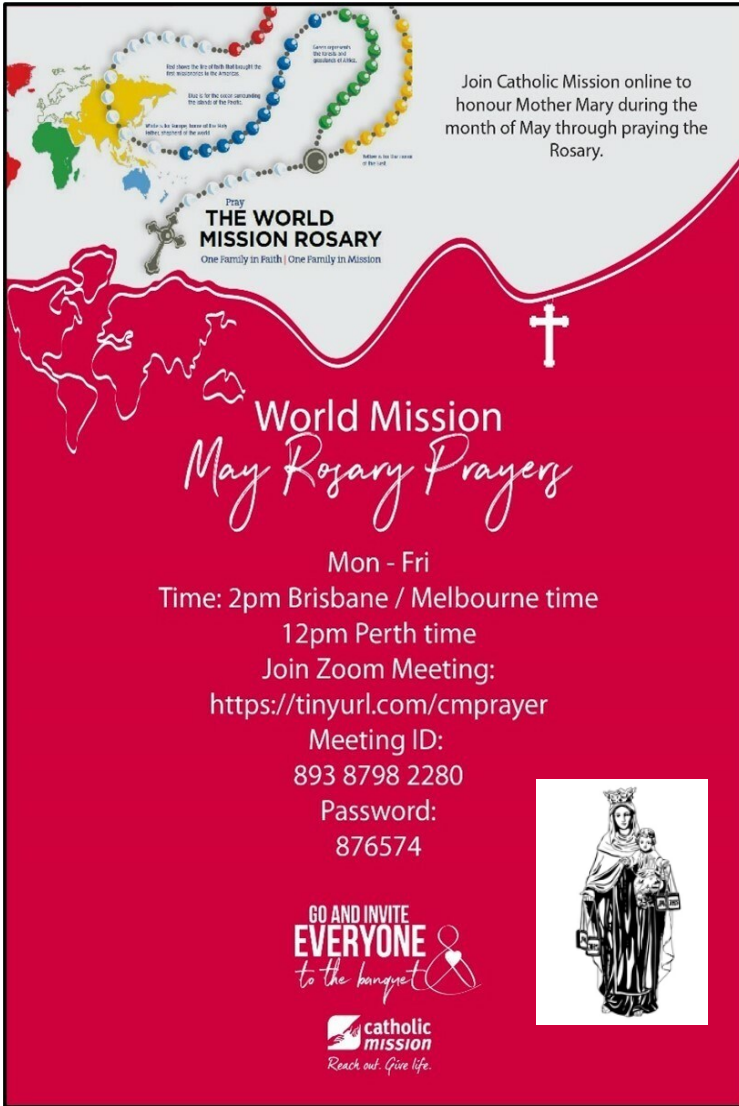
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The Corpus Christi Procession, presided by **Archbishop Mark Coleridge** will start at 2pm from the Cathedral of St Stephen, walk through the city streets and finish with Benediction at the Cathedral.

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!**



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


Pray **THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY**
One Family in Faith | One Family in Mission

World Mission May Rosary Prayers

Mon - Fri
Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time
12pm Perth time
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>
Meeting ID:
893 8798 2280
Password:
876574

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet

catholic mission
Reach out. Give life.



THE SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST-FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Eucharist will commence in the Parish on the weekends of 4th May through till 26th May. Please pray for the children who will be celebrating their Sacrament this weekend.

5.30pm MD	8am SPC	9.30am MD	5pm SPC
Bridget C	Patrick B	Josie A	Harry d
Max D	Leo C	Tess A	Sam F
Alexander F	Benjamin H	Evelyn B	Abigail H
Mave M	Evie K	Christine T	Harriet L
Tom S	Lachlan M	Audrey T	Raphael P
Benjamin T	Madison M		Ned W
	Gus S		

2024 SEASON OF CREATION

We invite primary and secondary school students in Australia to participate in our 2024 Season of Creation school competition, which focuses on the theme, 'To hope and act with Creation.' Our lives and those of everything around us, are part of the ongoing creativity of the Creator's plan. Our everyday choices help shape what comes next toward the common good of people and all creation. Many people of all ages are committed to acting for the community of life. Immersing ourselves in creation and being open to new insights, consuming responsibly, limiting waste, taking part in the restoration of land and waterways, becoming citizen scientists, creating art and telling stories about the places we love and care for are ways anyone can get involved.




Webinar Invitation

Join us for an inspiring conversation with **Fr Richard Leonard, SJ** and **David Halliday**, Editor of *Eureka Street* as they explore insights into the way God works through people – and often – through unexpected places and events.

In his latest book *Why God? Stories to Inspire Faith*, Richard provides personal and engaging stories surrounding Church, Liturgy and Sacraments, Faith, and Spirituality. These true stories speak of the power of God working in creation and through the unlikely individuals and places that we discover God's transforming love.

When: Tuesday 7 May 2024 **Time:** 7:00 pm (AEST)*
Where: Via Zoom **Cost:** FREE
Registration: To register, please [click here](#)



150th Anniversary
QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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 Trancoso - 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>

A vocation view: Sixth Sunday of Easter - B

God's love for us has been revealed: "Love one another as I have loved you". The world needs people striving to love others with all their hearts. What about you? **Please pray for Vocations.**

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

