

# St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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## 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** [Jer 31:7-9](#)

I shall lead them back in mercy—both the blind and the lame.

**Second Reading:** [Heb 5:1-6](#)

You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

**Gospel:** Mark [10:46-52](#)

Master, grant that I may see.



## WELCOME FATHER ANTHONY

Fr Anthony Chijioke Odionyenfe, or simply Anthony, was born and bred in Abia State, Southeastern Nigeria. He is the third child and second son in a family of seven children (3 boys and 4 girls). His mother has since passed away but his dad is still alive, hale and hearty, he says. We welcome Fr Anthony with open hearts (and come to know him in small bytes each week)!



[Readings and Commentaries](#)

PRAYING With CHILDREN  
SUNDAY LITURGY

TWO-MINUTE HOMILY

Thirtieth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Bishop Tim Norton SVD



If we ask Jesus to help us see what He wants us to see, are we ready to respond with unconditional discipleship? [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, 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, Les Grimson, Carmel Selva

**WCCM** (Christian Meditation)

Monday at 9.30am Parish Office.

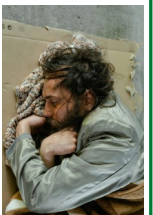
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Mater Dei: Monday & Friday 6 - 7pm

## THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:

### THERE ARE THOSE WHO GET IT

Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem and, on the journey, he has been emphasising what it means to be his disciple. Peter does not get it, refusing to accept that Jesus must die on the cross. The rich young man does not get it, turning away because the cost of discipleship is too high.



The sons of Zebedee, James and John, do not get it, asking Jesus to be at his right and left when Jesus comes into his kingdom.

Jesus arrives in Jericho, the last stage on his journey to Jerusalem, and he encounters someone who does get it. Now Jesus has performed many miracles to this point in the gospel, healing a deaf-mute, a blind-man, a lame-man, as well as the demon-possessed, but none are named, except this blind-beggar: he is Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus.

For Mark, the significance of Bartimaeus is that he demonstrates the characteristics of a real disciple. The twelve do not comprehend the mission of Jesus and they vie for power. The rich young man chooses to keep his money rather than give it away and follow Jesus. It is a wonderful irony that the sighted do not see, but the blind beggar sees and follows the Lord into Jerusalem.

In the time of Jesus, those with a disability had to resort to begging to make a living, but it worked moderately well as it brought together their need to make a living and the need for law-abiding Jews to give alms.

There is a crowd around Jesus and Bartimaeus senses this is his moment. He begins yelling at the top of his voice, "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me." Everyone tells him to keep quiet as it is embarrassing to hear the cries of a beggar when a distinguished person comes to town.

Like many cities and towns in our own day, the homeless and indigent are rounded up and kept away when community leaders want to make a good impression on important visitors. Sadly, we often want to make the needy invisible.

Jesus hears the voice of Bartimaeus and says to his followers, "Call him here." When he comes forward, Jesus asks him "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus may be wondering if he wants material assistance.

However, the blind-beggar comes forward, boldly knowing that Jesus is his only hope. His response is, "Rabbuni, Master, let me see again."

Jesus responds, "Go; your faith has saved you." Instead of disappearing, he follows Jesus along the road. Mercy is the gift of God; it calls us to a deepened insight into who Jesus is, a capacity to recognise our deepest needs, the faith to turn in our need to the Lord for mercy, and the compassion to reach out to the needy in our world.

Michael A Kelly CSsR© Sourced from [www.Majellan Media](#)

Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Wednesday 30/10/2024	<b>Weekday, Ordinary Time 30</b>	9am	SPC
Friday 01/11/2024	<b>All Saints</b>	9am	Mater Dei
Saturday 02/11/2024	<b>All Souls</b>	5.30pm (Mass of Remembrance)	Mater Dei
Sunday 03/11/2024	<b>31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.00am	SPC
		9.30am (Father Ray Chapman)	Mater Dei
		5.00pm	SPC

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**T:** 3514 4100

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**T:** 3300 1202

### 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 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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

'Master, grant that I may see'. The values we were blind to in our youth now become clear. Blindness gives way to vision through faith in Jesus. As children of God, we are called to do good things and to witness God's love. **Please pray for Vocations.**

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



### HOME ROSARY



This week's rosary will be said at the home of Anton & Ann on Monday 28th October.

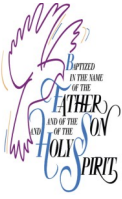
Contact the Parish Office for further details.

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).**

### BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND



**On Saturday** we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism at 11am at **St Peter Chanel Church**, Georgia & Elisa, daughters of Melanie & Alberto Harrison & Charlie, sons of Helena & Matthew, Malia & Eleni, daughters of Stephanie & Joesph, and on **Sunday at Mater Dei Church** at 11am we welcome Hallie, daughter of Emily & Matthew, and Miles & Carmine, children of Shasta & Andrew. We congratulate the families and ask that you keep them in your prayers.

**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 BIRTHDAY FATHER TERRY

Last Wednesday we celebrated Father Terry's birthday at the Parish morning tea after 9am Mass. The parishioners sang Happy Birthday as Father cut his cake, however he wasn't giving away his age. Cheers to many more!!!!



Hope & Inspiration  
Thoughts to inspire

## Shaping Your Future - One Step at a Time

*"Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try." ~ John F Kennedy ~*

As you enter this time of exams and new beginnings, remember that each moment is part of your journey. The effort you have put in has brought you here and every challenge is a chance to show your strength. It's okay to feel uncertain, but trust that you have what it takes to succeed. Exams are just one step on a path filled with opportunities and no test can define your full potential.

Take things one day at a time, do your best and believe in your abilities. What matters most is your growth, not just the result. When this chapter closes another will open, full of new chances to explore, learn and grow. You are ready for what comes next.

Keep moving forward with confidence, knowing that each step is progress and every effort brings you closer to where you are meant to be.

*Dear God, Give me peace and strength as I face these exams and the changes ahead of me.*

*Help me stay focused, calm and confident in the abilities You have given me.*

*Guide my thoughts and actions and remind me that I am never alone.*

*Thank You for being with me always. Amen.*

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### LITURGY CORNER: ADVENT



· The word 'advent' means 'waiting'. Advent is a time of *preparing* for Christmas, not *celebrating* Christmas (as the shops do).

· The season has three aspects – thanksgiving, Christ with us now, hope in future.

· The season encompasses three time dimensions – past, present, future.

· The season features three key figures – the prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist, the Virgin Mary.

· Advent has three distinct stages:

– the first focuses on the end of time when Christ will come again in glory;

– the second on John the Baptist heralding Jesus' public ministry;

– the last (the Christmas novena) on Jesus' birth and the role of Mary in salvation history.

Advent is in many ways difficult to come to grips with.

This is especially so in Australia where it comes at the beginning of summer, as the school and working years conclude and beaches and barbeques beckon. There is a tendency for the busy-ness of shopping, parties and planning for Christmas Day to overtake the rhythm of the church year. There is certainly no need for any reminder that Advent has something to do with celebrating the Lord's nativity. We are given ample advance notice of the approach of Christmas through TV advertising, department store catalogues, Christmas carols playing everywhere, and decorations on houses and in shopping centres.

The special focus of Advent can be summed up in the phrase "Here he comes". As we look back in time we marvel at how God's answer went beyond anything our ancestors in faith had dreamt of. Here he comes. A Saviour has been born for us, has died and risen for us.

And we look for him to come again, because we do not yet see the fullness of his Kingdom. This looking forward in time is the second meaning of Here he comes. The writers of the epistles read during Advent urge their communities - and us - to wait patiently for the completion of our salvation. And here he comes right now. Christ is present today in his Church in word, sacrament and community. We can see him in the faces of the poor, the suffering and the powerless. In this season, every Christian is called to share, through whatever opportunities the Lord provides, the good news that God has entered our human condition to unite us to him. Maranatha. Come Lord Jesus!

*Elizabeth Harrington @ Liturgy Brisbane*

### SOMETHING FOR A LAUGH



A grandmother was pushing her little grandchild around a shopping centre in a buggy.

Each time she put something in the basket she would say, "And here's something for you, Diploma." or "This will make a cute little outfit for you, Diploma."

Eventually a bewildered shopper who had overheard the comments, finally asked, "Why do you keep calling your grandchild Diploma?"

The grandmother replied, "I sent my daughter to Monash University and this is what she came home with!"

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time to connect with local  
young adults, dinner, input,  
live worship and adoration.

**When:** Tuesday October 29 at  
6pm.

**Where:** Emmanuel City Mission. 10A Cordelia Street, South  
Brisbane, QLD 4101 So excited to see you there!

**CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP TIM**

We would like to congratulate Bishop Tim on his appoint-  
ment as Bishop of Broome. His installation will be held on  
December 4, 2024

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**15-17  
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**STEP 1. Pray;** ask God to show you who is ready to start exploring faith and a relationship with Jesus.

**STEP 2.** Invite up to 3 people to come on retreat with you at the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. You may wish to give them an invitation postcard with your details on the back.

**STEP 3. Follow up** and register your group.

**STEP 4. Arrive at the retreat with your group.**



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**Seminary Applications for 2025**

Having concluded a year of the Canali Program, our aspirants headed to the Quo Vadis for Men weekend in August to make their final decision about pursuing an application for Holy Spirit Seminary in 2025. Those who have discerned to go ahead have been working to complete their applications, and will proceed to their interviews at the end of October.

Please keep them in your prayers as they follow the call God has put on their hearts.