

St John's Wood The Gap Parish Bulletin

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

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12th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: [Jer 20:10-13](#)

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Second Reading: [Romans 5:12-15](#)

God's gift to us is nothing life our sin against him.

Gospel: [Matthew 10:26-33](#)

Do not fear those who can kill the body.



[Readings and Reflections](#)

PRAYING with CHILDREN
SUNDAY LITURGY

TWO-MINUTE HOMILY

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Michael My Van Tran



Jesus invites us to trust Him above all else, rather than the things we rely on for security and to find true peace in resting in His faithful care. [Watch now.](#)

Deceased

Valma O'Brien, Gloria Guest, Lenore Geraghty, Claire Evans, Denise McKenna

Anniversary

Nick Delaney, Brent Grace, Terry MacDonald

Sick

Frank Monloney, 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:

Be not afraid

In this week's gospel, Jesus is teaching his disciples about their mission. He warns them of the persecutions and trials that they will face. Just as he, Jesus, faced opposition and rejection; so, will they. So too did the prophets, including Jeremiah, of whom we read in the first reading. Jesus urges his disciples, soon to be his missionaries, to take up their mission to proclaim the good news of the gospel. No matter the opposition and suffering they might face, he exhorts them: "Do not be afraid."

But, knowing that they will suffer on account of their faith in him, he offers them consolation. He reassures them that they are precious in God's eyes: "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows."

Moreover, he promises them that "Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven."

We too, his disciples today, will face difficulties and challenges, perhaps derision, rejection and suffering, because of our faith in Jesus. There will be times of discomfort or perhaps embarrassment, when others deride or disparage us for our faith. But, like the disciples then, we are to live our Christian faith confidently and fearlessly, working for justice and for peace, standing up for the least among us, doing what we can to help build a better world, unafraid to profess our faith and to demonstrate it in action. As an Australian politician once noted, life wasn't meant to be easy. Living our faith, following our Lord Jesus with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength was never going to be easy. Our faith makes demands of us!

Let us examine our consciences in light of the gospel. Do we keep very private our commitment as Christians, keeping it out of view of neighbours, work colleagues, even friends? Do we shy away from professing our faith in Jesus, keeping it hidden? Do we speak up when values or opinions which are alien to our faith are promoted in our hearing? Do we let fear of disparagement or rejection stop us from saying what we believe to be true or from doing what we know to be right?

For most of us, it is not in a public forum, but rather in ordinary day to day interactions and conversations that situations arise to challenge us to speak of our faith and the values that inform our opinions and choices. It is also what we do and how we conduct ourselves that professes what we believe.

Let it always be with courtesy and respect for others. As the Apostle Peter teaches us: "Always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience" (1 Pet 3:15-16).

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World Refugee Week 2026

A million person milestone

Refugee Week 2026 is celebrating the milestone of one million refugees who have been accepted by Australia since the end of World War II. While Australia's refugee story didn't begin after World War II, it certainly accelerated after the war. With Europe left in ruins, Australia opened its doors to families who had little in the way of possessions. Since 1947, Australia has issued one million permanent humanitarian visas. *A Million Stories* represent a journey of 'courage, resilience, and hope, shaping communities and influencing future generations'. As the Refugee Week website states, 'One person's journey influences the lives of many others: children, grandchildren, and future generations who leave their unique mark on our shared story'.



Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Monday 22/06/2026	St John Fisher, bishop & Thomas More, martyrs	9am	Mater Dei
Wednesday 24/06/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 12	9am	SPC
Thursday 25/06/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 12	9am	SPC
Friday 26/06/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 12	9am	Mater Dei
Saturday 27/06/2026	Vigil Mass	5.30pm	Mater Dei
Sunday 28/06/2026	13th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	8am 10am 5pm	SPC Mater Dei SPC

Parish School News

It was so wonderful to see so many of our families at the SPC Family Mass on Sunday. Mornings like this are truly precious, as we witness our parish and school community coming together in faith. Our students read so beautifully, and the church was filled with joyful singing and praise. Thank you to everyone who joined us – your presence made it a very special celebration.



A few weeks ago, we joined with Mater Dei for the St Vincent de Paul Sleepout. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to hear directly from St Vinnies staff about the ways they support people in our community. Inspired by this experience, our Fundraising Ministry Group is now leading our St Vinnies Winter Appeal. It is heartwarming to see our students taking action to support those less fortunate and living out our Gospel values in such meaningful ways.



Kind regards

Hayley (SPC APRE)



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.**

~THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH ~

* Monday at SPC

9.30am Meditation Group

6.30pm Young Adults Group

Adoration 6-7pm MD

* Wednesday

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

* Thursday SPC hall

* Mahjong 12.30pm

* Ever Young Group Thursday 25th June

* Friday at MD

6-7pm Adoration

Dates to save:

* Youth Led Mass and Potluck dinner 28th of June

A Little Parish Smile

Why did the Confirmation student bring a fan to church?

Because they were ready for the Holy Spirit to blow them away!

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed, peaceful and grace-filled week ahead.

God bless, and have a wonderful week!



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HOME ROSARY

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Gordon Simpson on Monday 22nd 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

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 20 June



YOUTH LED MASS

The next Parish YLM is on **next Sunday 28 June** at 5pm Mass at St Peter Chanel Church. A reminder that this is a Parish-wide event, so those regularly at Mater Dei are equally invited!

If you're in high school or you're a young adult, we'd love for you to join us at this Mass and to serve too. We need readers, singers, musicians, altar servers, collectors, Eucharistic ministers and people for the Offertory.

Before the YLM begins, there are practices, so don't be afraid to try something new! If you, or someone you know, want to be involved, please contact Sam Mead at samuel.mead@outlook.com or 0491 149 607.

All parishioners are invited to join too. See you there!

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

This week (Monday 22 June), our Parish YA Group will gather at 6pm at Mater Dei for Eucharistic Adoration, going out for dinner afterwards.

The next week (Monday 29 June), we'll be back to our usual of 6:30-8pm at St Peter Chanel for dinner and reflection on a short letter that Pope Francis wrote addressed to young people.

If you've finished high school (18-30), we'd love to meet you!

To join our YA Group Chat or for more info, text Lauren 0487 635 721.

POTLUCK DINNER - NEXT SUNDAY

The next Parish Potluck Dinner is **next Sunday 28 June** after the 5pm Youth-Led Mass in the Parish Hall. **All are welcome – come to share dinner together** and catch up with friends new and old over a meal. Please bring a main or dessert to share and your own drinks. (Meals can be dropped off at the Hall right before 5pm Mass or when Potluck begins.) **For a successful and enjoyable night for everyone, help is needed** for setting up before-hand, putting out food and packing up. If you can help, please contact Michelle Mead at themeads@gmail.com. See you there!

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



PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

This weekend, our parish warmly welcomes the children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as they take part in the Rite of Enrolment. This is an important step in their faith journey as they publicly express their desire to continue preparing to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and strengthen their relationship with Christ and His Church. We ask our parish community to keep these children and their families in your prayers during this special time. May they be guided by the Holy Spirit, grow in faith and courage, and experience the love and support of our parish family as they prepare to receive this sacred sacrament.

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love."



CONFIRMATION

For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed." CCC 1285

Peter's Pence Collection

Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence collection. The collection is to be taken at the Masses the weekend around the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul. Therefore, this year's collection will be taken up on the **27/28 June, 2026** (13th Sunday of Ordinary Time). The Peter's Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See.

The Peter's Pence Collection is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world. • The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.



Be a sign of hope.

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

Archdiocese of Brisbane

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass

Walking Together in Christ:
A Celebration of Faith and Culture

Sunday 5 July 2026

9:45am at the Cathedral of St Stephen

Marking 40 years of Pope St John Paul II's visit and 50 years of NAIDOC

Followed by a celebration of culture, community and faith in the Hanly Room



This event has been made possible by funding from the National Indigenous Australians Agency.

EVER YOUNG GROUP

We will be meeting on Thursday 25th June in the Parish Hall commencing at 10am. Come and join us for a cuppa, some laughs and a raffle. Contact the parish office for further information.



A vocation view: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

We must listen to Jesus and live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.

Please pray for vocations

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Music in the Moonlight

STUDIO 75

Celebrating 75 Years of Mater Dei Catholic Primary School - Ashgrove

Saturday 29 August 2026

An evening of music, dancing and celebration

Your \$75 Ticket includes:

- Welcome Drink
- Delicious food
- Music & Dancing
- Lucky door prize entry

Time: 5:00pm - 10:30pm
 Venue: Mater Dei Catholic Primary School
 7 Lynwood Crescent, Ashgrove
 Dress: Disco Glam
 Adults Only Event (18+)

BOOK NOW!
www.trybooking.com/DNCAI
 Tickets Close Monday 24 August 2026

All proceeds support the Mater Dei Parent Advisory Group

"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.

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- ◆ Some items in the bulletin are sourced from @Majellan Media.
- ◆ Cut off time for the bulletin is 3pm Wednesday.

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