



# St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C/1

**First Reading:** [Is 62:1-5](#)

As The bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

**Second Reading:** [1 Cor 12:4-11](#)

One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

**Gospel:** [John 2:1-11](#)

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

## THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL REFLECTION

### KNOW YOUR ROLE AND THE GOOD WINE

This Sunday's gospel reading about the wedding at Cana is one that I am sure you find familiar—but which part of the reading strikes a chord with you? See, there are many different elements and layers to this reading, so much so that this reflection could be much longer and even include chapter breakdowns for the historical context of each line. But for today I want to focus on two points: One, **"know your role."** And two, **"the good wine"**.



Jesus and Mary are at this wedding as guests. It is important to note that a guest at a traditional Jewish wedding feast was not to step outside their role and start operating as if they were father or mother of the bridegroom or bride. That would have been extremely offensive and disrespectful. So, when Christ says "woman how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come," we are to receive that in multiple ways.

One point is that the wine is not the concern of the guests: it is of the family organizing the wedding. And "my hour has not yet come" takes the symbolism of the wedding and transforms it into the building of the church through Christ's sacrifice and the sacrament of his body and blood. The whole use of the wedding feast is a direct foreshadowing of how the church is to be built; this is why we often refer to Jesus as the bridegroom and the church as the bride. The wedding feast helps build the family; Jesus is saying the time has not yet come to build the church.

The second element, of using the good wine, is fascinating because it calls to mind how much we, as people, can be concerned with image, judgement, money, and so forth. That we would make a plan to save money and save face by using the good wine first, then swap it out when people don't notice. That way we can seem fancy but without breaking the bank.

Here Jesus is saying: I will perform this miracle, but you all must understand that the truly good wine is to be served and appreciated by the people who desire it. It is not to be used as a tool for status or as a party-trick. It is life-giving and should be given to those in attendance.

Just in this story alone, Jesus is offering multiple lessons while performing this miracle that serves as a declaration of his divinity and his ministry. But for the moment, I think that the lessons of "know your role" and "the good wine" are of most value for those of us in the pews. God needs us to know our role within the church and to do it well. To answer the call to action when presented but also understand that the feast we are at is not about us; it's about God and the greater church. It's about all of us and the ways in which we can serve Christ's mission.

God also needs us to value the sacraments and understand that we partake in them not as social tools for political weaponization or status. No, the good wine is not a resource for our egos, but rather an invitation towards holiness.

So as we continue in this new year let us play our part for the greater good of our church and let us believe in the power of the good wine.

*Sourced from Christian Murphy*

### **Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

I would like to use this little space in our parish bulletin this weekend to appreciate everyone for your warm welcome. However, change as we know is part of life, which at times can be discomforting but its value is never in doubt. So as we begin to gradually step into this subtlety of change let it be prayerful and hopeful.

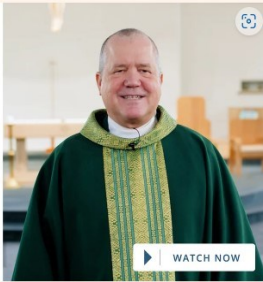
As days roll by we will gradually start again some of our parish activities that we had to cut down. Always check for announcements in the parish bulletin. Wishing you the best of the week ahead.

**Fr. Anthony**



TWO-MINUTE HOMILY

**Second  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**



Fr Bob Harwood

WATCH NOW

Our place in Mary and Jesus' family gives us trust and insight into a divine human who is here to be the very presence of God in our midst. [Watch now.](#)

### **Recently Deceased**

Howard Hall, Yvonne Harrison

### **Anniversary**

Betty Stevenson, Dawn Jenkins, Lesley Parsonage, Peter Ta Peng Huat

### **Sick**

Mike McAuliffe, Dorothea Feodoroff, Kathleen Cosgrove, 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

Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Monday 20/01/2025	<b>Weekday, Ord Time 2</b>	9am	Mater Dei
Wednesday 22/01/2025	<b>Weekday, Ord Time 2</b>	9am	SPC
Thursday 23/01/2025	<b>Weekday, Ord Time 2</b>	9am	SPC
Friday 24/01/2025	<b>St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor</b>	9am	Mater Dei
Saturday 25/01/2025	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Australia Day)</b>	5.30pm	Mater Dei
Sunday 26/01/2025		8.00am	SPC
		9.30 am	Mater Dei
		5.00pm	SPC

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE NO MASSES IN THE PARISH ON TUESDAYS**

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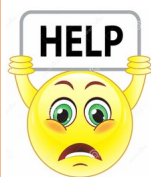
Gentlemen, our “main course” event of 2025 will be a **half-day Gathering on Saturday 22 February**. The speaker will be Fr Ray Chapman, SM, PhD, former Parish Priest, international Renewal Program leader and Spiritual Director and the theme is **“Intimacy: with oneself, with others, and with God.”** [*Intimacy is the ability to be aware of and care about your feelings towards yourself and how to be open in sharing them with others*]

The morning starts at 7am with the traditional cooked breakfast and coffee and concludes at 1pm. The location of the Gathering is the Parish Hall at Saint Peter Chanel, 41 Chaprowe Rd, The Gap. The cost is \$25 and please RSVP Mike on 0459 992 228 before 19 February for catering purposes.

### ST VINCENT de PAUL St John’s Wood/The Gap Conference



The St Johns Wood The Gap Conference of Vinnies seek new members to join our group. We have a roster where 2 members are rostered every 4-5 weeks to undertake visits to companions twice a week, generally on Tuesdays and Fridays. Training will be provided. Please contact Kevin Bray [0418875534](tel:0418875534) should you wish to join this important ministry in our community.



#### ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

“Do you have a spare room to rent for a young student?”

Paul (Phong) came from Vietnam two years ago to complete high school, and now has to find new accommodation. He is hoping to take up nursing.

If you can help, please call (Peter) on 0413 497 462, or Paul 0421 156 350.”

#### YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025

CATHEDRAL Dean Fr Anthony Mellor has encouraged Brisbane’s faithful to pilgrimage to St Stephen’s and encounter the renewal of the Holy Door as part of the Year of Jubilee in 2025. He said the Holy Door is an invitation to leave behind sin and enter into the grace of God’s mercy in a particular way.

The origins of the Holy Door are in the 15th Century with Pope Martin V who, for the Extraordinary Jubilee of 1423, opened a Holy Door to enter the Lateran Basilica. In St Peter’s, it was first used for the Jubilee of 1450. You can read more here:

[Brisbane cathedral opens its holy door for Year of Jubilee 2025 - The Catholic Leader](#)



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#### HOME ROSARY



This week’s rosary will be said at the home of Brendan & Donna on Monday 20th January. Contact the parish office for further details.

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



## The Jubilee Logo

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope.

That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards

humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: *Peregrinantes in Spem* (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters.



## SOMETHING FOR A LAUGH



A priest and a taxi driver died at the same time and were both taken to heaven. Upon reaching pearly gates, they both waited at the entrance, with the taxi driver ahead of the priest in order. Then suddenly, the gate opened in a glorious manner with trumpets blasting and the golden carpet rolled out. St Peter walked out the carpet, accompanied by the choir of angels singing, they greeted the taxi driver and brought him inside heaven.

Watching all this, the priest was eager for the same experience. Moments later, the gate opened again but rather ordinarily with no trumpet blasting or music. St Peter came out but there was no golden carpet nor were there any angels accompanying him. St Peter greeted the priest and took him in.

The priest was curious and so he asked St Peter, "Not that I am complaining but tell me something, why is it the taxi driver got a huge welcome reception to enter the gates of heaven while I got a rather modest one". "Oh well", St Peter started off, "when you preached, only a few people prayed but when he drove his taxi, everyone in the taxi prayed".

😊😊😊😊 Enjoy your week ahead.....

## A vocation View Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – C/1

God's Spirit is given to each person for the common good. What are your gifts? Be willing to share them for the good of others. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11) **Please pray for Vocations. To find out more call 1300 133 544**



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**PLEASE SIGN UP NOW!** Thank you to all the families that have signed up for Flocknote. We invite all of you and visitors to sign-up to Flocknote, our communication and engagement tool. Our Parish (and the Archdiocese of Brisbane) has officially adopted Flocknote for all parishes, as a safe, new, and improved way of communicating in parishes. Flocknote is free for parishioners to use, and there is no need to download anything. Your info is kept secure and private. It only takes a couple minutes to sign up to receive emails from the parish. You are even able to reply directly back to those emails so we can get feedback and hear from you.

As part of our transition period, we would like to invite our parishioners to register on our new database.

If you have any questions, please speak with the Parish office.

There is also a template of the registration form that can be printed for those who don't have access to a phone or computer.

If you need a paper form you will need to return it to the parish office and these forms will be added to Flocknote.

Parishioners and visitors are invited to use the link or QR code below and sign up and register with the parish.

<https://thegapparish.flocknote.com/register>

## REGISTER TODAY

- 1 Follow the URL (or scan the QR code) for your parish and enter your email address.
- 2 Flocknote will email you a secure 4-digit code to verify your email address. Enter this code to begin the registration process. If you are already registered, you can update the information we already have.
- 3 Register yourself, and your family much like a parish census form. You can enter as much or as little information as you want.

Your information is secure, and we will never share your information with anyone else. For more information, please refer to our Privacy Policy. <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/privacy-policy/>



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## FATHER TERRY'S FAREWELL MASS AND LUNCH

What a wonderful celebration for our parish community. Thank you to everyone (especially our MC Kevin Bray) who attended and showed so much support and messages of gratitude to Father Terry for his time in our parish. We would also like to thank the Pilipino community for the donation of their food and time in helping out. They graced us with their music and their friendship. One comment was "we didn't only get a priest but we gained a community". I would especially like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all those who contributed to the food and their time in helping in the kitchen.



Comment from one parishioner "It was a wonderful afternoon and I particularly enjoyed the beautiful singing from the choir. ♡"



We waited a while but the "lost pig" finally turned up and was delicious.

*Thank You!*

