



# St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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## SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

### First Reading: [Acts 10:24,37-43](#)

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.



[Readings and Commentaries](#)

PRAYING with CHILDREN  
SUNDAY LITURGY



FR. SUMIT DSOUZA SJ

In this reflection of Easter Sunday Year C, we dive deep into the powerful message of John 20:1-9, exploring the mystery of the empty tomb and the life-changing truth of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

### Anniversary

Eileen Cahill

### Sick

Yvonne Harrison, Suzanne Black, Beth Kloza, Heiko Ertel, Peter Hadley, Jim Johnson, Mike McAuliffe, Kathleen Cosgrove, Robert Minns, Tim chen chen zuo Zu, Mary Thomas, Antonio Ferrante, Deborah Austin, Lorraine Stevens, Carol Black, Moira De Silva, Juliana Ryman, Lorna McConnachie, Margaret Sullivan, Bernie Knapp, Val Bonney, Ryan Ferguson, Linda & Andrea Pisano, Estelle Freney, Toni Bennett, Deiana Martin, Les Grimson

### WCCM (Christian Meditation)

Monday at 9.30am Parish Office.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mater Dei: Monday & Friday 6 - 7pm

## THEMES FOR EASTER

The Easter readings focus on the goodness, power, and saving work of God throughout history, culminating in the ultimate victory of Jesus over sin and death through his Resurrection. They also emphasize the importance of faith and trust in God, dying to sin and being raised to new life through baptism, and seeking heavenly things rather than earthly ones.



Easter, as the central feast in the Christian liturgical calendar, encompasses several profound themes that underscore its significance. These themes not only reflect on the resurrection of Jesus Christ but also on the wider implications for humanity and individual believers. Here are the key themes associated with Easter:

- **Resurrection:** The cornerstone of Easter, celebrating Jesus Christ's victory over death and his resurrection, symbolizing hope and the promise of eternal life for all believers.
- **Renewal and Rebirth:** Easter signifies a time of new beginnings, spiritual renewal, and the rebirth of faith, inviting Christians to rejuvenate their lives in the light of Christ's resurrection.
- **Redemption:** The celebration emphasizes Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, highlighting the theme of redemption and the forgiveness of sins for humanity.
- **Victory over Sin and Death:** Easter underlines the triumph of Jesus over the powers of sin and death, offering believers freedom from sin and the promise of salvation.
- **Eternal Life:** The resurrection of Jesus opens the way for believers to eternal life with God, stressing the theme of hope for the future beyond death.
- **Faith and Belief:** Easter is a call to deepen one's faith and trust in the power of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, reinforcing the foundation of Christian belief.
- **Joy and Celebration:** Marking the joy of Jesus' resurrection, Easter is a time of celebration, characterized by joyous liturgies, music, and the proclamation of the "Alleluia," expressing the happiness of salvation.
- **Community and Unity:** Easter brings together the Christian community in worship and celebration, emphasizing unity in Christ and the shared experience of faith and resurrection.
- **Transformation and Conversion:** Reflecting on the transformative power of Jesus' resurrection, Easter encourages believers to turn away from sin and embrace a life transformed by God's grace.
- **Divine Mercy:** Particularly highlighted on the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as [Divine Mercy Sunday](#), this theme focuses on God's infinite mercy and love, inviting believers to trust in Jesus' message of mercy and to act mercifully towards others.

These themes weave together to form the rich tapestry of Easter's significance, each contributing to the deeper understanding and celebration of this pivotal event in Christian faith.

## Prayer



Lord, thank You for the gift of Jesus' Resurrection. Help us to leave behind sin and embrace the new life You offer. Fill our hearts with hope and joy. Guide us to share Your light with others, so they may know Your love and goodness. We praise You, now and always. Amen

*Sourced from Young Catholics*

Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Monday 21/04/2025	Monday within the Octave of Easter	9am	Mater Dei
Wednesday 23/04/2025	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	9am	SPC
Thursday 24/04/2025	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	9am	Mater Dei
Friday 25/04/2025	Friday within the Octave of Easter	9am	Mater Dei
Saturday 26/04/2025	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	5.30pm	Mater Dei
Sunday 27/04/2025	<b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>	8am (SPC family Mass) 10am (Father Stephen Byrnes) <b>2.30pm Adoration /Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> 5pm	SPC Mater Dei SPC SPC

### COMMISSIONING MASS for Holy Communion Ministers

The commissioning Mass for Holy Communion ministers will be held this weekend at all Masses. If you have completed the training please attend one of the weekend masses to be commissioned.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Next weekend we have children that will be receiving their first Holy Communion. We ask that you support these children through prayer and perhaps having a chat with the families after Mass. We welcome them and hope this is an experience they will remember and cherish for the rest of their lives. God bless!!

### PARISH OFFICE EASTER BREAK

**PLEASE BE ADVISED** that the parish office will be closed from Wednesday

16<sup>th</sup> April and will reopen Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. For any URGENT pastoral care needs Father Anthony can be contacted by email or his mobile phone. We would like to wish all our parishioners a Blessed, Happy and safe Easter and we hope you enjoy the Easter ceremonies and time with your families.

God Bless! Father Anthony, Silvana, Ann and Majella.



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### DATE CLAIMER

Gary last spoke at our night Gathering on 31 May 2014 and among other things outlined his vision for caring for veterans. Following his talk several members assisted him in establishing Veterans Care Association Inc. He is most grateful.

The Gathering commences at **6pm** in the Parish Hall, 41 Chaprowe Rd, The Gap. The cost is \$15.00. For catering purposes, would you please RSVP Mike by text on 0459 992 228, or email

[menCONNECTsjwtg@gmail.com](mailto:menCONNECTsjwtg@gmail.com) before 6<sup>th</sup> May.

### ST JOHN'S WOOD / THE GAP PARISH

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

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**St Peter Chanel Primary School**

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#### HOME ROSARY

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Gordon on Monday 28th April.

Contact the parish office for further details.

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



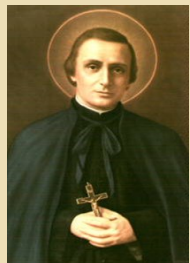
### ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Single Working Middle Aged Male seeking Granny Flat to Rent or Room to House Share even if it's only Available Short term, Non Smoker, Cooks Meals But Always Cleans up etc .

Contact Kevin please on +61 435275728 Or Email

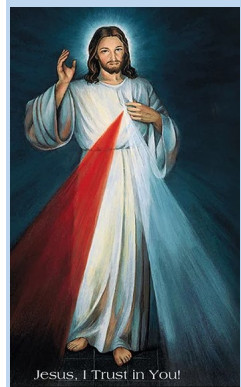
[k\\_richardson@live.com.au](mailto:k_richardson@live.com.au)

### CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST PETER CHANEL



**On Sunday, April 27**, 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.



### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Parish will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday at St Peter Chanel church beginning with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2.30pm, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and concluding at 4.45 followed by the 5pm Mass. We welcome all our parishioners to participate in the special event. If you have a religious image or object you can bring it along and it will be blessed before the final hymn of the 5pm Mass.



Australia as we have **United Against Poverty this Lent**. As pilgrims of hope in this Jubilee year, we have told the stories of Project Compassion and asked for your support.

We are so honoured to share this journey with you. Thank you for your support. God's family needs you, especially the most marginal.

Thank you for sharing the journey of Lent with the whole Christian Community and especially with Caritas



### I Will Lift My Eyes – An Evening Concert with Tony Alonso

All are invited to an uplifting concert by internationally renowned USA Catholic composer & recording artist **Tony Alonso**. Tony will be joined by St Laurence's College students and a Combined Parishes Choir.

• 6.30 pm – 8:00 pm, Friday 16 May 2025 • St Laurence's College, South Brisbane • \$20.00.

To purchase tickets: Click [Tony Alonso Tickets](#) or email [liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au](mailto:liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au)

### MAHJONG SOCIAL GROUP



There is a group of ladies who are interested in starting a Mahjong Group in the Parish.

Beginners are welcome and they would like to meet on Thursday's com-

mencing on Thursday 24th April from 12.30 – 2.30 in the Parish Hall.

If you or someone you know would like to join the group please contact the Parish office.



### EVER YOUNG GROUP

Our group will be meeting Thursday 24th April at 10:00am. We gather in the SPC church hall for morning tea, a chat and raffles. There is no

age limit! Please contact Lyn Dudgeon if you have any enquiries or need transport on 33001951.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Scan the QR or use link to join



<https://forms.office.com/r/VP4cuJ9UbU>

Copy link

The Pastoral Council assists in promoting pastoral action in the parish." The mission of the council is to play a co-responsible and collaborative role of leadership in our parish, alongside the priest, staff and the parish community. Any parishioner can nominate a fellow parishioner for a seat on Parish Council. If you nominate someone for Parish Council, the person will be contacted and provided an opportunity to

decide if they wish to proceed with submitting an application.

Everyone nominated will be contacted for the next step of the process.

If you would like to nominate someone or yourself for the Parish Pastoral Council please use the link below or scan the QR code and fill out the forms.

<https://forms.office.com/r/VP4cuJ9UbU?origin=lprLink>

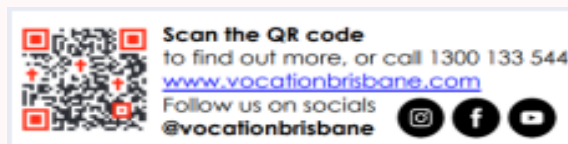
### PLEASE NOTE:

### NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE ON 30TH APRIL

so please make sure all nominations are in by then.

### A vocation View Sunday of the Resurrection – C/1

What stones are being moved away so you can be a minister of the Gospel? Consider inviting someone to be a sister, brother, priest, or deacon. Spread the good news: "Jesus is risen!" (John 20:1-9)







## THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

3 April 2025

Dear brothers and sisters,

I write to invite you and your community to join in the Corpus Christi Procession which will begin at the Cathedral on Sunday 22 June 2025, commencing at 2:00pm. The Procession with the Blessed Sacrament will go from the Cathedral, through the city streets, and then conclude with Benediction upon returning to the Cathedral.

Processions are an important part of Catholic life in many places around the world. They are little pilgrimages which remind us that our life of discipleship is a pilgrimage into God. The Corpus Christi Procession has special meaning this Jubilee Year 2025 as we walk together as Pilgrims of Hope, with the Risen Lord as our companion on the way.

Groups are welcome to process under banners of their patronal or parish saints, as is often done in processions such as this.

On the weekend of the Procession this year, there will be a pictorial display of Eucharistic miracles from around the world in the Hanly Room in the Francis Rush Centre. You and your parishioners are invited to view the display. This year there will also be a night vigil of Exposition and Adoration, commencing after the Cathedral's 6:00pm Mass on Saturday evening 21 June and concluding before the Sunday 8:00am Mass on the day of the Procession. The vigil will take place in Saint Stephen's Chapel.

For Clergy and Religious intending to accompany the Procession might respond to this invitation to the Multicultural Pastoral Care Project Officer, Liliana Ortiz at [ortizl@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ortizl@bne.catholic.net.au) who would be happy to answer any enquiries. I look forward to seeing you on the day.

As always in the Lord,

Archbishop of Brisbane

### SOMETHING FOR A LAUGH

A man, his wife, and his cranky mother-in-law went on vacation to the Holy Land. While they were there, the mother-in-law passed away.

The undertaker told them, "You can have her shipped home for \$5,000, or you can bury her here in the Holy Land for \$150."

The man thought about it for a while and told the undertaker he would just have her shipped home.

The undertaker asked, "Why.... why would you spend \$5,000 to ship your mother-in-law home when it would be wonderful to be buried here and spend only \$150?"

The man said, "A man died here about 2,000 years ago. He was buried here and three days later, he rose from the dead."

"I just can't take that chance."



Enjoy your week ahead.....

## CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

"HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN DARKNESS" - JOHN 8:12



SCAN TO VISIT WEBSITE

**2PM SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025**

Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen and featuring prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

[corpuschristibrisbane.com](http://corpuschristibrisbane.com)

