



St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: [Acts 5:27-32](#)

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: [Rev 5:11-14](#)

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power.

Gospel: [John 21:1-19](#)

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

This week's Gospel Reflection:

SHARING A MEAL WITH MATES

This week's gospel presents a scene so familiar that we can almost picture it happening on an Aussie beach. After all, what's more Australian than a feed of fish and chips by the water after a long day?



Up until this point in John's Gospel, we've seen the apostles wrestle with their faith, their doubts, and their relationship with Jesus. And now, in this final chapter, we find them back where they started—on the water, fishing. It's a moment of comfort and familiarity after the chaos of the crucifixion and the uncertainty of the resurrection. For all the theological significance of Jesus' victory over death, this chapter reminds us that faith is lived out in the ordinary, in the everyday moments of life.

It's easy to imagine these blokes—seasoned fisherfolk—working through the night, casting their nets, waiting, hauling them in, and finding nothing. We know that feeling of frustration, whether it's a fruitless fishing trip or a tough day at work. Then, as dawn breaks, a figure on the shore calls out, "Try the other side." It's such a classic Aussie moment—someone watching from the beach, offering a bit of unsolicited advice! But in this case, the suggestion works. The nets fill to breaking point, and suddenly, they recognise him: it's Jesus.

Peter, ever the impulsive one, throws himself into the water, desperate to get to Jesus. The others, more practical, bring in the boat. Jesus is on the beach, cooking breakfast.

There's something so ordinary, yet so intimate about it. Jesus, the risen Son of God, isn't making grand speeches or manifesting dazzling displays of power. He's just cooking fish on the coals and inviting his mates to share a meal. It's reminiscent of so many beachside barbecues, a reminder that God meets us not only in the miraculous but also in the simple, shared moments of life.

The meal isn't just about food; it's about reconciliation. Peter, who had denied Jesus three times, is now given the chance to affirm his love three times. "Do you love me?" Jesus asks. It's a tough question, but one filled with grace. Each time Peter answers, Jesus commissions him: "Feed my sheep." It's a reminder that faith isn't just personal—it's lived out in service to others.

For Australians today, this passage speaks deeply to our sense of mateship, shared meals, and life by the water. We know what it's like to gather with friends after a long day, to sit by the shore, to share food, and to talk about the things that matter.

John 21 reminds us that Jesus is there in those moments too—not distant, not unreachable, but present in our everyday lives, calling us to follow him. Just like the apostles, we are invited to bring what we have, to sit with him, and to share in his work of love and reconciliation—and often in the very ordinary situations of life, in the office, in the home, or on the beach.

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PRAYING WITH CHILDREN
SUNDAY LITURGY

TWO-MINUTE HOMILY

**Third
Sunday
of Easter**

Fr William Aupito Iuliano



On this Third Sunday of Easter, Fr Will reflects on how, like St Peter, following Christ means embracing the daily challenges of discipleship. [Watch now.](#)

Deceased

Deborah Austin, Barbara Rahman

Anniversary

Patrick Brudell, Matilda Smith, Tony Ley

Sick

Yvonne Harrison, Suzanne Black, Beth Kloza, Heiko Ertel, Jim Johnson, Mike McAuliffe, Kathleen Cosgrove, Robert Minns, Tim chen chen zuo Zu, Mary Thomas, Antonio Ferrante, 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

WELCOMING SUNDAY



Don't forget this Sunday is welcoming Sunday. Say hello, it's nice to meet you to someone you may not know or haven't spoken to in awhile. Name tags are at the back of the Church.

Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Monday 05/05/2025	3rd Week of Easter	9am	Mater Dei
Wednesday 07/05/2025	3rd Week of Easter	9am	SPC
Thursday 08/05/2025	3rd Week of Easter	9am	SPC
Friday 09/05/2025	3rd Week of Easter	9am	Mater Dei
Saturday 10/05/2025	3rd Week of Easter	5.30pm	Mater Dei
Sunday 11/05/2025	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8am 10am 5pm	SPC MD SPC

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy Leaders - Help Needed

Children's Liturgy is presently offered at the 10am Mass on the first Sunday of each month. To keep this program sustainable, we are urgently seeking more 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.

All volunteers need to complete the 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 through the Archdiocese for each Sunday. If you are interested in finding out more please contact the parish office, or Donna Lynn.
donna.lynn@live.com.au

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DATE CLAIMER

Gentlemen, **Deacon Gary Stone OAM** will be our guest speaker at the next Gathering on **9th May**. The **theme** will be, **"Living in the fullness of life, John 10:10"**. 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 before the 6th May by text on 0459 992 228, or email :
menCONNECTsjwtg@gmail.com

NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

If you would like to borrow something from the kitchen or the hall please phone or talk to the Parish office. We need to make sure everything is available for people who hire our hall. We are happy to help you where we can.

SOCIAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Come and join in the fun!! A small group of parishioners will be gathering for trivia at the Blind Tiger (at the Gap Village) on Wednesday 4 June. There are two tables booked from 6pm, with trivia starting at 7pm.

Purchase food and drinks as you go on the night. Gold coin entry fee when trivia commences. RSVP is essential - 20 people maximum. Get in early! Please contact Donna Lynn for more details or if you would like to RSVP
donna.lynn@live.com.au We look forward to seeing you there.



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

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Pushpa on Monday 5th May.
Contact the parish office for further details.

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



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

As nominations have now closed I would like to thank everyone who nominated or was nominated for the Parish Pastoral Council.

The nominees have been emailed to seek their commitment to the nomination. When the replies are all received I will advise the next step of the process. Please pray for all the nominees and again, I thank you for assisting with this process and look forward to the commencement of our Parish Pastoral Council. Father Anthony

THE HEALING POWER OF PRAYING THE ROSARY

A Webinar with Gary Jansen



The Healing Power of Praying the Rosary

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Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:00–3:00 p.m. central

The month of May is associated with the new growth and renewal of springtime as the earth heals itself from the ravages of winter. Catholics experience growth, renewal, and healing through our relationship with Jesus, and one way we can lean into that renewal is through praying the Rosary. Join award-winning author Gary Jansen for a spring webinar as he offers a fresh perspective on the Rosary as both a spiritual practice and a healing tool for the body and mind. Gary will explore with us how the Rosary's gift of repetition leads to lowered stress, inner peace, and overall well-being. All registered participants will receive a link to the recorded webinar. *The webinar is hosted on a third-party platform.

[RESERVE MY SEAT](#)

STEPPING UP FOR OTHERS

“Strong people stand up for themselves.

Stronger people stand up for others.”

~ Chris Gardner ~

It takes **courage** to stand up for truth, justice and what is good.

It takes **patience** to support someone who is trying to rehabilitate him or herself.

It takes **concern** to donate your time and money with people less fortunate.

It takes **love** to consume less so that more can be shared with others.

It takes **commitment** to follow through on promises made.

It takes **compassion** to see “Christ” in every other human being.

It takes **dedication** to continue loving those who act in “unloving” ways.

It takes **perseverance** to work through a personal crisis.

It takes **faith** to keep believing God's light will shine in the darkness.

~ Victor M Parachin ~

Dear Lord, give me the courage to step up when others need support. Help me to act with love, speak with kindness and be a light where hope is needed most. Amen.

MAHJONG SOCIAL GROUP



The Mahjong Group is up and running in the Parish led by our two Carmel's. So far 8-12 ladies have enjoyed learning how to play. Beginners are welcome and they meet on

Thursday's 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. Great to see the happy faces.



SOMETHING FOR A LAUGH

An investment counsellor decided to go out on her own. She was shrewd and diligent, so business kept coming in, and pretty soon she realised that she needed an in-house counsel. Excited at her runaway success, she began to interview young lawyers.

“As I'm sure you can understand,” she started off with one of the first applicants, “in a business like this, our personal integrity must be beyond question.” She leaned forward. “Mr. Peterson, are you an honest lawyer?”

“Honest?” replied the job prospect. “Let me tell you something about honesty ...” Why, I'm so honest that my father lent me \$15,000 for my education, and I paid back every penny the minute I tried my very first case.”

Bowled over by the apparent honour of the applicant she exclaimed: “Impressive. And what sort of case was that?”

The lawyer squirmed in his seat and admitted: “He sued me for the money.”



Enjoy your week ahead.....



SAFEGUARDING CORNER

SAFEGUARING SURVEYS

The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards emphasise the importance of engaging with families, carers, and communities on safeguarding and using the insights of children and adults in safeguarding approaches. This knowledge can inform organisations about practices and environments that are safe for children and adults at risk.

Each of the surveys have 10 questions or less and should take no more than a couple of minutes to complete.

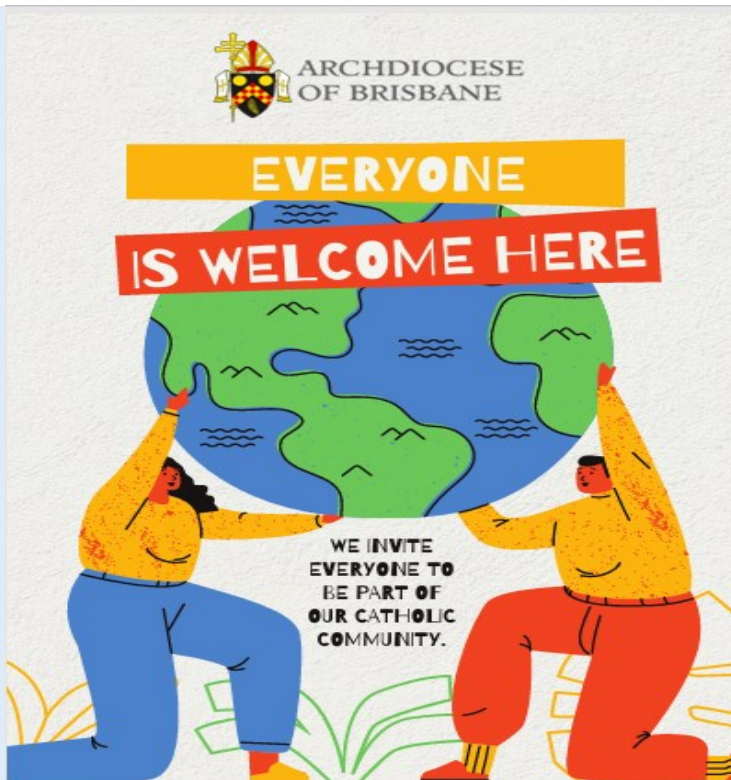
The surveys can be accessed via the links below and are completely anonymous. A poster and the QR codes for each survey are also attached.

[Child Safeguarding Survey](#) (5-12 yrs)

[Youth Safeguarding Survey](#) (13-17yrs)

[Parish Safeguarding Survey](#) (Adults)

Thank you to everyone who has participated so far. Please help us to keep everyone safe.



31 MAY 2025
SANTA TERESA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE
9AM - 3PM

Join Archbishop Mark for
POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER

Scan to register before 24/5/25

LEARN AND PRACTICE THE ART OF PRAYER

Archdiocesan MINISTRIES

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

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

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.

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Are you interested in taking a group to ACYF?




Complete the ACYF Expression of Interest Form
<https://tinyurl.com/acyfbne>

ACYF (Australian Catholic Youth Festival) is a three-day national Catholic festival for young people from students in Year 9 through to 25 years of age. This year, the festival will be held from Sunday 30 November ? Tuesday 2 December in Melbourne. The Archdiocesan Youth & Young Adults team is exploring the viability of creating an Archdiocesan Package for ACYF for groups from schools, parishes and communities. The package would include; flights, transport, accommodation, some meals and event registration. If you are interested in sending a group (no minimums) from your community to ACYF, please register your interest via tinyurl.com/acyfbne

For further details, contact Natasha Mierendorf at mierendorf@bne.catholic.net.au or 07 3324 3440

A vocation View Third Sunday of Easter - Year C)
Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?" Show your love for Jesus in the way that you live. (John 20:16-19)
Please pray for vocations.



Scan the QR code to find out more, or call 1300 133 544
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