



# St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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## 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** [Dan 12:1-3](#)

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

**Second Reading:** [Heb 10:11-14,18](#)

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

**Gospel:** [Mark 13:24-32](#) He shall gather his elect from the four winds.



TWO-MINUTE HOMILY

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Fr Anthony Mellor



WATCH NOW

In a world which seems full of things which are ready to crash down at any minute, we are gathered by God to hear the promise of God's eternal word. [Watch now.](#)

### Recently Deceased

Father John Begg, Christian Vanathas

### Anniversary

Anna & Josef Rebl, James Corkin, Katharina Robinson, Allan Feodoroff, Terry Eastwood, Andrew Mahoney, Doloris Menke, Terry Stewart

### 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

**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..... THE PASSING OF TIME

Next week, we will bring this liturgical year (Year B/Mark's Gospel) to an end, with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. Another year has passed. It's a fitting moment then to think about the passing of time and, indeed, of the end time and the passing away of the world.



So, in our last reading for this year from the Gospel of Mark, he writes about the end time. He knows, at the time of his writing, that his audience is suffering oppression and persecution and is thinking and expecting the end time is nigh. He writes to comfort and assure them.

The Book of Daniel, from which the first reading comes, is an influential apocalyptic writing from the Old Testament, well known among the Jews at this time. It tells of the oppression and persecution of the Jewish people in earlier times. In it the prophet Daniel proclaims the resurrection of the dead: *"Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."*

In his gospel, Mark writes about the end time in similarly apocalyptic terms that his listeners will understand. He recalls Jesus teaching his disciples that the things of this world and indeed time itself will pass away. "Heaven and earth will pass away," Jesus teaches, "but my words will not pass away."

As for when this will happen, Jesus tells the parable of the fig tree. When the fig tree puts forth its new leaves, we know that summer is approaching. In other words, watch for the signs of the times.

Not even Jesus knows – only the Father – when that time will be, but there is no doubting that an end time will come. There is also no doubting that God's designs will not be thwarted and that the reign of God will triumph.

But Mark's point is that, before the end time, the gospel must be preached to the whole world.

This indeed is our time and our mission. We, like the Christians for whom Mark wrote his gospel, live in the in-between time, the time between the time of Jesus and the end time. For us, as for them, this is a time for preaching and spreading the good news of the kingdom.

St Francis of Assisi urged his followers, "Preach always," adding, "and, *if necessary*, use words." We, as disciples of Jesus, are called to preach the good news of Jesus, to take the good news of God's abundant and steadfast love to every part of the world in which we live. We too must preach always in our actions *first and foremost*, in love of neighbour, compassion for the broken-hearted, care for the marginalised, and concern for those in need. Let our actions speak every day.

*Sourced from Majellan Media 2024*

## WELCOME

This weekend at Mater Dei 9.30am Mass we welcome the boarders from Marist College. Please stay and have morning tea with them.

## Knowing More About FR ANTHONY ...

Fr Anthony has a Bachelor of Philosophy from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome, a Bachelor of Theology from Pontifical Urban University in Rome, a Bachelor of Arts from Imo State University in Nigeria and a Bachelor of Religion from Imo State University in Nigeria.



As a young man he has been through moments in life, both sad and joyful and he believes that life always evolves... and every passing day is an opportunity to discover something new about life and living and how best to make meaning of it.

Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Wednesday 20/11/2024	<b>Weekday, Ordinary Time 33</b>	<b>9am –Anointing Mass</b>	SPC
Friday 22/11/2024	<b>St Cecilia, virgin, martyr</b>	9am	Mater Dei
Saturday 23/11/2024	<b>Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE</b>	5.30pm	Mater Dei
Sunday 24/11/2024		8.00am (Father Stephen Byrnes)	SPC
		9.30am	Mater Dei
		5.00pm	SPC

## ST JOHN'S WOOD / THE GAP PARISH

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Mon, Wed, Fri:- 8:30am - 3:30pm  
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**T:** 3514 4100

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

**T:** 3300 1202

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**Sunday 24th 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.

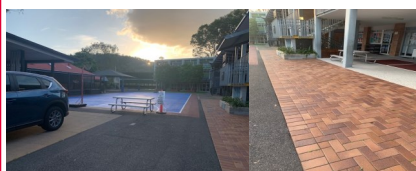
**Wednesday 11th December—Second Rite of Reconciliation**  
St Peter Chanel—7pm



**Father Anthony** will be joining us for the next **PARISH YOUTH LED MASS** is on the **24th of November at 5pm at St Peter Chanel Church** and we'd love YOU to be part of it. Even if you don't wish to participate come along to celebrate Mass anyway, invite others. Following Mass will be **POT-LUCK DINNER** in the hall so stick around afterwards too! (**DON'T FORGET TO BRING A PLATE TO SHARE**) . Contact the parish office for more details!

### MATER DEI PARISHIONERS—PARKING AT MATER DEI

Please be advised that if you wish to park behind the Church on the school grounds you can now park in the designated area before the netball courts as per the photos below:



**THANK YOU** The parish would like to acknowledge receipt of the wheel chair donated by Mater Dei School. This is to try and help our elderly parishioners who may find it challenging to get into the church.



### ST JOHNS WOOD THE GAP CONFERENCE OF THE ST

**VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will be conducting its annual

Christmas Appeal from the weekend **commencing 16 November**. Our conference sincerely thank our parish community for their on-going support of our appeals for which we are extremely grateful. We will have Christmas Trees in

place at both Mater Dei and St Peter Chanel Churches **until Sunday 8 December**. Your support of Vinnies enables us to continue to support those in our community who are less fortunate in our conference area. Should you prefer to donate online our account details are **BSB - 064 786 Account Number - 100026766 Account name—St Johns Woods. Please record your name as the reference.**

### BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

**On Sunday** we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism at 5:00pm at **St Peter Chanel Church**, Amelia, daughter of Lachlan and Evelyn. We congratulate the family and ask that you keep them in your prayers.



### HOME ROSARY

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Angela on Monday 18th November. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

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





**ST VINCENT de PAUL** are in need of two mowers in good working order. If you can help please contact Noel on 0413 731 105.

**FUNERAL MASS FOR**

**FATHER JOHN BEGG**



Our condolences to Father Begg's family and to his Marist Father's family. Father John's funeral will be held at **St Peter Chanel Catholic Church** on **Tuesday 19th November**, commencing at **10.30am**. Please keep them all in your prayers.



**LITURGY CORNER:**

**THE COLLECTION**



In the early years of Christianity, the faithful brought bread and wine with them to church to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist. What wasn't used at the Mass was given to the poor and needy. Later, people started bringing other gifts of food or money which were offered for the work of the Church.

In most parishes a collection of money is taken up during the Preparation of Gifts and the money brought forward with the gifts of bread and wine. This action is an integral part of the liturgy because our offering links us to the sacrifice of the cross.

Visitors to a Catholic Church are often surprised (and sometimes embarrassed!) when the collection plate comes around a second time at Mass. Having two collections is a way of separating donations for the support of the clergy from contributions to the cost of the parish services and operations.

**LAY COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Lay people who help distribute Holy Communion at Mass and to the sick are called *Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*. The word 'extraordinary' indicates that they are not the ordinary or usual ministers of communion – ordained clergy.

The ministry was first established by Pope Paul VI in 1973. Because more people were now coming to Communion at Mass and it was being offered under both kinds, the distribution of Communion had become difficult for the clergy to manage alone. Also, when the ordinary ministers are unable to take Communion frequently to the sick and aged, lay ministers are needed to take on this ministry.

The role of special ministers is to serve the assembly by distributing the elements during the Communion Rite, so they are Ministers of Communion not 'ministers of the Eucharist' or 'eucharistic ministers'.

Communion ministers are carefully selected and commissioned by the parish. They are required to undertake liturgical and spiritual formation as well as practical training.



*Elizabeth Harrington @ Liturgy Brisbane*



**ST JOHNS WOOD / THE GAP PARISH**  
**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Wednesday, 11 December**  
**Second rite of Reconciliation**  
St Peter Chanel - 7:00pm

**Tuesday, December 24**  
**CHRISTMAS VIGIL**

Mater Dei - 5:00 PM  
St Peter Chanel - 5:30PM

**Wednesday, December 25**  
**CHRISTMAS Morning**

St Peter Chanel - 8:00 AM  
Mater Dei - 8:30 AM

**Wednesday, January 1**  
**NEW YEARS DAY**  
9:00AM - Mater Dei

Weekday Masses **re-commence** on **Wednesday 8th January at 9am SPC**  
**\*\*\*Please note** that the Parish office will be closed from **Wednesday 25th December** and will re-open on **Wednesday 8th January**



**THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RITE OF RECONCILIATION**



Congratulations to the children from St Peter Chanel and Mater Dei who celebrated their Reconciliation during the week.

**END OF YEAR SCHOOL LITURGIES**

Time/ Day /Date	MATER DEI	ST PETER CHANEL
2.00 pm Tuesday, 3 December	GRADUATION MASS	
5.30 pm Tuesday, 3 December		GRADUATION MASS

**SOMETHING FOR A LAUGH**



Late one night a burglar broke into a house and while he was sneaking around he heard a voice say, "Jesus is watching you" He looked around and saw nothing. He kept on creeping around the room and again heard, "Jesus is watching you/" In a dark corner, he saw a cage with a parrot inside. The burglar asked the parrot, "Was it you who said Jesus is watching me?" The parrot replied, "Yes." Relieved, the burglar asked, "What is your name?" The parrot said, "Clarence." The burglar said, "That's a stupid name for a parrot. What idiot named you Clarence?" The parrot answered, "The same idiot that named the rottweiler Jesus."

😊😊😊😊😊 Enjoy your week ahead.....

It's World Children's Day!

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY  
a coalition of  
unicef



## WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY - 20 NOVEMBER

World Children's Day is an annual day of action to raise awareness of children's rights and improve children's welfare. The day also marks the anniversary of the Declaration and the Convention on children's rights. Every child has the right to be heard, feel safe, and be protected when engaging in Church activities, ministries and services. *Respect & Protect*.

### MATER DEI FLOWERS

We are looking for some new volunteers to help with the flowers at Mater Dei. It's a small commitment around once a month. If you can help please contact the parish office.  
Thank you



### UPDATE FROM LAUREN

Last Tuesday **LAUREN DEEGAN** had her head shaved for the World's Greatest Shave. Lauren raised over \$3002 for Leukaemia research and also donated her beautiful head of hair to make wigs for cancer patients. Lauren would like to thank everyone for their support and donations. Congratulations Lauren!

Before and after photos



**Break Open the Word 2025** has arrived for our readers. They are in the sacristy of each church. Your name will be on a list. Please mark next to your name once you have collected and paid. Many thanks.

On behalf of the Church in Mongolia, and people like Chuluunbaatar, we would like to again thank you for your generosity.

**Your gift is already working towards programs like the House of Mercy, which will support people that have been affected by a range of issues, such as homelessness and domestic violence.**

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work). Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia). Your action will make a positive impact for many around the world.

**GO AND INVITE EVERYONE**  
to the banquet



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia)



### WORLD DAY of the POOR

The World Day of the Poor will be observed on Sunday coinciding with the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year.

This year's theme is *'The prayer of the poor rises up to God'*, which Pope Francis says is based on a phrase from the Book of Sirach. The pope says the book is by the author, Ben Sira, who was a teacher and scribe from the 2nd Century BC who discovered that the poor are privileged in God's heart.

The 2024 celebration will be the eighth since 2017 when Pope Francis called for the third Sunday in November to be set aside for the poor. It comes as Rome prepares to welcome pilgrims from around the world for the 2025 Jubilee year.

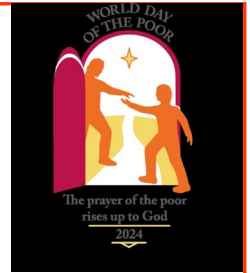
Speaking to the poor directly, Pope Francis says not to lose the certainty that "God is attentive to each of you and is close to you". And as the book of Sirach states, "the Lord's judgment will be in favour of the poor" and from poverty, therefore, "the song of the most genuine hope can spring up".

The nature of mutual benefit is stated in the World Day of the Poor logo. There is an open door and two people on the roadside. Both are extending a hand. While one is seeking assistance, the other intends to help. The two arms express solidarity, inviting the other to exit the door and to meet.

"We need to make the prayer of the poor our own and pray together with them. This is a challenge we must embrace and a pastoral activity that needs to be nurtured," says Pope Francis.

"Moreover, the worst discrimination which the poor suffer is the lack of spiritual care.

"The great majority of the poor have a special openness to the faith; they need God and we must not fail to offer them his friendship, his blessing, his word, the celebration of the sacraments and a journey of growth and maturity in the faith."



**Lord, open our eyes to the struggles of others. Fill our hearts with kindness and let our actions spread hope. Help us to show Your love in everything we do, supporting those in need and working for a more just and compassionate world. Amen.**

**A vocation Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - B**  
'As I keep the Lord ever in my sight ... my heart rejoices, my soul is glad ... You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence'. Let our vocation be to be one with God forever. **Please pray for Vocations. To find out more call 1300 133 544**