

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 BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST

First Reading: [Deut 8:2-3,14-16](#)

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Second Reading: [1 Cor 10:16-17](#)

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

Gospel: [John 6:51-58](#)

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.



[Readings and Reflections](#)

PRAYING With CHILDREN SUNDAY LITURGY

TWO-MINUTE HOMILY

Feast of Corpus Christi

Fr William Aupito Iuliano



Fr William invites us to rediscover the Eucharist for what it truly is, a sacred mystery and a source of profound reverence. [Watch now.](#)

Deceased

Lenore Geraghty, Claire Evans, Denise McKenna, Ronald Dards

Anniversary

Brent Grace, Terry MacDonald

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:

PARTAKING IN THE LIVING BREAD



The Eucharist not only keeps alive the memory of what Christ has done by giving his life for us. More profoundly, the Eucharist manifests the ever-present experience of what Christ and the Spirit continue to do for us throughout our lives.

This week's first reading (Deuteronomy) connects the celebration of the Eucharist to the Exodus event of Israel's liberation from slavery in Egypt. Again, the Israelites do not just remember what God has done for them in the past – liberating them, and feeding them in the desert with “manna from heaven” – but celebrating the way God continues to be with them throughout all of life's trials, tribulations, hopes and joys. Everything we have – food, shelter, love, friendship and personal talents – are gifts given to us by God to share with others.

In St Paul's Letter to the people of Corinth, we are told the gifts of bread and wine are the very body and blood of Christ enabling us to be in communion with the Trinitarian God. Moreover, Paul's emphasis on “one loaf” means, in the words of the hymn, “we though many are truly one.”

Hence the importance of the sign of peace we offer to one another each time we celebrate the Eucharist. In the gospel, we hear Jesus speak of the “living bread that comes down from heaven.”

Pope Francis told us that “the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but medicine and nourishment for the weak!” In saying this he is not suggesting we should go to the Eucharist without thoughtfulness, prayer and presence of mind; but he is also reminding us that all of us, without exception, come to the Eucharist as sinners in need of God's healing grace and mercy.

Pope Francis also provides guidelines for how the Eucharist should make a real difference in our lives and relationships with others. First, he says, we need to relate to people, sharing in their joys, hopes, sorrows and sufferings. Furthermore, this should enable us to reach out to the poor, sick and marginalised people, seeing in them the face of Christ.

Second, experiencing God's forgiveness in the Eucharist should enable us to see ourselves as “forgiven sinners” who are empowered to reach out in forgiveness to others. In this way the Eucharist enables us to overcome pride and division.

Third, the Eucharist should enable us to become active disciples of Jesus Christ. While we Christians do not claim to be better than others, we nonetheless recognise our particular mission is to make Christ known and loved through a spirit of prayer, action and care for all our brothers and sisters, most especially those in need.

In the words of Anglo-Catholic poet TS Eliot, Christ is “the still point of the turning world.” It is especially through our celebration of the Eucharist that our distracted, busy, turning worlds are stilled by the overpowering, silent mystery that camouflages the saving, liberating, loving presence of Christ in the broken bread and sweetened wine.

For He is indeed truly present among us as the very life of the world.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER ANTHONY



On behalf of our parish community, we extend our heartfelt birthday wishes to Father Anthony on his special day on Monday. We thank God for the gift of your ministry, your faithful leadership, and the care and guidance you provide to our parish family. May the Lord

bless you abundantly with good health happiness, peace and many more years of fruitful service. Please keep Father Anthony in your prayers.

Happy Birthday Father Anthony, and may God continue to bless you richly.

Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Monday 08/06/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 10	9am	Mater Dei
Wednesday 10/06/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 10	9am	SPC
Thursday 11/06/2026	St Barnabas, apostle	9am	SPC
Friday 12/06/2026	The Most SACRED HEART of Jesus	9am	Mater Dei
Saturday 13/06/2026	Vigil Mass	5.30pm	Mater Dei
Sunday 14/06/2026	11th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	8am 10am 5pm	SPC Mater Dei SPC

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THE ST JOHNS WOOD THE GAP CONFERENCE OF VINNIES

will be conducting the 2026 Winter Appeal this weekend 6/7 June 2026.

This years 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 Kev Bray President

~THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH ~

* Sunday

This Sunday is welcome Sunday, so don't forget to wear you name tag and say hello to someone you don't already know.

* 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

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* Friday at MD

6-7pm Adoration

Dates to save:

*Next SPC family Mass Sunday 14th June

*Happy Patches craft group meet Thursday 18th June at 9.30am in the Parish hall.

*Ever Young Group Thursday 25th June



BIBLE STUDIES GROUP

We are seeking expressions of interest in continuing our Bible studies group which will be held on a Thursday after the 9am Mass. Whether you are new to Bible study or have participated before, all are welcome. This will be an opportunity to learn, share pray and discover how God's word speaks to our daily lives.

If you would like to be part of a Bible study group, please contact the parish office or **add your name to the expression of interest sheet at the back of the churches.**



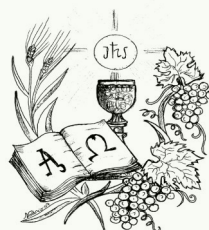
The Happy Patchers craft ladies

are holding their winter display of quilts and items they have been working on over the last few months on Thursday 18th

June from 9.30 am in the parish hall. These item will be donated to Micha projects for the homeless. They invite all parishioners to come and have a look at their display.

The ladies gather in the Parish Hall from 9.30am – 12pm on the **1st and 3rd Thursdays** of each month. There is also a Thursday night group on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays** from 7-9pm. It is not just a sewing group.

The Ladies, sew, knit, crochet, some just pop in for a chat or a cuppa. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of this wonderful group please contact Von on 33004338



HOME ROSARY

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Chris & Ron on Monday 8th June.

Contact the parish office for further details.

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



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP



YA Group will be on as usual this **Monday (8 June) from 6:30-8pm at SPC**. This week, 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. (YA Group will not be on Monday the following week (15 June) because we'll watch the State of Origin together in the Parish Hall on Wednesday night, 17 June, from 7pm!)

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.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2026



Our parish Confirmation program will commence with Workshop A

* **Tuesday 16th June 4-5pm at St Peter Chanel** * **Wednesday 17th June 6.30-7.30pm at Mater Dei**

The enrolment ritual Mass will be held on the weekend of 20-21st June.



St Peter Chanel
Catholic Primary School, The Gap

CELEBRATING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

What a joyful occasion for our St Peter Chanel community as we celebrated our Year 4 students who recently received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Together with Fr Anthony, families and classmates, we gathered for a beautiful class liturgy to give thanks for this important milestone. Our students participated reverently and we are so proud of them.

Following the liturgy, we shared a simple celebration with cupcakes and time together, marking this special step in their faith journey.

We thank Fr Anthony and our families for their support in making this such a meaningful celebration, strengthening the connection between home, school and parish.

We look forward to seeing you all for the **St Peter Chanel Family Mass on Sunday 14 June.**

Hayley APRE



CELEBRATING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our school and parish community warmly congratulates the children who recently received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. This is a very special milestone in their faith journey, as they received Jesus, the Bread of Life, for the very first time.

We give thanks for each of these children and the commitment they have shown in preparing for this sacrament. We also acknowledge their families and sacramental team who have supported and guided them with love and care.

We proudly congratulate:

Zachary, Zac, Nick, benedict, Zachy, Frank, Danny, Amari, Joseph, Florence, Emily and Elise.

May these children continue to grow in faith, guided by God's love, and always feel the presence of Jesus in their hearts.

Fr Anthony visits Year 2

Recently, our Year 2 students were blessed to spend time with Father Anthony, learning about the importance of making promises to God. Through engaging conversation and reflection, Fr Anthony helped the students understand how promises, like those we make in the Sacraments, guide us in living as followers of Jesus. We are grateful for Father Anthony's time and the gentle way he nurtures the faith of our young learners.



Leah APRE



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.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

A single middle aged working male, non-smoking, no pets, is seeking a granny flat or similar or willing to share with one or two people. References available— Please contact Kevin on 0435275728

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

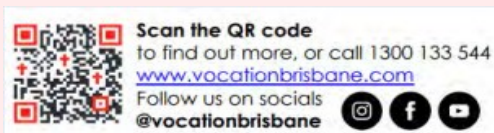
Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



A vocation view: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – A (Corpus Christi)

To share in the living bread of Christ is our core vocation as Christians. How are you called to be a representative of Jesus in sharing the Good News with others?

Please pray for vocations



"The Parish of St John's Wood/The Gap would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Turrbal and Jagera people, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge their continued connection to the land, water and community".

Safe People, Places & Practices.
Creating activities, ministries and services free from abuse, exploitation and harm.
If you think it's wrong report it.

Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas, can be heard on Common Home TV. The audio version is available via this link: [Magnifica Humanitas - Full text/Audio - Common Home tv](#)



SOMETHING FOR A LAUGH



One night, Mum hears noises downstairs at 2 in the morning. She wakes up her husband.
Mum: "I think someone broke into the house."
Dad jumps out of bed and grabs the nearest weapon he can find ... a mop.
They creep downstairs careful not to make a noise.
Dad whispers: "Stay behind me."
Mum: "Be assured, I will."
They reach the kitchen and turn on the light. Their teenage son, Justin, is eating shredded cheese straight from the bag, bits of cheese lining the floor.
Dad: "What are you doing?!"
Justin: "I was hungry."
Mum: "At 2 in the morning?!"
Justin: "My body doesn't read the time. It knows hunger."
Dad notices every cabinet door is open. "Why are all the cupboards open?"
Justin: "I was looking for chips."
Dad: "So close them!"
Justin: "I might need them again later."
Dad takes a deep breath and opens the fridge. Inside is a small slice of pizza, barely enough for one mouthful.
Dad: "Who left this small amount of pizza?"
Justin: "I didn't want to finish it in case someone else wanted some."
Dad: "You have to be kidding. That's emotional sabotage."
Suddenly, Justin's little sister, Jane, appears in the kitchen.
Jane: "Mum, Dad, look! Freddy is eating the lasagna."
Everyone turns to the kitchen bench, Freddy the family labrador is looking mildly guilty, his whiskers stained with tomato.
Dad stares at his son and then at Freddy and sighs: "I understand now why some animals eat their young."

😊😊😊😊 Enjoy your week ahead.....

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