

St John's Wood The Gap Parish Bulletin

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

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13th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: [2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16](#)

That is the holy man of God, let me remain there.

Second Reading: [Romans 6:3-4,8-11](#)

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

Gospel: [Matthew 10:37-42](#)

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.



Readings and Reflections

PRAYING With CHILDREN SUNDAY LITURGY

TWO-MINUTE HOMILY

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Paul Kelly



WATCH NOW

Fr Paul reflects on the suffering our Lord willingly embraced for our sake, inviting us to courageously take up our own cross and follow Him. [Watch now.](#)

Deceased

Valma O'Brien, Gloria Guest, Bill Twigg, Lenore Geraghty, Claire Evans

Anniversary

Evelyn Newman, Nick Delaney, Brent Grace, Terry MacDonald

Sick

Frank Monloney, Bruno Cadet, Shane Abrams, Bev Dick, Richard King, Beth Kloza, Peter Maher, Peter Townson, 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

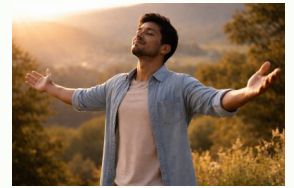
WCCM (Christian Meditation)
Monday at 9.30am Parish Office.

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

This week's Gospel reflection:

A LIFE OF SACRIFICIAL LOVE

More than being just a moral teacher or guide, Jesus came to establish a complete transformation of what it means to be human and to live a fully human life.



When St Paul proclaims that we are now "dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus," he highlights how Jesus' submission to and defeat of death has changed the whole human situation. Jesus was the perfect and obedient representative of all humanity.

Through our faith that he is who he says he is, the eternal communion with the Father that belongs by nature to Jesus as the incarnate Son belongs to us through participation in him.

As St Paul explains, "When we were baptised, we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life." This new life in Christ is one in which sin and death no longer have dominion in the human experience. Paul exhorts us: "You too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin and alive for God in Christ Jesus."

In his instructions to the Twelve in this week's gospel, Jesus teaches, "Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it." Part of 'losing our lives' for Jesus means extending the self-giving, compassionate and merciful love we have received from him to others, especially the poor.

And 'losing our lives' can mean suffering. As Christians, we must be prepared to accept suffering, not out of a masochistic sense that suffering is good or that we deserve it, but as a response made in love to give up anything and everything that impedes or undermines the life and love to which Christ calls us.

As Jesus teaches in this week's gospel, this can sometimes mean prioritising him and the demands of discipleship over the demands of family. Consider St Francis of Assisi as an example. St Francis, in defiance of his enraged father, left his affluent home and the life his family had planned for him to live a life of radical poverty, humility, and dedication to serving the poor, in imitation of the life, poverty, and love of Jesus. St Francis is renowned as *Il Poverello* (Italian for "the little poor man" or "the little poor one"), and as a "little Christ."

'Losing our lives' for Jesus does not necessarily mean we will be called to Jesus' level of self-sacrifice or that of the Christian martyrs. Still, our hearts need to be oriented towards this calling and open to its demands, painful and costly though that may sometimes be. But Jesus is very clear in calling us – indeed challenging us – to live the life of freedom and self-giving love for which we were created.

Challenging and demanding though it is, each and every one of us is called to be a "little Christ."

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FUNERAL MASS



A funeral Mass will be held for Valma O'Brien on Thursday 2nd July at St Peter Chanel Church commencing at 11am. All parishioners are invited to attend. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Monday 29/06/2026	Sts Peter & Paul, apostles	9am	Mater Dei
Wednesday 01/06/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 13	9am	SPC
Thursday 02/07/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 13	9am	SPC
Friday 03/07/2026	St Thomas, apostle	9am-Anointing Mass	Mater Dei
Saturday 04/07/2026	Vigil Mass	5.30pm	Mater Dei
Sunday 05/07/2026	14th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	8am 10am 5pm	SPC Mater Dei SPC

menCONNECT

Gentlemen, the inspiration for the talk at our next Gathering, on 24 July, comes from Acts 4:20: **“For we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.”**

We will hear from three young men from our parish who are involved with NET Ministries, along with NET Ministries Australia & New Zealand Executive Director, **Mark Lysaght**. Together, they will share how NET forms and sends young Catholic missionaries to inspire young people to follow Jesus and find a home in the Church. (NET= National Evangelisation Teams)

All men of the parish are warmly invited to come along for an evening of faith, fellowship and encouragement as we reflect on what it means to speak of what we have “seen and heard” in our own lives, families and parish community.

The **Gathering will be in the Parish Hall, 41 Chaprowe Rd, The Gap.**

Cost is \$15.00. For catering purposes, please RSVP to Mike by text on 0459 992 228 or email menCONNECTsjwtg@gmail.com before 21st July.

~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

* Friday at MD

6-7pm Adoration

Dates to save:

* **Multicultural Mass August 23rd**

* **Music in the Moonlight Saturday 29th August**

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BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND



This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism at SPC we welcome Oscar, Jack and Harry children of Faye & Daniel and Rylee and Sonny, children of Susanne & Matthew. Please keep these families in your prayers.

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 this weekend **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.



HOME ROSARY



This week's rosary will be said at the home of Pushpa on Monday 29th June. Contact the parish office for further details.

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





MATER DEI CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

This year, Mater Dei Catholic Primary School is joyfully celebrating 75 years of faith, learning, and community. For generations, our school has been a place where young hearts are nurtured, faith is deepened, and lifelong connections are formed. We give thanks for all who have been part of our story - past and present and we look forward with hope to the future.

As we prepare to celebrate this wonderful milestone, we invite all past students, families, and friends of Mater Dei to reconnect with our community. A special way to do this is by joining our Mater Dei Alumni Facebook group, where you can find updates about upcoming celebrations, share cherished memories, and upload photos that capture the rich history of our school.

We warmly invite you to be part of this group and celebrate 75 years of Mater Dei together ON August 15th.

Your stories and memories are an important part of our journey, and we would love you to share them as we honour this significant milestone. You can find the link to the group on our School Facebook page.

Join us under the stars for **Music in the Moonlight**, a joyful evening of community, music and celebration as we mark 75 wonderful years of Mater Dei.

YOUTH-LED MASS - THIS SUNDAY!

A reminder that **this Sunday 28 June** at St Peter Chanel 5pm Mass is a Youth-Led Mass, with a special invite to all high schoolers and young adults from across the Parish! **We still need people to help serve** in music, altar serving, reading, Communion Minister and offertory – it's not too late to email Sam at samuel.mead@outlook.com to get involved. See you there!



POTLUCK DINNER - THIS SUNDAY!

A reminder that Potluck Dinner is **this 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 thameads@gmail.com. See you there!

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE-MULTICULTURAL MASS

Our parish is blessed with people from many cultures and backgrounds. As we prepare for our upcoming Multicultural Mass, we invite parishioners to participate by reading the prayers of the Faithful, in their own language.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich diversity of our parish community and to experience the universal nature of the Church, united in one faith and one Spirit.

If you would like to take part either in the Mass or bringing a meal from your country to share please contact the parish office. We warmly encourage people of all ages and cultural backgrounds to be invited.

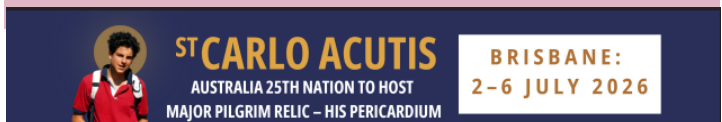


"There are different gifts, but the same Spirit." (1 Corinthians 12:4)

Let us come together to celebrate the many languages and cultures that enrich our parish family.

Msgr. Anthony Figueiredo from Assisi, Italy is travelling with a **major relic of St Carlos Acutis** to Australia, over the next couple of weeks. St Carlos' relic is due to travel to many dioceses around Australia, and I wanted to let you know that in your deanery, St Stephen's Cathedral (Brisbane) and Our Lady of Victories (Bowen Hills) will be hosting it. The Cathedral will have it on **Thursday 2nd July**, and Our Lady of Victories on **Saturday 4th July**.

Please find below a list of dates and churches:



DISCOVER ST CARLO'S 5 STEPS TO HOLINESS

Thursday 2nd July

St. Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane

10:30-11:30AM – Confession
10:30-12:15PM – Adoration
12:30PM – Mass
1:00-4:00PM – Talk & Veneration
10:00AM-4:00PM – Exhibition

Stella Maris, Maroochydore

7:00PM – Rosary
7:30PM – Talk
8:00PM – Veneration

Friday 3rd July

Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra

9:00AM – Mass
9:45AM – Veneration
10:30AM – Rosary
11:00AM – Family Sausage Sizzle
12:30PM – Talk
1:15PM-3:00PM – Veneration, Adoration & Confession
2:40PM – Rosary
10:00AM-3:00PM – Exhibition

Mary Immaculate (Oratory), Annerley

7:00PM – Rosary
7:30PM – Talk
8:00PM – Veneration

Saturday 4th July

Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills

6:30AM – Adoration, Confession, Rosary/Chaplet
7:00AM – Mass
7:30AM – Talk
7:50AM – Blessings with relic
8:00AM – Adoration & Rosary
8:30AM – Breakfast

Saturday 4th July cont.

Little Flower, Kedron

10:00AM – Procession of Relic, Morning Prayer (Lauds) with Reflection/Talk
11:00AM – Veneration
12:00PM – Holy Hour
1:00PM – BBQ Lunch
2:30PM – Talk
3:30PM – Rosary
4:00PM – Confession
5:00PM – Mass
6:00PM – Veneration
10:00AM-7:00PM – Exhibition

Sunday 5th July

The Church of The Twelve Apostles, Jindalee

8:00AM – Mass
9:00AM – Talk & Veneration
10:00AM – Rosary
10:30AM – Adoration & Confession
3:00PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:30PM – Youth/young adults: Talk & Veneration
5:30PM – Mass
6:30-7:00PM – Veneration
9:00AM-5:30PM – Exhibition

Monday 6th July

Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters

9:00AM – Mass
9:45AM – Veneration
10:30AM – Morning tea
11:00AM – Rosary
12:30AM – BBQ
1:30AM-4:00PM – Talk, Adoration & Confession
9:00AM-4:00PM – Exhibition

**Msgr. Anthony Figueiredo from Assisi will deliver the Talks and Homilies. Rosaries will feature reflections by St. Carlo. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition was created and designed by St. Carlo.*



The St Johns Wood The Gap Conference of Vinnies would like to sincerely thank our Parish Community, St Peter Chanel and Mater Dei School communities for their generous support of our 2026 Winter Appeal. Your continued support of Vinnies is greatly appreciated. God bless. Kevin Bray President"

Invitation to an Anointing Mass

An invitation is extended to the people of the Archdiocese to attend the monthly Anointing Mass at:

St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 3rd July, 2026 at 7.30pm. Fr. Charlie Al Boustany, Franciscan Friar, Kedron Parish, will be the celebrant.

The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the Mass and further prayer ministry will be available after Mass.

For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com
Sponsored by CCR Bardon.



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.

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



As the parish journeys towards Divine Renovation we invite you to ask the Holy Spirit to help you discern what you can do to help our parish go from Maintenance to a Missionary church. We all have talents make yours count!

A vocation view: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

Jesus calls us to focus on heavenly things, where we will be fulfilled in following the call of God. "Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for My sake will find it."

Please pray for vocations

Scan the QR code to find out more, or call 1300 133 544
www.vocationbrisbane.com
Follow us on socials @vocationbrisbane

"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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