



St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

First Reading: [Deut 4:32-34,39-40](#)

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Second Reading: [Romans 8:14-17](#)

You have received the spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Gospel: [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:

WE ARE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

The Jesuit spiritual writer, Mark Link, begins his widely read book *Experiencing Prayer* (1984) with an extract from Eugene Ionesco's play *The Bald Soprano* (1950). In the scene, a couple meet and enter dialogue about their lives. They discover that they share much in common – they live in the same city, on the same street, in the same apartment, and they each have a daughter named Alice.



Much to their surprise, they also discover they are husband and wife. As Mark Link observes, this story is repeated in many households, where husbands and wives, sons and daughters, rarely develop deep and abiding relationships. They never truly come to "know" their life partner or sibling, as their relationship remains "largely on the surface."

Similarly, our relationship with God is often superficial. Outwardly we may appear committed to our faith. We wear crosses, scapulars or miraculous medals. We attend Mass every Sunday. We can recite the Nicene Creed by heart, proclaiming that in Jesus, God became human.

However, many of us do not really "know" this God who became like us. We do not share an intimate relationship with the divine, the ground of all being, the life that gives us life, despite our belief in the Incarnation.

Today's gospel reminds us that we were baptised into a community that has for centuries been initiating catechumens into the faith *via* the Trinitarian formula of Father, Son and Spirit (Mt 28:19; cf. 2 Cor 13:13). Paul writes to the Romans (8:14-17) in our Second Reading, that through Baptism we are adopted into the family of God, liberated from slavery, and called to intimate relationship with the Father through the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Like Matthew, Paul and the first Christians saw in the coming of Christ an invitation to commune with God whose essential nature was a mutual sharing of three persons in one Godhead. As John says elsewhere, "God is love; so, whoever does not love, does not know God" (1 John 4:8).

It is because God is a trinity of persons that we can speak of God as love. But it also because God the Father sent his Son into the world that we can both know and participate in the love of God. While we can come to appreciate the love of God by looking at the divine handiwork in creation, we can only truly come to "know" God's through the divine Word made fully incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth.

The story of the Incarnation and its revelation of the Trinity teaches us that because God became human, we can become like God. Entering communion with God through Christ, we are transformed and empowered by the Spirit to transcend our limited existences, live lives of love and self-sacrifice, and inherit eternal lives in God.

Like the couple in Eugene Ionesco's play, we are called to a conversation with God, which leads us to discover we are children of God.

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[Readings and Commentaries](#)

PRAYING with CHILDREN
SUNDAY LITURGY



In celebration of the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, Fr Morgan reminds us, "Jesus says, I promise to be with you to the end of time. What does that mean? Emmanuel, God With Us, promises to be with us." [Watch now.](#)

Recently Deceased

Michael Dunne

Anniversary

Reginald D'Souza, Jill Beaton, Margaret Sharpe, Ged Cosgrove, Brian Collins

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



THE ST JOHNS WOOD THE GAP CONFERENCE OF ST

VINCENT DE PAUL will be conducting its annual Winter Appeal on the **weekend of June 8 and 9**. This year our appeal focuses on the issue of homelessness and the rising cost of living. Our conference sincerely appreciates our Parish and school communities for your past support of our appeals.

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASS TIMES WHILE
FATHER TERRY IS AWAY UNTIL THE END OF JUNE.**

Day/Date	Liturgy	Activity	Venue
Wednesday 29/05/2024	WEDNESDAY, Ordinary Time 8	9am - Mass	SPC
Friday 31/05/2024	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9am - Mass	Mater Dei
Saturday 01/06/2024	The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)	5.30pm - Mass	Mater Dei
Sunday 02/06/2024		8.00am - Mass	SPC
		9.30 am - Mass	Mater Dei
		5.00pm - Mass	SPC

SOME LOCAL PARISH MASSES ON Tuesday & Thursday

Tuesday 9:00am

ST AMBROSE'S CHURCH, NEWMARKET

52 Enoggera Road, Newmarket 4051

Thursday 9:00am

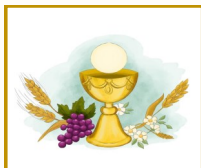
ST FINBARR'S CHURCH, ASHGROVE,

202 Wateworks Road, Ashgrove 4060

Tuesday 8:30am Thursday 8.30am

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH, MITCHELTON

Cnr Samford Road and Suez Street, Mitchelton 4053



THE SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION has been on-going in the Parish on the weekends and will conclude this Sunday 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
Joshua G	Nil	Tom C Evie G Sarah P	Nil

We are planning a combined celebration for all the children who have received their First Communion during this time.

You are invited...

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 9:30AM PARISH MASS @MATER DEI

Followed by morning tea with the community and a special celebratory cake.

We look forward to seeing many of you there.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND



On Saturday we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism at **St Peter Chanel** Leo, son of Clare and Noel. On Sunday at **Mater Dei** we welcome Agnes, daughter of Rosanna and Taylor, Sonny, son of Elisiva and Hugh and Rebecca daughter of Klare and James. We congratulate the families and ask that you keep them in your prayers.

YOUTH LED MASS & POT LUCK DINNER — 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 please contact Isabelle Deegan if you are interested at deeganisabelle345@gmail.com



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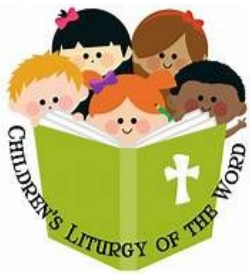
HOME ROSARY

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Pushpa on Monday 27th May.

Contact the Parish Office for further details.

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





CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Children's Liturgy program is urgently seeking volunteers to be part of a roster - either as a session leader, or assistant. Your help could be on a monthly, once a term, or standby basis - all help is welcome.

Volunteers need to complete the usual parish safeguarding requirements prior to commencing. Support is available to learn how it all works, including shadowing an existing session leader. Easy to follow materials are provided by the Archdiocese for each Sunday.

Please contact the parish office, or [Donna Lynn](#) if you are interested in finding out more.

FOR YOUTH LEADERS

These events aim to provide spiritual enrichment, foster community and support the development of leadership skills of your young people. We believe that engaging with Youth Leaders and Young Adults in meaningful ways is crucial for nurturing their faith and encouraging active participating in parish life.



This Masterclass we are getting back to the basics:

Session 1: The Fundamentals of Youth Ministry

Session 2: Youth Led Mass - the Practical's

Session 3: Encounter - Why your role is critical and why has God put you there.

Time: 3:00pm - 8:00pm **Location:** Hanly Room, Cathedral Precinct (car parking available)

Register by: 5th June **Cost:** \$15 Dinner Included

Too far to travel? Livestream registration available.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

[JUNE 8th](#)

CAN YOU HELP?

My name is Glenys and I am a member of SOWN the local Bushcare group, and have been working as a volunteer along Fish Creek adjacent to the SPC grounds for over 25 years.

A member of the SPC church community told me that she was involved in the plantings over 20 years ago as part of the Church's Social Responsibility Group. All of the trees planted are appropriate for this catchment, and some are now quite rare in The Gap after the clearing of the original vegetation for farming.

I am keen to thank those involved for their wonderful work and to find out more about this project. For example how they sourced such a wide range of suitable plants. If any other members of the Church community recalls the work of this group, I have left my contact details with the staff at the Parish office.

PARISH COMMUNITY BUILDING GROUP UPDATE

There is a group of parishioners who have been meeting to discuss ways of encouraging a deeper sense of community and family involvement in the parish. Thank you to those parishioners who have responded to the call out so far and gotten back to us with their thoughts. Definitely some ideas for us to explore! One of the first simple things we are planning to undertake is to instigate a **Welcoming Sunday once a month on the First Sunday of the Month**. We are all familiar with, and good at turning and greeting each other at the beginning of Mass but this will be an opportunity to further extend this and step out of our normal comfort zone and friendship groups and be more intentional about meeting or talking with someone who may be a new face at church or someone you always smile at but have never actually had a conversation with. On the first Sunday of each month at both churches we are also going to have "stick on" name tags at the door of the church for people to write their names on to make it easier to say hi to people and have a conversation with someone who you may have seen for ages but never really knew their name. Let's enjoy and look forward to meeting new faces and ensuring our communities are a welcoming place for all! For any more information or suggestions please contact Luke Garske luke.garske@connect.qut.edu.au or Michelle Mead themeads@gmail.com

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NETWORK

Hey Parents!

Children and Church: what's your experience?

Scan the QR code to fill out this short survey



Parents and caregivers, we want to hear from you!

Later this year the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be holding a Synod to discern the practical and Spirit-led actions we need to undertake to be a more co-responsible church on mission.

As we prepare for SYNOD24, we want to hear about your experience of faith at home, your participation in the community of faith, things that help or hinder this, and any stories you have to share. Please take a few minutes to respond to our short survey at

www.tinyurl.com/kids-and-church

A vocation view: The Most Holy TRINITY - B

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. When we go out to make disciples of all nations, we have much to tell. God is Lord in heaven above and on earth below. Having received the Spirit that makes you God's children, you are called to proclaim, "Glory to the Father, to the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was and who is to come". Alleluia!

To find out more call 1300 133 544 or Follow us at [@vocationbrisbane](#) or scan the QR code



Corpus Christi Procession only 1 week away! (Sunday 2nd June)

On the **Feast of Corpus Christi**, the Catholic Church honours the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, "For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink" (John 6:55). Processing with the Blessed Sacrament through the streets is a tradition that is embraced all over the world and continues today. In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we will bear witness to our faith **on 2nd June 2024**, as we gather with over 5000 Catholics to walk with Jesus through the streets of Brisbane City, as we pray, sing, praise and honour Him in the Blessed Sacrament. 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!**



We invite you to join Australian Marist Solidarity for this unique event which will raise much needed funds for our partners throughout Asia and the Pacific.

Connect with your Marist friends and enjoy a drink as we raise funds to support programs like the Chetana Tribal Boys Hostel, which provides safe accommodation for ethnic minorities from remote areas in India.

With the support of Marist College Ashgrove and the Old Boys Association, and powered by the Funding Network, we can't wait to make a significant contribution to the lives of young people in need across our region.

"Please join us for this evening to reconnect with your Marist friends and help us raise important funds for young people in need".

- Norman Chan, Acting Board Chair AMS

Details: Date: 25th June **Time:** 5.45pm-8pm
Venue: The Tower, Marist College Ashgrove
Register: [Click here](#), 3354 0600 ams@marists.org.au

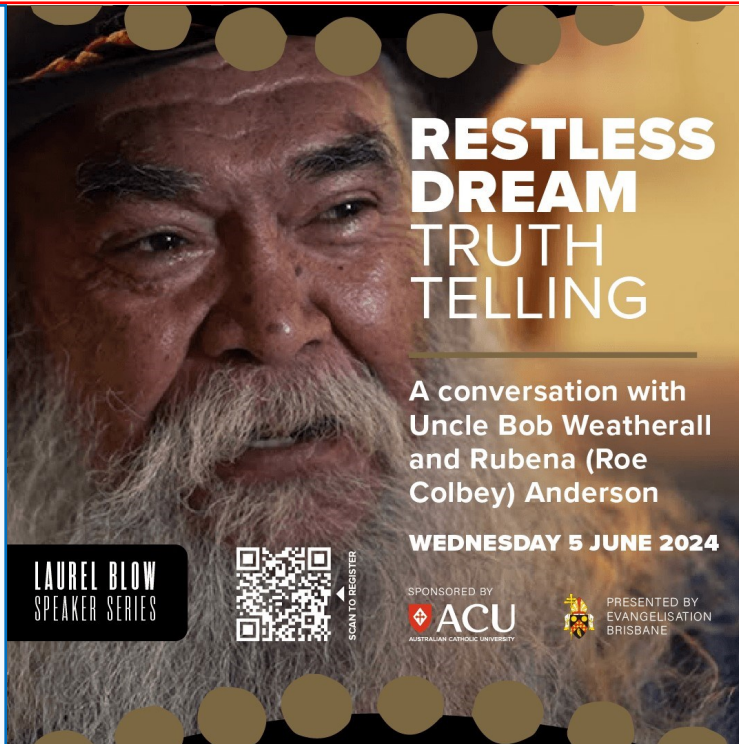
POSITION VACANT

CATHEDRAL PARISH EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The role of the Cathedral Parish Executive Officer is to be responsible for the administrative and organisational aspects of the parish, including the parish office and employment. This role must work cooperatively and collaboratively as part of the parish team with priests, staff and parishioners to ensure the smooth, effective and professional operation of all parish functions. This is a permanent full-time position of 37.5 hours and remuneration will reflect the experience of the successful candidate. For further information

please contact the Cathedral Parish team via

cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au



Historical acceptance is learning about what has happened in the past, understanding the impact of what has occurred and committing to never letting it happen again. If you are willing to listen and believe what is true, this event is an opportunity to grow in your understanding of the past and increase your empathy for those impacted.

Historical acceptance is a pillar of reconciliation and a key part of the commitment made by the Archdiocese of Brisbane through our Reconciliation Action Plan. In line with this commitment, the Laurel Blow Speaker Series invites you to an important conversation with Kamilaroi Elder Bob Weatherall and Rubena (Roe Colbey) Anderson exploring historical events that continue to impact the day to day lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

When: 5 June, 2024 **Where:** The Daudete Centre, ACU, Banyo
More info and tickets available at: www.tinyurl.com/LBSS24-1



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