

# St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** [Is 53:10-11](#)

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.

**Second Reading:** [Heb 4:14-16](#)

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

**Gospel:** [Mark 10:35-45](#)

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.



[Readings and Commentaries](#)

**PRAYING With CHILDREN**  
SUNDAY LITURGY

Two-Minute Homily

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Fr Saldie Resolado OSA



Watch Now

On that cross Jesus exhausts it all for us to tell us we matter equally to him all the time, whoever you are, whatever you are, wherever you are. [Watch now.](#)

### Recently Deceased

Margaret Caradine, Bill Mahoney, Irene Tan

### Anniversary

Paul Quinlivan, Murray Dick, Gerard McCaffrey, John Healy, Neal Mooney

### Sick

Dorothea Feodoroff, Kathleen Cosgrove, Howard Hall, Robert Minns, Beth Kloza, Tim chen chen zuo Zu, Mary Thomas, Antonio Ferrante, Deborah Austin, Lorraine Stevens, Carol Black, Moira De Silva, Juliana Ryman, Lorna McConnachie, Margaret Sullivan, Bernie Knapp, Mary Davidson, Val Bonney, Ryan Ferguson, Linda & Andrea Pisano, Estelle Freney, Toni Bennett, Deiana Martin, Kathy Fraser

**WCCM** (Christian Meditation)

Monday at 9.30am Parish Office.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Mater Dei: Monday & Friday 6 - 7pm



THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD

OF THE PARISH OF ST JOHNS WOOD, THE GAP

After consultation, I have decided to appoint Fr Anthony Odionyenfe as Parish Priest of St Johns Wood – The Gap with effect from 13 January 2025 for a term of six years.

Fr Anthony arrived in Brisbane in October 2021, from the Diocese of Umuahia, Nigeria. He is currently Associate Pastor of Surfers Paradise parish. I am sure you will give him a warm welcome.

I am grateful to Fr Terry Nueva for his pastoral care of St Johns Wood – The Gap Parish and wish him well in his new appointment.

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you and may Mary, Mother of God, guard and protect you on your way.

Archbishop of Brisbane 17 October 2024

### THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: TO BE A SERVANT FOR OTHERS

To be human is to experience desire and ambition. To know a person's deep desires is to see into that person's soul. Desire for good, such as world peace or the end of global warming, is a positive urge of the human spirit. Other desires that focus on personal happiness and success can also be positive.

However, they may also become caught up with the 'dark side' of the human spirit leading to jealousy, blind ambition and ruthless disregard for others.

Throughout the drama of human life, desire and suffering are closely linked. This is evident, for example, in the works of Shakespeare: one thinks of the innocent, youthful desires of Romeo and Juliet, the dark and treacherous desires of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth, or the obsessive desires of King Richard III. In different ways, these desires all lead to tragic suffering.

The connection between suffering and desire is also a key insight of the Buddha who taught that all suffering is caused by human desire and that happiness or enlightenment consists in the elimination of all desires. How does this compare with the approach of our own Christian Scriptures?

The long history of Israel is one of suffering at the hands of external enemies and through internal divisions. Jesus' life-story is also one in which his efforts to bring about God's kingdom of justice and peace are thwarted by negative forces. Even Jesus' own disciples seem blind to his real mission and message.

Why are Jesus' disciples so dim-witted? In a word, they are so caught up with their petty desires and ambition for power and glory, they are unable to see Jesus for who he really is or to hear what he truly asks. They want to overcome suffering (as we all do); but they think the way to do this is in the worldly way of grabbing power, status and authority.

Jesus' response is to challenge their preconceptions: "Anyone who is to be great among you must be your servant; anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave." Suffering is integral to our human lives. In this sense, compared to the Buddha, Jesus is more radical by insisting his followers embrace suffering as he does: "Can you drink the cup that I must drink?"

Jesus is not glorifying suffering for its own sake but shows us how to place suffering in its proper context. The message is foreshadowed by Isaiah who links positive acceptance of suffering with liberation from sin and practising justice. Acting for God's kingdom means putting one's life on the line—and even, as in Jesus' case, giving one's "life as a ransom for many".

There is another form of suffering Jesus shares with us because, like us, he experiences human weakness – though, the writer is careful to add, "he is without sin" (Hebrews). Sin is the ultimate cause of human suffering often expressed in our wayward human desires.

Jesus shows us the way to purify such desires through a life of servanthood.

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Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Wednesday 23/10/2024	<b>Weekday, Ordinary Time 29</b>	9am	SPC
Friday 25/10/2024	<b>Weekday, Ordinary Time 29</b>	9am	Mater Dei
Saturday 26/10/2024	<b>30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME</b>	5.30pm	Mater Dei
Sunday 27/10/2024		8.00am (Father Ray Chapman)	SPC
		9.30am <b>(MD School Family Mass)</b>	Mater Dei
		5.00pm (Fr Stephen Byrnes)	SPC

## ST JOHN'S WOOD / THE GAP PARISH

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**T:** 3514 4100

#### [St Peter Chanel Primary School](#)

**T:** 3300 1202



### HOME ROSARY

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Pushpa on Monday 21st October.

Contact the Parish Office for further details.

### ST PETER CHANEL NEW MINISTRY ROSTERS

The current roster finishes at the end of November. A new roster for weekend masses at St Peter Chanel is being prepared for the 6 months - December 2024 - May 2025.

**We are in need of Co-ordinators, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers & computer operators, particularly for 5pm mass.**

For any volunteers we provide training for each ministry. If you wish to join the roster for any of the Ministries you are more than welcome. There is also morning tea after 8am mass, if you would like to join that ministry. **Please contact Ann in the Parish Office.**

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of October 8am – SPC Grandparents Mass**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of October 9:30am – MD Family Mass**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 5:30pm – Mass of Remembrance (As All Souls Day falls on Saturday this Mass will be held at Mater Dei)**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 5pm SPC—Youth led Mass and Pot Luck Dinner**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of December after 5:00pm Mass – Volunteer BBQ Dinner**  
(if you have anything you would like to donate towards our raffles on the night please drop it at the Parish office) Any assistance appreciated.

## menCONNECT

### Date Claimer

Guys, the speaker at our Gathering on 1st November will be Dr Luke Garske whose theme will be, "Loss and Suffering—my Spiritual Response".

Luke's work as a respiratory physician involves caring for people with lung diseases, with a focus on cancer and other life-limiting illnesses.

Luke and family are regulars at the Sunday Mass at Mater Dei.

The Gathering commences at 6pm in the Parish Hall, 41 Chaprowe Rd, The Gap. **Cost is \$15.00.** For catering purposes, would you please RSVP Mike by text on 0459 992 228 or email [menCONNECTsjwtg@gmail.com](mailto:menCONNECTsjwtg@gmail.com) before 29th October.

### A vocation View Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

Life's rewards are tied up in the spirit of service. Just as the Son of Man came to give His life, so too are we called through our profession of faith to serve others. Lord, we pray, 'Let your mercy be on us as we trust You to do your will.'

**Please pray for Vocations.**

**To find out more call 1300 133 544 or scan the QR code**



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



**DON'T FORGET ADVENT RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE as well as the COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2025 Cost \$10).**

### EVER YOUNG GROUP



Our group will be meeting Thursday 24th October at 10:00am. We gather in the SPC church hall for morning tea. There is no age limit! Please contact Lyn Dudgeon if you have any enquiries on 33001951.



**ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL P&F** are seeking people who would like to make any crafts to be sold at the schools Christmas stall on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November? Please contact the school office on 3300 1202.

### HAPPY PATCHES QUILTING GROUP

This week the ladies donated 42 beautiful quilts and 4 crochet rugs to Micah Projects who are a not-for-profit organisation committed to providing services and opportunities in the community to create justice and respond to injustice. These quilts will go to disadvantaged children who are in day care at their centre. I'm sure Moira will be looking down with a smile on her face. Great work Ladies!!!!



*Hope & Inspiration*  
Thoughts to inspire

### The Qualities of a Survivor

***"Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."* ~ Nelson Mandela ~**

A survivor possesses several key qualities that enable them to overcome adversity and emerge stronger from difficult situations. These include resilience, adaptability, determination, courage and resourcefulness.

**Resilience** is the ability to bounce back from setbacks and persevere in the face of challenges, showing that no difficulty is final.

**Adaptability** involves being flexible and willing to adjust to changing circumstances, seeing new situations as opportunities to grow.

**Determination** is the drive to keep going despite obstacles or setbacks, even when the path is hard.

**Courage** is the willingness to face fear and take risks to achieve a goal. It opens the door to possibilities that we might otherwise miss.

**Resourcefulness** is the ability to find creative solutions to problems and make the most of available resources, focusing on ways to move forward. Survivors are also often characterised by a positive attitude, a sense of purpose and a strong support system. They're able to maintain hope and optimism even in the face of adversity and draw strength from the people around them.

These qualities are a combination of mental, emotional and social strengths that enable individuals to overcome challenges and thrive in tough situations.

***"Dear God, grant me the strength to face adversity, courage to embrace change and perseverance to overcome obstacles. May Your love and grace help me to find peace, purpose and triumph in every aspect of life. Amen."***

Sourced from Majellan media

## LITURGY CORNER

### The Way of the Cross



Stations of the Cross is a popular practice in parishes during Lent. This form of devotion arose after pilgrims began to visit the Holy Land from the end of the 4th century to follow the path that Jesus trod in his last week of life. Christians who were unable to travel to Palestine themselves reproduced a parallel devotion at home.

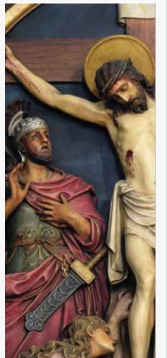
The Franciscans popularised the practice during the Middle Ages, but the number and subject of the stations was not settled until the 18th century. The fourteen stations that were established were a blend of biblical and legendary material.

There is no set way of praying the Stations and the Church has never provided an official ritual for the celebration. In 1975 the Congregation for Sacred Rites suggested a list of Stations of the Cross that is more in keeping with the gospel accounts than the traditional form. It begins with the Last Supper and concludes with Christ's resurrection. Recent popes have used yet another set of Stations when celebrating the Way of Cross at the Colosseum during Holy Week.

The terms "Stations of the Cross" and "Way of the Cross" refer to the same devotional practice. The latter may be better as it emphasises the spiritual journey aspect of the prayer.

Official guidelines for celebrating the Way of the Cross suggest that it is always preferable to choose texts written in a clear simple style and to end the celebration with a commemoration of the Lord's resurrection "to leave the faithful with a sense of expectation of the resurrection in faith and hope".

Elizabeth Harrington @ Liturgy Brisbane



### SOMETHING FOR A LAUGH



The 98 year old Mother Superior from Ireland was dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable. They gave her some warm milk to drink but she refused. Then one of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen. Remembering a bottle of Irish whiskey received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. Back at Mother Superior's bed, she held the glass to her lips. Mother drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had drunk the whole glass down to the last drop. "Mother," the nuns asked with earnest, "please give us some wisdom before you die." She raised herself up in bed and with a pious look on her face said, "Don't sell that cow."

😊😊😊😊😊 Enjoy your week ahead.....

## CATHOLIC MISSION SUNDAY



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

### SCAN ME



The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

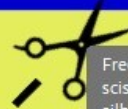


To donate online, pls click here – [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia)

One of our Youth Leaders **LAUREN DEEGAN** is participating in the World's Greatest Shave. Please get behind her and support this great cause. Go Lauren!

<https://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/fundraisers/laurendeegan/2024>

## WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE



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# November

I will be participating in the World's Greatest Shave in November.

To raise money and awareness for blood cancer.

If you are able to donate you can scan the QR Code or click the link at the top of the page.

The Leukemia foundation relies on community support, its goal is to reduce the impact of blood cancer on Australians. Every donate can make a difference in the lives of those affected by leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma.



Scan to donate

Leukaemia Foundation

### World's Greatest Shave



Hi, I'm Lauren



BP. MICHAEL PUTNEY  
MEMORIAL LECTURE

You are My Flesh and Blood  
The Ecology of God

**Tuesday 22 October**

7:00pm to 9:30pm | The Hanly Room,  
Francis Rush Centre, 196 Charlotte Street  
parking available

\$10 in person | \$5 livestream

Featuring guest speaker:  
ARCHBISHOP  
MARK COLERIDGE

RSVP Friday 18 October

SCAN QR CODE  
TO REGISTER



or visit [tinyurl.com/BMPLecture24](http://tinyurl.com/BMPLecture24)

### CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NETWORK



## 2024 THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

with Archbishop Mark

6:30pm - 8:30pm  
Hanly Room - Francis  
Rush Centre  
196 Charlotte St, Brisbane  
\$15 per person

WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER

Register today at [tinyurl.com/CCMNTThanksgiving](http://tinyurl.com/CCMNTThanksgiving)  
or by scanning the QR code



## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE CONGRATULATIONS

Our containers for change results so far. Don't forget the blue bins are at the back of the Parish Office. All monies raised goes towards the maintenance of the Parish. Thanks to everyone who donated their bottles. Keep up the good work.

