



St John's Wood The Gap Parish Bulletin

(encompasses Mater Dei and St Peter Chanel churches united as one community)

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The Most Holy TRINITY

First Reading: [Exodus 34:4-6,8-9](#)

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

Second Reading: [2 Cor 13:11-13](#)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel: [John 3:16-18](#)

God sent his Son to save the world through him.



[Readings and Reflections](#)



TWO-MINUTE HOMILY

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Fr Minje Kim



Fr Minje encourages us to think more deeply about God and to express our humility and trust in the God who always remembers and walks with us. [Watch now.](#)

Deceased

Claire Evans, Denise McKenna, Ronald Dards

Anniversary

Terry MacDonald, Philomena Drady, Maree King, Robert Murphy, Jill Beaton

Sick

Bruno Cadet, Shane Abrams, Bev Dick, Richard King, Noah Cook, Robert Minns, Beth Kloza, Peter Maher, Peter Townson, Suzanne Black, Val Bonney, Julie Allen, Philomena (Nellie's mum), Trish Crawshaw, Carmel Herbert, Christy Murphy, Jim Johnson, Mary Thomas, Antonio Ferrante, Carol Black, Moira De Silva, Margaret Sullivan, Ryan Ferguson, Toni Bennett, Lorraine Stevens

WCCM (Christian Meditation)
Monday at 9.30am Parish Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Mater Dei: Monday & Friday 6 - 7pm

This week's Gospel reflection:

OVERCOMING THE FEAR

The feast of the Holy Trinity is a wonderful celebration of the three persons of the Trinity. Indeed, St Therese of Lisieux saw the Trinity as the essence of God's divine loving presence which draws us into life with God.

Each of the three persons of the Trinity inspires us to love – a love which generates new life, incarnates in the fullest expression of humanity, and invites us to be open to ongoing conversion. Nevertheless, each person of the Trinity is not a discrete entity or number in a celestial mathematical equation. Each person of the Trinity is intimately part of each other, for they are interconnected and intertwined by loving relationship.

God is our creator, our Alpha and Omega, lovingly cradling the beginning and end of all life in his hands. God the Father embodies love as source of life. Indeed, "in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).

Jesus, Son of God, is Love incarnate. Jesus epitomised the words of St Irenaeus: *Gloria enim Dei vivens homo* – the glory of God is man fully alive. Jesus' intimate communion with his Father and the Holy Spirit enabled him to live a life of utter self-giving love and service.

It was Jesus's loving presence which enabled his disciples to overcome fear. To the anxious disciple, Peter, he said lovingly: "Come," encouraging Peter to step out of the boat and come across the water to Jesus.

At his last meal with his closest friends, Jesus reminded them to "love one another as I have loved you." In a post resurrection appearance, Jesus showed his wounded hands and side to his disciples. He understood their uncertainties and blessed them with his peace. "Peace be with you." His example was a love which embodied communion and solidarity with humanity and which ultimately gave birth to new life.

The Holy Spirit's coming at Pentecost fulfilled Jesus's promise to his disciples of the gift of the Comforter. The spirit "who will teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance" (John 14:6) is given to us too and helps each one of us to remain open to an ongoing process of conversion. The Spirit nourishes creation and continues to help us birth new life throughout our lives.

In the renowned Holy Trinity icon, iconographer Andrei Rublev depicts three figures – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – seated in communion around a table sharing a meal. The scene expresses profound hospitality and loving relationship.

With all of God's children, we pray on this feast of the Holy Trinity for the "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit" (2 Corinthians 13:11-13) to inspire us to persist in faith, hope, courage and love.

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DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE Prevention Month 2026 **TOGETHER WE CAN— Help put an end to Domestic violence**

We pray for those affected by violence, and we stand with all who are seeking safety, healing, and hope. If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse, please know that support is available and you are not alone.

Confidential help is available through:

- 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) * DV Connect 1800 811 811 or 1800 737 732 * In an emergency, call 000. May our parish be a place of compassion, support and refuge for all.



Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Monday 01/06/2026	St Justin, martyr	9am	Mater Dei
Wednesday 03/06/2026	St Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs	9am	SPC
Thursday 04/06/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 9	9am	SPC
Friday 05/06/2026	St Boniface, bishop, martyr	9am	Mater Dei
Saturday 06/06/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 9	5.30pm	Mater Dei
Sunday 07/06/2026	The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST	8am 10am 5pm	SPC Mater Dei SPC

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

As our children celebrate the joy of their First Holy Communion, we encourage them and their families to continue growing in faith and friendship with Jesus. Receiving the Eucharist is not the end of a journey, but the beginning of a lifelong relationship with Christ and His Church.

We invite all our First Communion children to continue joining us each weekend at Mass, participating in parish life, and learning more about God's love through prayer, service, and community. May this special sacrament continue to strengthen and guide them each day. God bless!



This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism at 8am on Sunday at SPC we welcome Elwyn and Theodore children of Nicola and Nathan.

We congratulate the family and ask that you keep them in your prayers.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you curious about the Catholic faith? Do you feel God may be calling you to something more?

Our parish RCIA program is a welcoming journey for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, whether you are unbaptised, from another Christian tradition or simply exploring your faith.

Come and see. Ask questions.

Discover more.

All are welcome-no pressure, just an open invitation.

Please contact the Parish office on 33006099.

Our previous participants



~THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH ~

* *Monday at SPC*

9.30am Meditation Group
Adoration 6-7pm MD

6.30pm Young Adults Group

* *Wednesday*

9am Mass SPC followed by morning tea in the parish office

* *Thursday SPC hall*

Mahjong 12.30pm

* *Friday at MD*

6-7pm Adoration

Dates to save:

*Happy Patches craft group meet Thursday 4th June at 9.30am in the Parish hall.

* Confirmation Program commences with Parent Information Evening Wednesday 3rd June 7-8pm at SPC

*Next SPC family Mass Sunday 14th June



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HOME ROSARY

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Angela on Monday 1st June. Contact the parish office for further details.

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



Happy Anniversary

We warmly congratulate Conrad and Carol as they celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless them with love, joy, good health, and many more happy years together.



We thank them for their faithful witness to the Sacrament of Marriage and their valued presence in our parish community. Congratulations and best wishes on this wonderful milestone.



THE ST JOHNS WOOD THE GAP CONFERENCE OF VINNIES will be conducting the 2026 Winter Appeal on the weekend 6/7 June 2026.

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.

God bless Key Bray President



Children & Families - Archdiocesan Ministries

We are thrilled to launch our promotion pack for the Encounter Catholic Kids June/July Holiday Program! This one-day program invites primary aged children into a fun, faith-filled space where they can explore, investigate, learn and pray to dive deeper into God's amazing love. Click below:

[ECK On Top of World Promotion Pack](#)

This year's theme is 'On Top of the World', exploring how big, how wide, how long, and how deep God's love is!

Check for locations near your parish or community. Run this year at five locations across the archdiocese, including Kenmore, Central (CBD), Surfers Paradise, Kingston, Manders, and Bracken Ridge.

[Find out more here](#)

Caritas Australia End of Financial Year Appeal

As we approach the end of the financial year, Caritas Australia invites you to help families facing conflict, hunger and displacement. Your support is needed to get critical aid into countries like Sudan, which is facing the largest humanitarian crisis in the world today. Over 30 million people are in urgent need of assistance, the healthcare system has collapsed, and families are facing chronic food insecurity. Your tax deductible gift this End of Financial Year can provide lifesaving essentials such as nutritious food, clean water and vital medicines to families in need.



<https://www.caritas.org.au/make-hunger-history>



YOUTH LED MASS & YOUTH NIGHT

This Sunday 31 May at SPC 5pm Mass is a Youth-Led Mass, with a special invite to all high schoolers and young adults!

We still need people to help serve in music, altar serving, reading, computer, Communion Minister and offertory – please email Sam at samuel.mead@outlook.com to get involved.

Straight after the YLM, we will have a **Youth Night** from 6-7:15pm in the parish hall – a night just for **high schoolers** in Grades 7-12 (and run by Izzy, Lauren, Sam and Ben). It will include dinner, games, a chance to get to know each other more and a time of prayer. Are you in high school? You are? Then we'll see you there!

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP



After watching the unfortunate defeat of the Maroons by the Blues in the first Origin game on Wednesday night, this week Young Adults Group will be back to its usual time: 6:30-8pm at SPC on **Monday 1 June** for **dinner and**

Scripture reflection.

The week after (8 June), we're excited to hear one of our own, Jack, give a talk about the meaning of the Crucifixion of Jesus! If you've finished school (18-30), we'd love to have you join us. Text Lauren on 0487 635 721 if you want more info.

PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE



SOCIAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Everyone welcome!

Come and join us for a relaxed night with plenty of laughter and learning. Our booking is split across 2-3 tables located closely together. You can sit on any one of our booked tables on the night - no need to line up a crew beforehand. Numbers need to be finalised with the venue 5 days in advance, so please make sure you RSVP.

Details:

- Blind Tiger (at the Gap Village) on **Wednesday 24 June**
- Tables are booked from 6pm, with trivia starting at 7pm
- Food and drinks can be purchased across the night, or you might prefer to eat before you leave home

It is free to participate. Optional participation in the Jackpot prize with gold coin entry.

RSVP by 12 June to donna.lynn@live.com.au - 20 people maximum.



WELCOMING SUNDAY

Don't forget, next 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.

If you can assist on the day with helping people write the name tags please see the co-Ordinator before Mass. Tags are at the back of the Church.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

WALK WITH JESUS



Walk with Jesus Procession

All are invited to this significant and visible celebration of faith on the Feast of Corpus Christi as we honour the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist through a public procession through the streets of Brisbane City.

Led by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay, this annual procession brings together thousands of faithful from parishes and communities across the Archdiocese in a vibrant and prayerful witness. Beginning at the Cathedral, we will process through the Brisbane CBD, praying, singing, and honouring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, before returning to the Cathedral for Benediction.

Parishes and communities are encouraged to bring banners representing their parish, community, or patron saints.

When: Sunday 7 June | 2pm

Where: St Stephen's Cathedral

Find out more and register at www.corpuschristibrisbane.com



Procession begins at
2PM SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026
CORPUSCHRISTIBRISBANE.COM



ALL IN FOR RECONCILIATION

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK MASS

10AM FRIDAY, 29 MAY 2026
Cathedral of St Stephen



with GUEST SPEAKER
MAYRAH DREISE

Yuwalaraay, Gamilaraay woman, and Senior Manager for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education at Brisbane Catholic Education.



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Creating activities, ministries and services free from abuse, exploitation and harm.

If you think it's wrong report it.

The protection and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is at the core of Church mission and setting the right approach to safeguarding is important.

'Creating protective environments and activities for children and adults-at-risk.'

INNOCENTS RELIEF – AUTUMN APPEAL

Your help is needed for our Orphanage in Timor Leste

The Dom Gabirel Manek Orphanage supports 30 girls needing full time care. Some are orphans and others are unable to live at home due to poverty, abuse or other reasons. Unfortunately, the orphanage does not receive any government or diocesan support.

How to donate:

Account name: **Innocents Relief Ltd**

BSB: 084-034 Account 851082278

Reference: **Your name + Orphanage**

Email: donors@innocentsrelief.org.au with details of your donation and a receipt will be issued.

Cheques: P O Box 4096 St Lucia South, 4067

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A vocation view: Trinity Sunday - A

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