



23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: [Ezekiel 33:7-9](#)

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

Second Reading: [Rom13:8-10](#)

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Gospel: [Matthew 18:5-20](#)

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.



Readings and Reflections



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The goal of conversations is healing relationships not proving ourselves right. Life could be more rewarding when we speak the truth with gentleness, ready to forgive and have Christ in our midst. [Watch now](#)

Deceased

Thomas Wakefield

Anniversary

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



2026 SEASON OF CREATION

Themed "Living Water" (with the symbol "Immersion in Living Water"), takes place worldwide from September 1 to October 4, 2026. It begins on the World Day of Prayer

for Creation and concludes on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

"Praise God for Creation – Care for Our Common Home- Share Hope with Others."

As a missionary parish, we are called not only to care for one another, but also to care for the beautiful gift of creation that God has entrusted to us. During the Season of Creation, let us pray, learn and take practical action together.

This week's Gospel reflection: **IT'S NEVER TOO LATE**

Today's Gospel reminds us that relationships matter to God.

Jesus gives us practical wisdom about what to do when there is hurt, disagreement or conflict between people.

Rather than ignoring the problem or allowing resentment to grow, He encourages us to speak honestly, gently and directly with one another.

This is not always easy. It takes courage to have a difficult conversation, humility to listen and love to seek reconciliation rather than simply wanting to be right.

Jesus then gives us those beautiful words: **"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I shall be there with them."**

What a wonderful promise for our families and for our parish community. When we gather in Christ's name, He is present among us—especially when we come together in love, forgiveness and prayer.

Today, as we celebrate Father's Day, we can reflect on the important role fathers and father figures play in building strong families. Fatherhood is not about being perfect. It is about being present, loving, forgiving and willing to guide and encourage those entrusted to your care.

Our fathers teach us many things, but perhaps one of the greatest gifts they can give is the example of how to love through the difficult moments-how to say sorry, how to forgive, how to listen and how to begin again.

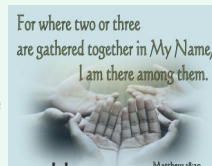
Today we give thanks for our fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, foster fathers and all those men who have been a fatherly presence in our lives. We remember with love those fathers who have died, and we pray for families where Father's Day, may bring sadness or difficult memories.

And perhaps the Gospel gives us a challenge today: **Is there someone in my life with whom I need to take a step towards reconciliation?**

Jesus reminds us that we do not have to do this alone. When we gather in His name, He is there with us.

May our families and our parish always be places where people feel welcomed, heard, forgiven and loved. And may we recognise Christ's presence whenever we come together in His name.

On this Father's Day, we pray for all fathers and father figures: may God bless them with wisdom, patience and strength, and may their lives be a reflections of the unconditional love our Heavenly Father.



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 07/09/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23	9am	Mater Dei
Wednesday 09/09/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23	9am	SPC
Thursday 10/09/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23	9am	SPC
Friday 11/09/2026	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23	9am	Mater Dei
Saturday 12/09/2026	Vigil Mass	5.30pm	Mater Dei
Sunday 13/09/2026	24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	8am 10am 5pm	SPC Mater Dei SPC



Celebrating 40 years of Service—thank you Tricia

A special plaque was presented by Father Anthony to Tricia in recognition of her 40 years of faithful service. We are truly grateful for all that she has contributed and continues to contribute to the life of our parish.

Thank you, Tricia, for your wonderful example of faith, commitment and service. May God continue to bless you abundantly for all you have given to our parish family.

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.



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.

ST JOHN'S WOOD THE GAP PARISH

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HOME ROSARY

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Gordon on Monday 7th September. Contact the parish office for further details.

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





FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our parish is entering an exciting new chapter. Guided by the Holy Spirit and inspired by the vision of Divine renovation, we are seeking to become a parish that is not simply maintaining what we have but actively growing as a **missionary community** – a parish

where people encounter Jesus, grow in faith and are sent out to share love with others.

At the heart of our vision is a simple desire to help every person know that they are loved by God and that they have a place within our parish family. We want our parish to be a place where people feel welcomed, valued and connected; where our existing parishioners continue to deepen their relationship with Christ; where those who have drifted from the Church feel invited home; and where those who are searching for meaning and faith can encounter the love and mercy of Jesus.

Our journey will be built around **3 important pillars: Growth, community, Youth.**

Growth:

We want to grow spiritually and as a parish community. Through prayer, Scripture, the sacraments, faith formation and opportunities to encounter Christ. We will encourage one another to become **intentional disciples.**

Community:

We want to strengthen the sense that our parish is a **spiritual home.** We will create opportunities for people to connect, support one another, welcome families and celebrate the gifts and cultures that make our parish community unique.

Youth:

Our young people are not simply the future of our Church—they are an important part of our Church today. We want to listen to our young people, involve them in the life and mission of the parish and create opportunities for them to discover and live their faith.

Our vision is not about doing more activities simply for the sake of doing them. It is about becoming more intentional in everything we do, asking:

“Where is God already at work, and how can we join Him?”

Through prayer, the guidance our Parish Pastoral Council led by Father Anthony and the participation of our whole parish community, we will discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

We recognise that renewal begins with prayer. Before we act, we listen. Before we plan, we pray, and as we pray, we ask the Holy Spirit to renew our hearts and our parish.

Together we hope to move from **maintenance to mission**, from simply attending church to becoming missionary disciples, and from being a community that gathers to being a community that **welcomes, grows, serves and goes forth.** This is our journey of renewal.

Come, Holy Spirit - Renew our hearts. Renew our parish – send us out on mission.

We look forward to **bringing our whole parish community on this journey of renewal, as together we listen to the Holy Spirit, grow in faith, strengthen our community and become a more missionary parish.**

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

This Monday (7 September), our Parish YA Group is on at SPC from 6:30-8pm for dinner and Scripture reflection. Next Monday (14 September), we'll go to Adoration at Mater Dei from 6-7pm before going out for dinner. 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, join our YA Group Chat by texting Lauren on 0487 635 721.



Season of Creation

September 1 was the start of the **Season of Creation** which ends on the 800th anniversary of the passing of St Francis of Assisi on October 4. The Vatican asks the Church and other

Christian communities to renew their commitment to creation through prayer, conversion, and concrete acts of stewardship.

Something for a laugh



A father was assembling a new wardrobe while his son watched. After three long hours, the floor was covered in screws, two shelves were backward, and the doors wouldn't close.

His son picked up the instruction manual and asked, “Dad, shouldn't you read this?”

The father shook his head. “No, son. Real dads don't need instructions.”

Just then, the wardrobe collapsed onto the floor.

His son stared at the pile of wood and asked, “What do real dads do now?”

The father sighed, pulled out his smartphone, and said, “We watch a tutorial made by another dad.”



Enjoy your week ahead.....

TRIVIA NIGHT

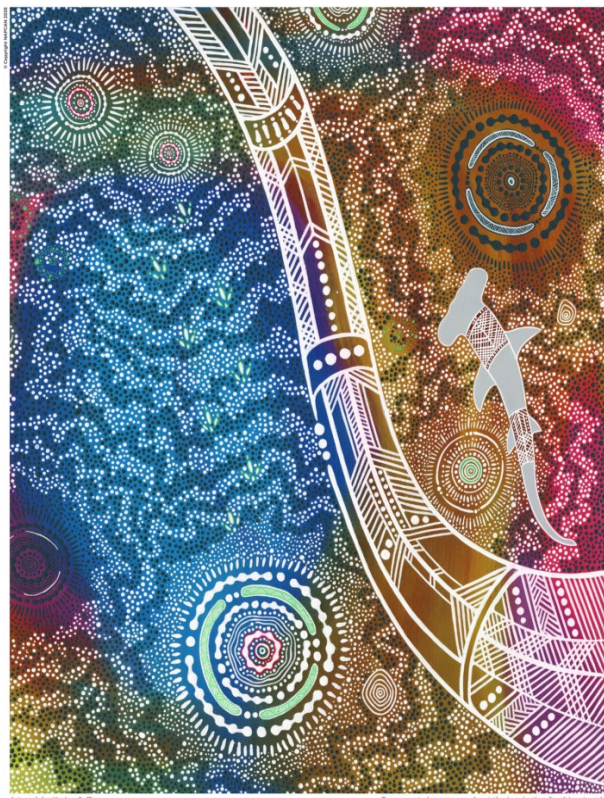


Everyone welcome. Come and join us for a relaxed night with plenty of laughter and learning. Our booking is split across 2-3 tables located closely together. You can sit on any table - no need to line up a crew beforehand. Numbers need to be finalised with the venue in advance, so please make sure you 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



Artwork by Karina Jeffrey Turn over to learn more about the inspiration for this artwork.

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NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
6-12 September 2026

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services

From Sunday 6th September-Saturday 12th September we come together to recognise National Child Protection Week is a time to celebrate our shared responsibility in creating safe, supportive, and nurturing environments for children and young people. Keeping children safe from harm is a responsibility we all share. When communities work together; children grow up feeling valued, protected and heard.

If you are concerned that a child in Queensland may be experiencing harm, is at risk of harm or may be neglected, you can:

- During business hours contact your nearest Child Safety Regional Intake Service.
- After hours call the Child Safety Service Centre on 1800 177 135 (available 24/7)

Together, we can create a Queensland where every child is safe, supported, and able to thrive.

NEXT SUNDAY IS SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

It is a day to pray for all who have experienced abuse or harm, to support their healing, and to re-new our commitment to creating communities where every person is welcomed, respected and safe.

Protecting children is
EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

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



Caritas Australia's Women for the World Appeal

Safe childbirth shouldn't depend on luck. But in Papua New Guinea, many women still face pregnancy and childbirth without access to the care, equipment and support they need. Health centres are often under-resourced, and distance, cost and extreme weather can make reaching care a challenge.

By supporting Caritas Australia's Women for the World appeal, you can help upgrade rural health centers, giving women a safer chance to bring new life into the world. Your gift today can help support safer pregnancies, safer births and healthier futures for mothers and babies.

Learn more or donate today at www.caritas.org.au/wftw

~THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH~

* Monday

9.30am Meditation
Group SPC

Adoration 6-7pm MD

6.30pm Young
Adults Group SPC

*Wednesday

9am Mass SPC
followed by morning
tea

in the parish office

*Thursday SPC hall

* Mahjong 12.30pm

*Friday at MD

6-7pm Adoration

2026
SEASON OF CREATION
Immersion in Living Water
Ezekiel 17:12

Join us for Mass
Celebrated by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay

12:30 PM WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane

The Archdiocese of Brisbane

Laudato Si'
Caring for our common home

EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS

SHIFTING CONVERSATION TO ACTION

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
6 - 12 September 2026

- ◆ 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.

A vocation view: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally! Jesus' stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them! Re-live them! **Please pray for vocations**



"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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