



St John's Wood The Gap Parish Bulletin

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

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22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: [Jer 20:7-9](#)

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

Second Reading: [Rom 12:1-2](#)

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel: [Matthew 16:21-27](#)

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.



Readings and Reflections

PRAYING with CHILDREN
SUNDAY LITURGY

<https://majellan.media/childrens-bulletin/>

TWO-MINUTE HOMILY

Twenty-Second
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Dcn Hugo Silva



Deacon Hugo reflects on the moment when Jesus shares with His disciples the hard truth that He is destined to suffer grievously and be put to death.

[Watch now.](#)

Deceased

Anniversary

Martin Eastwood, Pat Page

Sick

Bronny Hensley, Jane McEnvoy, Robert Minns, Bev Dick, Frank Moloney, Bruno Cadet, Shane Abrams, Richard King, Beth Kloza, Peter Maher, Peter Townsen, Val Bonney, Julie Allen, Philomena (Nellie's mum), Trish Crawshaw, Carmel Herbert, Christy Murphy, Jim Johnson, Mary Thomas, 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

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN 2026

This year has brought its own set of challenges and rewards, reminding us of the strength and resilience found through our faith. We have much to be thankful for as a parish. Out of all the things to be grateful for, I am most grateful for your continued support which makes a significant impact on the work that we do as one Church.

Today, we will hear an especially prepared homily from Archbishop Shane Mackinlay, to share the importance of the Annual Catholic Campaign and how we can continue to be blessed and bless others in our daily lives.

The Annual Catholic Campaign reminds us that we are part of the larger Church. Our parishes work together to support vital ministries and services. Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish, such as:

- training future priests
- caring for elderly priests when they become frail and unwell
- helping struggling families access a Catholic education
- caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our local community
- supporting community-driven ministries that make a profound impact in our own parish and immediate social groups.

I encourage you to support the Annual Catholic Campaign as there are many who need our care, and this campaign reaches out to those who need our support most.

When making your gift, please put your donation inside the envelope so it remains separate from the parish collection. If you add your details to the envelope, you will receive a tax receipt in the mail. Of course, if you prefer, you can also give online by scanning the QR code on the envelope, or going to: www.catholiccampaign.com.au

Over the past years, our parish has given generously and together we have made a lasting impact on the lives of so many people in our community.

Thank you for your faithful generosity and for making sure our Church continues to be a source of hope, compassion, and service for those who need it most.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 5.30PM MASS AT MATER DEI THIS SATURDAY BECAUSE OF THE MUSIC IN THE MOONLIGHT.



Majella would like to thank everyone who was involved and helped with the Parish Confirmation program. Your help, as always is deeply appreciated. In total we had 45 children from both schools who received the Sacrament during the week. Please keep them in your prayers.



Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Monday 31/08/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 22	9am	Mater Dei
Wednesday 02/09/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 22	9am	SPC
Thursday 03/09/2026	St Gregory the Great, pope doctor	9am	SPC
Friday 04/09/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 22	9am	Mater Dei
Saturday 05/09/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 22	5.30pm	Mater Dei
Sunday 06/09/2026	23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	8am 10am 5pm	SPC Mater Dei SPC

A Heartfelt Thank You to Trisha Worgan

For more than forty years, Trisha Worgan has faithfully and generously served the Mater Dei Parish community in a variety of capacities, including Music Coordinator, Choir Coordinator, and Liturgy Coordinator. Through her dedication, commitment, and love for the parish, she has enriched our liturgical life and helped countless people encounter God through prayer, music, and worship.

As Trisha has now decided to step back from these ministries, we take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for her many years of outstanding service. Her contribution to our parish community has been immense, and we are deeply grateful for the gifts she has shared so generously over the decades.

At the same time, I am pleased to announce that **Cathy Kruij** has accepted the role of Liturgy Coordinator and has commenced in this position. We thank Cathy for her willingness to serve our parish in this important ministry and assure her of our encouragement and support.

As Trisha begins this new chapter, we accompany her with our prayers and heartfelt thanks. We also pray for Cathy as she takes on this responsibility, that she may be blessed in her ministry and supported by the goodwill, assistance, and active participation of our parish community.

Dear sisters and brothers, on your behalf I offer this prayer for both of them

Loving God, we thank you for the many years of faithful service that Trisha has given to our parish community. Bless her abundantly for the joy, dedication, and gifts she has shared in leading us in prayer, music, and worship. Grant her good health, peace, and happiness in this new season of life.

We also ask your blessing upon Cathy as she begins her ministry as Liturgy Coordinator. Fill her with wisdom, enthusiasm, and a spirit of service. May she be strengthened by your grace and supported by our parish community as she undertakes this important role.

May your Holy Spirit guide and bless them both, and may they always know your love and presence in their lives. **Amen**

MATER DEI ROSTERS

The new rosters for all the Masses at Mater Dei are being prepared for October 2026 through to and including March 2027. If you wish to join the roster for any of the Ministries – Coordinator, Reader, Minister of Communion - training and support can be provided. Some roles will require volunteers to complete Safeguarding instruction which can be supported through the Parish Office.

Please contact Annie Kirwan on 0416 192 411 or via email, annie3011@hotmail.com to register your interest or discuss any of the roles further.



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HOME ROSARY

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Brian & Bernadette on Monday 31st August. Contact the parish office for further details.

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



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

As always, our Parish YA Group is on every Monday night. After a change of plans, this Monday (31 August) we're going bowling – a great opportunity to come for the first time and/or bring a friend! Next Monday (7 September) we'll be back at SPC from 6:30-8pm for dinner and Scripture reflection. If you've finished high school (18-30), we'd love to meet you! To get connected and stay up-to-date with what's on (and to RSVP for bowling), join our YA Group Chat by texting Lauren on 0487 635 721.

AUGUST YOUTH-LED MASS-THIS SUNDAY

We hope to see you (no matter your age) at our Parish YLM **this Sunday, 30 August, at 5pm Mass at St Peter Chanel** – As always, a special invite is extended to all high schoolers and young adults. It's not too late to serve through reading, singing, altar serving, operating the computer or taking up the gifts at the Offertory.



To get involved, contact **Sam Mead** at samuel.mead@outlook.com or 0491 149 607. (Contrary to what is advertised on the YLM posters, there will not be Potluck Dinner after this YLM because of the Multicultural Lunch only one week ago.)



75th Afternoon Tea

On Saturday 15 August, our Mater Dei community gathered for a truly special 75th Anniversary Alumni Afternoon Tea. It was a wonderful celebration and reunion, with past students and staff reconnecting, sharing cherished memories, and reflecting on the rich history of our school.

Donna's tour of the school provided a wonderful opportunity for our guests to see how Mater Dei has grown while remaining faithful to its strong traditions.

We were especially grateful for the presence of Sister Clare, Sister Maureen and Sister Diedre, whose attendance made the occasion even more meaningful.



Thank you also to Mr John Robertson for his heartfelt final words following Mass. It was a beautiful celebration of faith, community and gratitude, and we sincerely thank everyone who joined us to mark this significant milestone in the life of Mater Dei.



This week, we joyfully celebrate our beautiful students as they take an important step in their faith journey through the

Sacrament of Confirmation.



As a Parish community, we warmly support and pray for them, that the Holy Spirit may fill their hearts with courage, wisdom and love as they continue to grow in faith. **Leah APRE**



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 table - no need to line up a crew beforehand. Numbers need to be finalised with the venue in advance, so please make sure you RSVP.

Details: The Gap Tavern on Tuesday 22 September
(** please note change of venue **)

Tables are booked from 6pm, with trivia starting at 7pm. It is free to participate in the Trivia. Optional to purchase food and drinks at the venue, or you might prefer to eat before you leave home RSVP by 20 September to donna.lynn@live.com.au



St Peter Chanel
Catholic Primary School, The Gap

A Very Special Milestone ✨

It was so lovely to celebrate our Prep classes' first class liturgy last week with their families and Fr Anthony.

What a special milestone in their Catholic schooling journey! This is just the beginning of many more liturgies and Masses they will experience throughout their school years.



We were incredibly proud of their confidence, especially as they shared the readings so beautifully. They did such a wonderful job!

A heartfelt thank you to our Prep families and Father Anthony for helping make this celebration so special.

Hayley APRE

Calling All New Altar Servers



Have you recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Why not take the next step in your faith journey and become an Altar Server?

Altar serving is a wonderful way for our young people to actively participate in the celebration of the Mass and grow closer to Jesus. By serving at the altar, you help the priest and the whole parish community to pray and **celebrate the liturgy with reverence and joy.**

It is a wonderful opportunity to build confidence, make new friends and discover that every person has an important role to play in our parish community.

If you have received Confirmation and would like to become an Altar Server, we would love to hear from you!

Parents are also encouraged to support their children in taking up the special ministry.

Come and serve Jesus at the altar—your parish needs you!
Please contact Cathy Kruip at Mater Dei
ckruip@bigpond.net.au or the parish office if you are interested.



Thank you to everyone who helped make our Multicultural Mass and Lunch such a wonderful celebration of our parish community.

Thank you to all who participated in the Mass, shared their cultures, prepared the readings, music and prayers and helped with the many tasks behind the scenes.

A special thank you to everyone who prepared and shared the delicious food, helped with the lunch, set up and packed away, and welcomed others so warmly. It was a beautiful celebration of the many cultures and traditions that make our parish such a vibrant and welcoming community.

Thank you to everyone who played a part. Your generosity, joy and willingness to share made the day truly special.



A vocation view: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – A (Social Justice Sunday)

Don't run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less-travelled road. "What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?"

Please pray for vocations



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

"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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