



# St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

**First Reading:** [Acts 2:1-11](#)

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

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

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.

**Gospel:** [John 14:15-16,23-26](#)

The Holy Spirit, will teach you everything.

## This week's Gospel Reflection:

### THE HOLY SPIRIT IS IN ALL OF US

Fifty days after Easter we celebrate the events of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples who were gathered. They were alone, waiting and wondering. Jesus had ascended into heaven. Now, at Pentecost, there was the coming of the Advocate, the Paraclete, as promised by Jesus at the Last Supper before his death.



The Feast of Pentecost brings the liturgical season of Easter to a close. With the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples, the plan of salvation is brought to its conclusion.

On this day the Church came into being and, gifted with and inspired by the Holy Spirit, it now began its mission to proclaim "the marvels of God" (Acts 2:11) to the whole world.

The Book of Acts speaks in dramatic terms of the actual event of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. There was a mighty wind and tongues of fire and, much to everyone's astonishment, suddenly the disciples "were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech" (Acts 2:4).

St Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, then reminds us that, as followers of Christ, the Holy Spirit has made a home and dwells in each of us. St Paul describes how this indwelling radically transforms our very identity. It means that we are not just followers of Christ but beloved children of God and, as children, we are heirs! We are heirs with Christ, sharing the blessings of his resurrection.

St Paul urges us to live by the Spirit, for "everyone who is moved by the Spirit is a son of God" (Rom 8:14). It is the Spirit in us who teaches us to pray, "Abba! Father!"

This week's readings culminate with a text from John's Gospel reminding us of the role of the Holy Spirit in our personal daily lives and in the life of the Church. The Holy Spirit is an advocate who will guide us and remind us of all that Jesus taught. Jesus promises that "the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you" (Jn: 14:26).

But John's Gospel tells us something even more profound when Jesus promises that "if anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him" (Jn 14:23).

This is grace: it is God, the Trinity of three divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, making their home in us, abiding in us, and, little by little, transforming us and conforming us ever more closely into God's image. Little by little we more clearly see the world and everything in it as God sees it. And the fruit of this grace in our lives is good works ... works for the coming of the Kingdom, works of compassion, hospitality and love.

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*Feature image: El Greco, Pentecost, 1596-1599, The Prado, Madrid*



## Readings and Commentaries



TWO-MINUTE HOMILY

Pentecost  
Sunday

Fr Neil Muir



This week, Fr Neil reminds us that Pentecost is not just a one-time event, but the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. [Watch now.](#)

## Deceased

Linda Pisano, Tony Clinton, Alan Whidburn, Denise O'Rourke, Anthony Peterson, Neil O'Connor

## Anniversary

Amelia Parsonage, Terry MacDonald, Fr Jim Smith, Bryan Hannagan, Aiden Besley, Robert Murphy, Michael Thomas, Octave Dubois

## Sick

Fiona Russell, Luz Stella Lopez, Josh Geldenhuys, Carmel Herbert, Christy Murphy, Yvonne Harrison, Suzanne Black, Heiko Ertel, Jim Johnson, Kathleen Cosgrove, Robert Minns, Tim chen chen zuo Zu, Mary Thomas, Antonio Ferrante, Carol Black, Moira De Silva, Juliana Ryman, Lorna McConnachie, Margaret Sullivan, Ryan Ferguson, Andrea Pisano, Estelle Freney, Toni Bennett, Deiana Martin, Les Grimson, Lorraine Stevens

**WCCM** (Christian Meditation)

Monday at 9.30am Parish Office.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Mater Dei: Monday & Friday 6 - 7pm

## LITURGY MEMBERS

Please be advised there will be a liturgy meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of June commencing at 2pm in the parish office.



## 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

Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Monday 09/06/2025	Weekday, Ordinary Time 10	9am	Mater Dei
Wednesday 11/06/2025	St Barnabas, apostle	9am	SPC
Thursday 12/06/2025	Weekday, Ordinary Time 10	9am	SPC
Friday 13/06/2025	St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor	9am	Mater Dei
Saturday 14/06/2025	Weekday, Ordinary Time 10	5.30pm	Mater Dei
Sunday 15/06/2025	<b>The Most Holy TRINITY</b>	8am 10am 5pm	SPC MD SPC



#### RCIA UPDATE

We celebrate and congratulate Rhondra Fanning on her conditional Baptism which took place last Saturday. With her sponsor, Peter McMahon, she has been undergoing catechesis for the past six months and this weekend

Rhondra will be receiving her confirmation and Holy Communion at 8am Mass at St Peter Chanel.

Rhondra, we welcome you to our parish community and look forward to supporting your faith journey in our parish. May you be filled with the Holy Spirit and the blessings of the Lord.

If you know anyone who would be interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to join our RCIA group please contact the parish office.



#### THE ST JOHNS WOOD THE GAP CONFERENCE OF VINNIES

will be conducting the 2025 Winter Appeal on the weekend 14/15 June 2025. This year's appeal focusses on the plight of homelessness and those struggling with the cost of living in our society. Donation envelopes can be found at the back of both churches. Our conference is extremely grateful for your support of our appeal.



#### JOURNALING GROUP



##### Thank you

A special thank you to those who responded to the Deacon Gary Stone's inspired, "do something", call to join a new journaling group last weekend. The new group will meet at 7pm, for an hour, in the room below the Mater Dei church, each Wednesday, starting on 11 June.

There is room available for others, the process is simple and you will be shown all you need to get started. Please contact Denis Newman 0492 959 797, if you need further information.

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

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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 Donna & Brendan on Monday 9th June. Contact the parish office for further details.

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





## THE NEXT YOUTH LED MASS IS COMING UP ON JUNE 22 !!



**5pm Mass at St Peter Chanel Church**

**You are invited to celebrate Mass with us, no matter your age** – this Mass, while it is led by the Parish's young people, **is to serve everyone.**

**Calling all young people from Mater Dei and SPC: you are encouraged to get involved** – we are looking for readers, Eucharistic ministers, singers, musicians and altar servers. If you, or someone you know, would like to be involved, **contact** Isabelle Deegan for further information.

[deeganisabelle345@gmail.com](mailto:deeganisabelle345@gmail.com)

**Sam and Craig will be back** on their mid year break from NET and would love to catch up with the youth in the parish. See you there!

## Pot Luck Dinner is BACK!



**June 22nd at 6pm**

Following the YLM all are welcome to share dinner together in the SPC parish hall. Bring a plate to share and catch up with friends new and old over a meal. Bring a sweet or savoury dish, and BYO drinks. Tea and coffee provided.

If you are available to help set up the hall or pack up after dinner please contact :

Michelle Mead, [themeads@gmail.com](mailto:themeads@gmail.com)

the more the merrier!

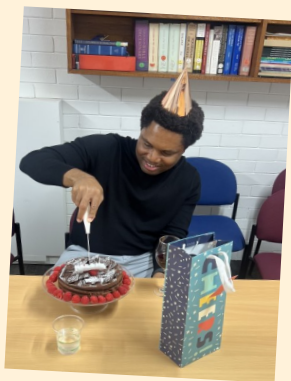
## Happy Birthday

**"Wishing you a birthday filled with all the blessings you so generously give to others."**

We would like to wish Father Anthony a very happy birthday for Sunday. The Holy Spirit has given us a breath of fresh life which is you and our parish is thankful for



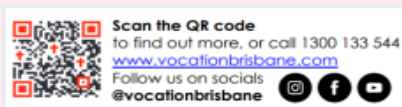
your energy and inspiration. We look forward to walking this journey with you. God Bless!



## A Vocation View Pentecost Sunday – C/1

The disciples of Jesus made bold proclamations through the promptings of the Spirit. What is the Spirit prompting you to do? Be courageous and act on it! (Acts 2:1-11)

**Please pray for vocations.**



## SOMETHING FOR A LAUGH



Dave has been a good and reliable worker for the same company for twenty-five years. One problem: he keeps missing company events. Eventually, his boss calls him to his office demanding an explanation. Why can't Dave be a team player?

"I'm sorry Boss," said Dave, "I'm so busy with all my friends. Sometimes it seems I know everyone there is to know, even famous people. My social calendar is full."

"What do you mean?" asks the boss with derision. "How many people can you possibly know?"

"I'll prove it. Name someone famous," shrugged Dave, "I'll bet I know him or her."

Amused, his boss called his bluff, "Okay, Dave, how about the actress, Cate Blanchett? You know Cate?"

"Oh yeah boss, Cate and I are old friends, and I can prove it." So, Dave and his boss fly to London and knock on Cate Blanchett's front door, and through the curtains, Cate shouts, "Dave! What's happening? Great to see you! Come on in for a drink!"

Though impressed, Dave's boss is still sceptical. They leave Cate's house after an hour and he tells Dave that he thinks knowing Cate was luck, nothing more.

"No, no, name anyone else," Dave says.

"Emmanuel Macron," his boss quickly retorts, knowing he couldn't possibly know the French president.

"Yup," Dave says, "We're old mates. Let's fly to Paris."

At the French parliament Macron spots Dave and motions him and his boss over saying, "Bonjour Dave, ravi-e de te voir. I was just on my way to a meeting, but you and your friend come on in, let's have a catch up."

Well, the boss is very shaken by now but still not totally convinced. After they leave the parliament grounds he expresses his doubts to Dave, who again implores him to name someone else. Anyone!

"Pope Leo XIV," his boss replies.

"Sure!" says Dave. "I've known the pope for years." So, off they fly to Rome. Dave and his boss are assembled with tens of thousands of people at St Peter's Square when Dave says, "This will never work. I can't catch the pope's eye amongst all these people. Tell you what, I know all the guards so I'll pop up the backstairs and I'll come out on the balcony with the pope and wave to you."

He soon disappears into the crowd. Sure enough, half an hour later Dave emerges with the pope on the balcony, but by the time Dave returns, his boss has had a heart attack and is surrounded by paramedics. Making his way to his boss's side, Dave asks him, "You okay? What happened?"

His boss, pale and drawn, looks up and says, "It was the final straw ... you and the pope appeared on the balcony and the bloke next to me said, 'Who is that on the balcony with 'Dave?'"



Have a great week ahead.....



## THE POWER OF FATHERHOOD

We warmly invite you to come to our Parent Night on **The Power of Fatherhood**, a night not just for dads, but for all.

In a world of constant change and shifting family dynamics, a Parent Night dedicated to fatherhood is more than just an event — it's a gamechanger.

Come be equipped with practical tools to help navigate these challenges—from work-life balance to communication skills and so much more.

Joined by **Deacon Peter Pellicaan, PhD**, Executive Director of Archdiocesan Ministries, **Robert Falzon**, author and co-founder of menAlive, and **Chantale Wilson**, Director of Children and Families at Archdiocesan Ministries.

From **7:30pm to 9:00pm**, join us in-person or tune in via livestream from home or as a parish hub. For those coming in-person, light refreshments and hospitality will be available from 6.30pm. All parents, guardians, singles, and religious are welcome.

**Date:** Wednesday 25th June

**Cost:** \$15 in person, \$10 Online Live Stream

**Location:** Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre ([196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City](#))

**RSVP:** Monday 23rd June

*Free parking available via 194 Charlotte Street (underneath the Cathedral)*

**JOIN THE GUIDES & WELCOMERS TEAM**

Could you be the face of The Cathedral of St Stephen's that greets and welcomes our many visitors? If you have an interest in history and like being a part of a vibrant team - this could be for you!

We are holding an Information Day at the Cathedral on Thursday July 10th for prospective Guides & Welcomers.

To find out more and register, please email [CathedralGandW@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:CathedralGandW@bne.catholic.net.au) or contact the office on 3324 3030

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NAPCAN

Are you aged 13 to 26 and passionate about making a difference?

NAPCAN wants to hear from you!

We're launching a national, youth-led media campaign to shine a light on the positive contributions young people are making—whether it's in the arts, sports, advocacy, entertainment, or your thoughts on how young people are represented in the media.

We're looking for inspiring young voices to take part in a short interview and share their stories. If you or someone you know would like to be featured, get in touch with us at:

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**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION**

"He who follows me walks not in darkness" - John 8:12

**2PM SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025**  
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