



St John's Wood The Gap Parish Bulletin

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

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14th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: [Zech 9:9-10](#)

See how humbly your king comes to you!

Second Reading: [Romans 8:9,11-13](#)

If by the spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Gospel: [Matthew 11:25-30](#)

I am gentle and humble of heart.



[Readings and Reflections](#)

PRAYING with CHILDREN
SUNDAY LITURGY

TWO-MINUTE HOMILY

Fourteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Fr Peter Dillon



Fr Peter reminds us that we often come to know God not through complexity, but through the simple faith and lived witness of ordinary people. [Watch now.](#)

Deceased

Antonio Ferrante, Kay Elsdon, Valma O'Brien, Gloria Guest, Lenore Geraghty, Claire Evans

Anniversary

Evelyn Newman, Nick Delaney

Sick

Bev Dick, Frank Monloney, Bruno Cadet, Shane Abrams, 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:

JESUS LIGHTENS OUR BURDENS

A yoke is a wooden beam used to connect two oxen who pull a heavy load, in which an older well-trained ox is yoked with a younger untrained ox. The older animal takes the greater load and effectively teaches the younger how to work.

In Jewish tradition, 'yoke' often referred to the Law which every righteous Jew follows. To speak of 'the yoke of the Law' acknowledged the authority (and burden) of the Torah (the five books of Moses), together with the oral interpretation of that Law by the Jewish sages, which totalled six hundred and thirteen specific commandments. Observance of these commandments was a sign of faithful commitment to God.

The Law was good, but for some the yoke was a burden, due to the requirement of meticulous observance of all aspects of the Law. In contrast, Jesus invites those who feel overburdened to come to him, and he tells them, "My yoke is easy and my burden light."

Does this mean that following Jesus is the lightweight option? This would be an easy conclusion, but in fact it is about conversion of heart and mind rather than mere compliance with rules and regulations.

Matthew is writing to a largely Jewish audience, so it is important to explain how Jesus regards the Law. Jesus himself tells us that he has not come to abolish the Law, but rather to fulfil it. He commends those who follow the Law and promises that they will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

In chapter five of this gospel, Jesus states several precepts from the Law of Moses, but then says, "You have heard it said, but I say this to you." What he does is affirm the Law, but he then radicalises it.

For example, he says, "You shall not kill, and whoever kills another person must answer for it before the court." He then goes on to demand something more than refraining from homicide. What he asks is that no one harbours anger or resentment in their heart. Instead, they are to be reconciled with their brother, sister, or neighbour, and make peace with them, which is at the very heart of the Law.

Why then does Jesus promise that "my yoke is easy and my burden light?" His promise to those who are weary and burdened is that he will share their burden, walk with them, and help them carry their load; like the older ox, helping the younger. We do not have to do all the heavy lifting, for Jesus promises that he will be our companion and we can rely on him.

The yoke also serves to keep us on track, prevents from wandering off the path, and guides us in an enduring relationship with Jesus.

Life has its challenges and these come the way of all of us, but the knowledge that we are not alone makes a difference, and we are able to move forward, mindful that we have a faithful and committed companion on the journey.

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WELCOMING SUNDAY

Don't forget this 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. As part of our **Divine Renovation program** where **hospitality** is a key initiative, we ask that **you** be part of growing our parish by helping to greet people.

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.



Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Monday 06/07/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 14	9am	Mater Dei
Wednesday 08/07/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 14	9am	SPC
Thursday 09/07/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 14	9am	SPC
Friday 10/07/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 14	9am-Anointing Mass	Mater Dei
Saturday 11/07/2026	Vigil Mass (St Benedict, abbot)	5.30pm	Mater Dei
Sunday 12/07/2026	15th 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.

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.



~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 (to be held in office due to funeral)

* No Mahjong 9th July

* Friday at MD

6-7pm Adoration

Dates to save:

* **Multicultural Mass August 23rd**

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

* **Mater Dei Family Mass 26th July**

This week we celebrate NAIDOC week.

This year marks a half a century of NAIDOC Week, an event devoted to strengthening and celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures. With the theme 50 Years of Deadly, it begins on Sunday.



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HOME ROSARY

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Pushpa on Monday 6th July. 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.

THE REPORTABLE CONDUCT SCHEME IS UPON US!

Dear all,

Wednesday, 1 July, 2026, sees the commencement of the Queensland Reportable Conduct Scheme. As a religious body the Archdiocese of Brisbane is within scope of the scheme under the *Child Safe Organisations Act 2024* placing an onus on us to report any concerns involving a current or former worker of a reportable allegation or conviction to the Queensland Family and Child Commission.

Fines of almost \$17000 apply if there is a failure to report under the scheme.

Reportable Conduct includes:

- * A child sexual offence.
- * Sexual misconduct committed in relation to, or in the presence of, a child.
- * Physical violence in relation to, or in the presence of, a child.
- * Significant neglect of a child.
- * Behaviour that causes significant emotional/ psychological harm to a child.
- * Ill-treatment of a child.

A 15-minute Reportable Conduct Scheme training module was released on 21 April, 2026, to all workers...**including volunteers**. As of today, 1563 volunteers have completed the training and 2986 are yet to complete the training. It would be appreciated if you would remind your colleagues and volunteers to complete the training as a matter of priority. For ease of reference, a copy of the training module is also available on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r3305FX2k7I>.

Office for Safeguarding Services



PLEASE BE ADVISED:

There will be no Mahjong held on Thursday 9th July, 2026 Thank You

DO YOU KNOW WHAT NAIDOC STANDS FOR?



On 26 January 1938, while many Australians celebrated the 150th anniversary of the landing of the First Fleet, a group of over 1000 Aboriginal people gathered at Australia Hall in Sydney to call for full citizenship status and laws to improve the lives of First Nations people. As one of the first major civil rights gatherings in the world, this day became known as the Day of Mourning. Since then, National NAIDOC Week has grown to become both a commemoration of the first Day of Mourning as well as a celebration of the history, culture and excellence of First Nations people. National NAIDOC Week is observed annually from the first Sunday in July until the following Sunday.



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



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Australia**

Come, Rest, Pray and Reflect – a Retreat Day for you

You are warmly invited to a retreat day of rest, prayer and reflection. God's deepest communication happens when we listen with an open heart – both in our personal lives and communally.

We will also taste the experience of spiritual conversation together, and practice being attentive to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our hearts in discernment, closing the day with an invitation to receive the Eucharist.

Details: Saturday 1 August 2026, 9am to 3pm, JISA Faber Centre 111 Sir Samuel Griffith Drive, Bardon.

\$35 including retreat materials and morning tea. *Please BYO lunch.*

More details and to register: <https://jisa.org.au/retreat/come-and-rest-pray-and-reflect-retreat-day-bardon-qld/> or call 1300 392 636.



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".

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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.



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: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – A (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday)

When we follow the Lord, His yoke is easy, and His burden is light. Seek Jesus and the fullness of His call, that you might find rest for your soul.

Please pray for vocations



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