



# St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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## The Most Holy TRINITY

**First Reading:** [Prov 8:22-31](#)

Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

**Second Reading:** [Romans 5:1-5](#)

To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

**Gospel:** [John 16:12-15](#)

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.

## This week's Gospel Reflection:

### "GUIDED INTO TRUTH BY THE TRIUNE GOD"

*John 16:12-15 – The Most Holy TRINITY*

Today, on Trinity Sunday, we reflect on one of the most profound and beautiful mysteries of the Christian faith: that God is one in essence and yet three in persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

While the concept of the Trinity can feel complex or even confusing at times, our gospel reading from John gives us a glimpse into this divine mystery, not as a theological puzzle to solve, but as a relationship to enter into.

Jesus begins by acknowledging something deeply human: *"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now."* He recognizes our limits, our gradual ability to receive divine truth. This is comforting. God meets us where we are, and truth is revealed not all at once, but as we are ready, graciously, patiently.

Then Jesus promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth. This Spirit, Jesus says, will guide us into all the truth. Notice the Spirit does not speak on His own but speaks what He hears. He glorifies Christ and reveals what belongs to Jesus, which is what belongs to the Father. In these few verses, we see the beautiful harmony of the Trinity at work - each Person distinct, yet fully united in love and purpose.

This passage reminds us that God's revelation did not end with Jesus' time on earth. Through the Holy Spirit, God continues to speak, to guide, to lead us deeper into understanding and relationship. And the Spirit's voice will always lead us to Christ, who in turn reveals the Father.

On this Trinity Sunday, we do not need to fully grasp the mechanics of the Trinity to be drawn into its mystery. Instead, we are invited to trust that we are being led by a God who is, in His very being, a communion of love, a love that seeks to include us, guide us, and transform us.

May we be open to the Spirit's voice, attentive to Christ's glory, and anchored in the love of the Father.

Alan Lee—Men's journaling group



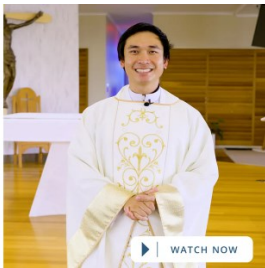
## Readings and Commentaries

## PRAYING With CHILDREN SUNDAY LITURGY

TWO-MINUTE HOMILY

Trinity  
Sunday

Fr Gerard Lai



WATCH NOW

This Trinity Sunday we are blessed to hear from Fr Gerard who beautifully reflects on the profound truth that God is love in perfect communion. [Watch now.](#)

## Deceased

Linda Pisano, Andrea Pisano, Denise O'Rourke, Anthony Peterson, Neil O'Connor

## Anniversary

Leo Brady, Brent Grace, Amelia Parsonage, Michael Thomas, Octave Dubois

## Sick

Fiona Russell, Luz Stella Lopez, 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, 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

## PARISH BULLETIN

I have been advised by a few parishioners that they are having trouble opening the parish bulletin. In some cases it may ask you to download the file on to your computer and this is safe for you to do. Otherwise the file should open directly on your computer. If you have any issues at all please let me know. Cheers Ann

## PARISH GIVING ENVELOPES



The new parish giving envelopes have arrived and will be available from the back of both Churches this weekend.

If you no longer require envelopes or would like to direct debit your giving please contact the parish office.

## A Vocation View The Most Holy Trinity – C/1

The love of God is being poured forth into our hearts. Open yourself to receive and share that love. Be open to God calling you to spread love through a Church vocation. (Romans 5:1-5) **Please pray for vocations.**



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Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Monday 16/06/2025	Weekday, Ordinary Time 11	9am	Mater Dei
Wednesday 18/06/2025	Weekday, Ordinary Time 11	9am	SPC
Thursday 19/06/2025	Weekday, Ordinary Time 11	9am	SPC
Friday 20/06/2025	Weekday, Ordinary Time 11	9am	Mater Dei
Saturday 21/06/2025	<b>St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious</b>	5.30pm	Mater Dei
		8.00am	SPC
		10.00am	Mater Dei
Sunday 22/06/2025	<b>The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)</b>	5.00pm	SPC

#### RCIA UPDATE

Last Sunday Rhondda received her Confirmation and Holy Communion at the 8am Mass at St Peter Chanel. Congratulations and welcome to our parish community.

It was a Sunday full of celebrations with Father Anthony and Genevieve celebrating their birthdays with cake and coffee and lots of parishioners.



Father Anthony and Rhondda

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.



Father Anthony & Genevieve



**THE ST JOHNS WOOD THE GAP CONFERENCE OF VINNIES** This weekend the 2025 Winter Appeal will be held. 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 on the seats and at the back of both churches. The parish office will accept donations of blankets for the homeless. 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.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE CUT OFF FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN WILL BE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. Thank you**

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

Tue, Thurs: - 8:30am - 12:30pm

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**St Peter Chanel Primary School**

**T:** 3300 1202

##### HOME ROSARY



This week's rosary will be said at the home of Angela on Monday 16th 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**

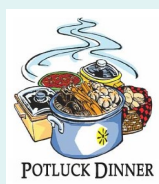
**You are invited to celebrate Mass with us, no matter your age** – this Mass, while it is led by the Parish's young people, **is to serve everyone.**

**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!



**FROM OUR SCHOOLS**

- **Parish Mass with Year 2** – On Friday **13th June**, our Year 2 students will join the Parish Mass.
- **Parish Mass with Year 1** – On Friday **20th June** our Year 1 students will join the Parish Mass.
- **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal** – The Senior Primary Students recently participated in the SVDP Sleep out to raise awareness for the less fortunate in our community. We are collecting **blankets** to support those in need this winter. Please consider donating a blanket to help keep someone warm.
- **Mater Dei Family Parish Mass** – A Mater Dei Family Parish Mass will be held at **Mater Dei Church on Sunday, 15th June**. We look forward to seeing you there!

As a parish we encourage you to speak with the children at any of the above Masses and help make them feel like they are special to us.

Leah APRE

You are prayerfully invited to

**25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Feast of  
Our Lady of Madhu**

This year, the **Our Lady of Madhu** feast, being the 25th Jubilee, will be celebrated on the **26th July 2025 (Saturday)** with the Festive Mass at 11.00 am, celebrated by the Archbishop of Brisbane, Rev Mark Coleridge, preceded by the Rosary at 10.30 am.



We are organising a bus this year too for the seniors or any others who would like to take the trip in the convenience of enjoying with a crowd in a picnic atmosphere.

Please contact either Puspa [ejayasek@gmail.com](mailto:ejayasek@gmail.com) or Niroshan early so that we know the numbers and what capacity of a bus we will need for the shuttle service. The bus fills pretty quickly, and if you want to use this shuttle service, confirm your seats early.

The flag tree will be raised the week prior, on the 19th July 2024 at 9.30 am.

Please share this information with your close friends and relatives about the feast day and the mass time so that we can have a bigger community gathering, especially when the Archbishop is taking his valuable time to be with us on this day.



- **Parish Mass with Year 4B**—On Thursday **19th June**, our Year 4 students will join the 9am Parish Mass at SPC.
- **St Vincent de Paul Appeal**—Our students will be collecting blankets to help the homeless. If you would like to help us you can drop the blankets off at the school.
- **SPC Family Parish Mass**—Our next family Parish Mass will be held on **Sunday 3rd August** at 8am which is Catholic week. Please put this in your diary and join us for a BBQ afterwards.

The children look forward to Father Anthony visiting them for Liturgies in the classroom, especially the preppies who he visited last week. We look forward to sharing our school news with the parishioners and we hope they can talk with our students when they attend Mass.

Hayley APRE

# CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

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

**2PM SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025**

**Cathedral of St Stephen, BRISBANE CITY**

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 22nd June 2025, 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 additional information, please visit the

Corpus Christi website at

<https://www.corpuschristibrisbane.com> or contact us at [inclusion@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:inclusion@bne.catholic.net.au)

**CORPUS CHRISTI WEBSITE**

**REGISTER HERE**

## SOMETHING FOR A LAUGH



To commemorate World Blood Donor Day ...

A woman walks into a hospital wheeling her husband who's in a wheelbarrow. She stops at the front desk and says to the nurse, "Something is wrong with my husband. He was very difficult to wake up this morning, he barely touched his breakfast, and he hasn't done anything all day. Can you find out what's wrong?"

She and her husband are whisked into a room and a couple of burly orderlies lift her unresponsive husband onto the examination table. A doctor walks into the room and begins examining her husband. He puts on a stethoscope, then gets out a sphygmomanometer and measures his blood pressure, nodding grimly as he takes the measurement. Then he uses the stethoscope to listen carefully to the husband's chest, then he gets out a tool and uses it to peer into the husband's eyes.

Then he sighs, steps toward the woman and delivers his verdict. "Madam, sorry to say but your husband has passed. That will be fifty dollars, please."

"Really? Are you sure?"

"Yes, he's definitely gone. Fifty dollars, please."

"But how can you be so sure? You haven't run any tests or anything."

The doctor sighs, goes to the back door of the room, and knocks on it twice. He opens the door, and a black Labrador retriever comes into the room and trots quickly up to the examination table. The dog walks around the table, sniffing the husband thoroughly. He walks around the table twice, sniffing as he goes, and licks the man on his cheek. Then he looks down at the floor, and gives a soft, plaintive woof.

The doctor knocks on the door again, three times this time, and opens it. An orange-and-white cat comes in, walks to the table, and with a graceful leap lands on the husband. The cat walks on the husband's body, kneading and purring loudly. It walks up to the man's chest and flicks its tongue out several times, lightly tasting the husband's neck. Then it lets out a sad meow and shakes its head slowly before jumping down.

The doctor turns back to the woman. "Yes, he's definitely passed. That will be \$1,500, please."

"\$1,500?! You said it was fifty bucks!"

"Yes, but that was before the Lab report and the cat scan. Those can be really expensive." 😊😊😊 Have a great week .....



**JUNE 15**

**WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY**

**#WEAAD**

[elderabuseawarenessday.org.au](http://elderabuseawarenessday.org.au) | [seniorsrights.org.au](http://seniorsrights.org.au)



**Elder abuse is everyone's business.**



## World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Join us on 15 June for **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**, to stand together against the abuse, mistreatment, and neglect of older people.

In support of this important cause, the Archdiocese of Brisbane recently made a submission to the Queensland Parliamentary Inquiry into Elder Abuse. Drawing on extensive frontline experience through Centacare and Catholic social teaching, the submission highlighted major gaps in legal protections, housing, and service coordination for older Queenslanders.

The submission reaffirmed that elder abuse is not just a legal or social issue, but a profound moral and ethical concern demanding urgent reform to uphold the dignity, rights, and wellbeing of all older people. You can read our submission in full on the Queensland Parliament website [here](#).

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing elder abuse, please call **1300 651 192**.

**Elder abuse is everyone's business.**