

St John's Wood The Gap Parish Bulletin

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

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11th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: [Exodus 19:2-6](#)

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

Second Reading: [Romans 5:6-11](#)

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

Gospel: [Matthew 9:36-10:8](#)

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.



Readings and Reflections

PRAYING With CHILDREN SUNDAY LITURGY

TWO-MINUTE REFLECTION

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Colleen Tracey



Colleen reminds us that through our Baptism, each of us is sent forth to proclaim the Gospel to all nations.

[Watch now](#)

Deceased

Gloria Guest, 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:

BEING AGENTS OF CHRIST'S HEALING



Who is Jesus Christ for us? An older woman called Jesus her mate. A priest once said, 'When the chips are down, there's only Jesus and me. He's my rock.'

If we are going to be witness to the love of Christ, this is who we might hope to be for those we meet – mate, rock, friend, hope – and come to recognise Christ in their lives.

Is this what we're sent out to do? Is it what we were initiated into at our baptism? In the gospel, Jesus sees the crowd and is moved with compassion by their plight. He certainly doesn't ridicule them or turn away from them but is alive to their suffering. This is the rich harvest for which labourers are required, and it's this work which is at the heart of his mission.

He then summons twelve of the disciples and empowers them to join him in his work of presence and healing. Those who are entrusted with this mission are sent out as apostles. Perhaps we think that's not me and, if we consider the roll call of their names, we might notice they're quite a mixed lot, just like any parish community, and leave it at that.

But what if we're all entrusted with this mission too, sent out after Mass to present to others what we have received.

When Jesus sends them out, he instructs them to go to the Jewish community alone; though this is a beginning, because at the end of Matthew's Gospel he commissions the disciples to go out and proclaim his liberating presence to all nations. And the sign of this, of God's kingdom being close at hand, is the works that Jesus is doing, which now they are empowered to do.

We also are to be the agents of healing and service, helping those who are entombed to live; inviting into relationship those who are sidelined and cast out for whatever reason; disabling those voices which confine us, and enabling us all to live in a loving relationship with one another and God. These simple gifts are given to us by Jesus, so we might give them away to anyone who is in need. What we have been given freely, we are to give freely in turn; it's not a transaction, it is gift.

In the first reading the Israelites, if they hold fast to the covenant with God, are to be 'a kingdom of priests, a consecrated people,' ensuring God's ongoing love of and relationship with us. It's what they are entrusted to do, their mission.

In the second reading, Paul writes of God's great love for us. Now that our relationship with God is restored, "through our Lord Jesus Christ," God is with us, whatever happens.

To be the bearers of this love in a fractured world, this is our mission.

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FUNERAL MASS



On **Monday the 15th June** at St Peter Chanel Church commencing at **10am**, we will celebrate the life of **Lenore Geraghty** wife of John Geraghty.

All parishioners are invited to attend and please keep the family in your prayers.

Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Monday 15/06/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 11	9am	Mater Dei
Wednesday 17/06/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 11	9am	SPC
Thursday 18/06/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 11	9am	SPC
Friday 19/06/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 11	9am	Mater Dei
Saturday 20/06/2026	Vigil Mass	5.30pm	Mater Dei
Sunday 21/06/2026	12th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	8am 10am 5pm	SPC Mater Dei SPC



I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who remembered my birthday with your prayers, cards, messages, blessings, and kind words. Your thoughtfulness and generosity were deeply appreciated and made the occasion very special. I am truly blessed to serve such a caring and faith-filled parish community. Thank you for your continued support, friendship and prayers. Please know that you remain in my prayers as well. May God bless you and your families abundantly.
Anthony

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 items 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

~THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH ~

* **Monday at SPC**
9.30am Meditation
Group
Adoration 6-7pm MD

* **Wednesday**
9am Mass SPC
followed by morning
tea in the parish office
6.30pm Young Adults
Group

* **Thursday SPC hall**
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* **Friday at MD**
6-7pm Adoration

Dates to save:

* **Next SPC family Mass**
Sunday 14th June

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.

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

* **Ever Young Group Thursday 25th June**

ST JOHN'S WOOD THE GAP PARISH

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HOME ROSARY

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Brian and Bernadette on Monday 15th June. Contact the parish office for further details.

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



HELPING US TO STAY SAFE!



Winter is here, and with it come the typical seasonal respiratory infections: colds, flu, RSV, etc. And COVID-19, which is still present. Infected people exhale the virus when they breathe, talk, sing, or cough. This can happen even if people don't know they are infected (asymptomatic) or don't yet know it (presymptomatic). The virus is in the air and is inhaled by those who share the space, who then become infected. To reduce the risk of this happening, the virus must be removed from the space through ventilation. Therefore, to protect our parishioners, some windows and doors in our churches must remain open during Masses. While this may make it cooler inside the church, please do not close them. Please be prepared by wearing an extra jumper or sitting further away from the windows and doors.

Prof. Lidia Morawska



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

WHO WILL WIN?

Are you interested in footy? Or are you wanting to come to the next Parish social event?

On **Wednesday 17 June**, all parishioners are invited to watch the second State of Origin game in the **Parish Hall**.

This event, **hosted by our Parish's Young Adults Group for everyone**, will start at **7pm** with a BBQ dinner before watching the game together (8:05pm kick-off). Invite a friend!

Go Maroons!!

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.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE:

REMINDER: REPORTABLE CONDUCT SCHEME TRAINING IS DUE

To volunteers who have been contacted by the Archdiocese through Archelearn.

A reminder from the Office for Safeguarding Services that with the Reportable Conduct Scheme commencing in three weeks' time if you have not done so already please log into your Arch e-Learn account and complete the training module. It should take you less than 15 minutes.



"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Matthew 28:19"

As part of our Divine Renovation journey, our parish is focusing on three key pillars: **Growth, Community and Youth**. These pillars will help guide us as we move from being a maintenance church to becoming a truly missionary parish-one that intentionally forms disciples, builds meaningful relationships, and reaches out to future generations.

This mission cannot be achieved by a few people alone. To bring this vision to life, we need the gifts, talents and participation of our parish community. Together we can help build a vibrant, faith-filled community. As you discern where God may be calling you to serve, we encourage you to pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance, wisdom, and openness to His direction. Whether your passion is faith formation, hospitality, outreach, supporting liturgies, join a ministry team, supporting young people or contributing in another way, your involvement can make a real difference.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to serve. **Volunteering is not simply about filling a role;** it is about being **part of Christ's mission and helping our parish** become a place where faith grows, disciples are formed, and all are welcomed.

If you would like to explore opportunities to become involved, please contact the parish office. Together, let us build the missionary parish God is calling us to be.

Please pray:

Come, Holy spirit, fill our hearts with the fire of your love. Holy Spirit, grant us courage, inspire us to use the gifts and talents we have been given. Strengthen our commitment to one another, deepen our faith, and unite us in our mission to bring others to know and love Jesus Christ.

Bless our parish community, our ministries, and all who serve. Lead our young people, renew our families, and help us become a welcoming and vibrant parish where all may encounter Christ and experience His love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



THE ST JOHNS WOOD THE GAP CONFERENCE OF VINNIES would like to thank everyone for their generous support on the weekend.

If you missed the weekend collection there are still plenty of envelopes at the back of the churches for you to use this weekend. Donations are always welcome at anytime. Our conference is extremely grateful for your support of our appeal. God bless Kev Bray President

FUNERAL MASS



There will be a funeral Mass held for Gloria Guest on **Thursday 18th June at Mater Dei** commencing at **11am**. Please keep the family 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.

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

Concert featuring Organist Johann Vexo



July 5, 3pm

Join us this July for an evening of breathtaking music with Johann Vexo, Titulaire of the grand Cavaille-Coll organ of the Cathedral in Nancy and long-time organist at Notre-Dame de Paris.



<https://www.trybooking.com/DMLYW>

The Cathedral of St Stephen is thrilled to welcome internationally acclaimed French organist Johann Vexo for a special afternoon of organ music on July 5, 3.00pm.

With his remarkable command of the instrument, Vexo brings precision, color, and brilliance to a program that will showcase the music of the great masters from Bach to Vierne. This is a rare opportunity to experience one of Europe's distinguished organists in the heart of Brisbane.

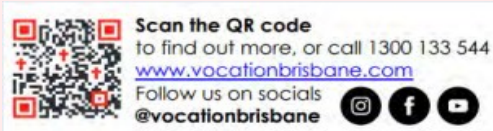
Tickets: \$35 Regular | \$30 Concession

Family Promo: \$80 for families of 4

Book here: <https://www.trybooking.com/DMLYW>

A vocation view: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So, Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me."

Please pray for vocations



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"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".

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

Thank you for supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign



Your gift provides 119 students in extreme hardship access to an education and the love and care of a Catholic community.



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Through your generosity, Centacare can walk alongside people in their darkest moments - offering a hand to help.



Nineteen men in formation at Holy Spirit Seminary are becoming the shepherd God calls them to be. You make that possible.

Your support of the Annual Catholic Campaign last year makes it possible for vital ministry to continue bringing God's love to His Church. Thank you for your generosity and compassion!



SOMETHING FOR A LAUGH



It is not a difficult process, and it can save countless lives. People who donate blood are among the most generous and selfless in the community.

World Blood Donor Day on Sunday, therefore, gives us the opportunity to recognise the millions of voluntary blood donors who roll up their sleeves to help others. Their kindness saves lives and exemplifies the spirit of solidarity.

These jokes are in honour of those Australians who donate blood.....

A man walks into a recovery room after donating blood.

A woman asks him how he feels.

Man: I feel fine, but I doubt it would help someone.

Woman: why do you have to be so negative?

Man: I can't help it. It's in my blood.

My dad passed away when we couldn't remember his blood type.

As he took his last breath, he kept saying "be positive." I'll try but it's hard without him.

Two blood cells met and fell in love.

But alas, it was all in vein.

You know what they say about family — blood is thicker than water.

But maple syrup is thicker than blood, so technically pancakes are more important than family.

Enjoy your week ahead.....

- ◆ The Editor retains the right to edit any items that are submitted to the Bulletin.
- ◆ Some items in the bulletin are sourced from @Majellan Media.
- ◆ Cut off time for the bulletin is 3pm Wednesday.

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