



St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: [Gen 15:5-12, 17-18](#)

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Second Reading: [Phil 3:17-4:1](#)

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

Gospel: [Luke 9:28-36](#)

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.



[Readings and Commentaries](#)



TWO-MINUTE HOMILY

Second Sunday of Lent

Fr Minje Kim



Fr Minje Kim encourages us to be patient in embracing our darkness this Lent as our Lord will cover that darkness with His Light in the end. [Watch now.](#)

Recently Deceased

Anniversary

Bruce Bonney

Sick

Beth Kloza, Heiko Ertel, Peter Hadley, Jim Johnson, Mike McAuliffe, 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, 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

Dear brothers and sisters,

Lent reminds us once again about three actions prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These are practical steps through which we can live out our Lenten campaign. These three steps connect us vertically to God and horizontally to one another.

Through prayer, God draws us into an intimate dialogue of love. A sacred space where our frail humanity encounters God as Father and a great communicator. Through fasting we restrain our minds from sinful thoughts and through almsgiving we open the treasures of our heart and hand to our brothers and sisters especially the poor and needy.

Lent is an opportune time to live out concretely our Christian values but more so beyond it. In a world continuously torn apart by divisive rhetoric, policies that continue to threaten world peace, Paul's advice in the second reading this Sunday readily becomes an essential tool with which Christians can navigate by imitating Christ. During this season let us be encouraged to take up once again our baptismal calling as leaders by living good examples to people around us and those that we encounter.

There is another interpretation of Paul's advice in the second reading—one that speaks directly to the needs of our Saint John's Wood The Gap parish community, and it's a perspective I passionately share with you.

Dear brothers and sisters, every faith community requires spirited women and men to step forward as leaders in service to their fellow parishioners. Think of the apostles, who chose seven deacons (cf. Acts 6:1-15) to assist in the ministry of service. In the same way, to form our Parish Pastoral Council, our community both needs and desires spirited women and men from all ages and cultural backgrounds to fill these important roles.

You know them better than I do. So, I invite you, dear brothers and sisters, to prayerfully consider this calling. Reflect on those spirited individuals within our parish who are well-suited for this role and discern who you would like to nominate. Our parish community needs them.

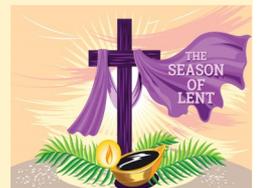
Wishing you a spirit-filled Lenten journey.

Anthony



A LENTEN PRAYER

Gathering God, draw us out beyond our cramped circles of care. Draw us toward the neighbour, the other, the outsider, the hurting one. May we practice compassionate hospitality. God of all hope, we know all too well a world of betrayal, despair, exclusion, and conflict. May we live into your alternative world of truth, hope, welcome, generosity, and harmony as we trust and follow you. Amen.



Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Monday 17/03/2025	St Patrick, bishop	9am	Mater Dei
Wednesday 19/03/2025	St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9am	SPC
Thursday 20/03/2025	Thursday of 2nd week of Lent	9am	SPC
Friday 21/03/2025	Friday of the 2nd week of Lent	9am	Mater Dei
Saturday 22/03/2025	THIRD SUNDAY of LENT	5.30pm	Mater Dei
Sunday 23/03/2025		8..00am	SPC
		9.30am (Father Stephen Byrnes)	Mater Dei
		5.00pm	SPC

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

PLEASE NOTE: Confession times in our parish will be held prior to these weekend Masses as follows:

5:00pm – Saturday Night Mater Dei 4:30pm – Sunday Night SPC

If a parishioner would like confession at any other time, they can speak to Fr Anthony after any mass.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The parish would like to invite you to attend the Stations of the Cross that are held every Friday during Lent at Mater Dei commencing at 7.30pm.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION WORKSHOPS

For all special ministers of Communion OR anyone who would like to join this ministry these workshop will now take place this **Sunday 16 March 11am at MD.**

SPC will be at a date to be confirmed.

PLEASE NOTE: Last week's Holy Communion workshops have been postponed until this week. They are now be scheduled to take place on:

Wednesday, March 19th @4-5pm & 6:30-7:30pm at St Peter Chanel Church

Thursday, March 20th @4-5pm at Mater Dei Church.



ST VINCENT De PAUL SOCIETY

"The Rosalie Regional Council (RRC) Western Diocese of the St Vincent de Paul Society is seeking volunteers for the following positions; RRC Secretary and RRC Treasurer. The RRC presidents meet bi monthly, for not more than 1.5 hrs, in the undercroft of The Sacred Heart Parish Office with meetings, planned on the following dates, 10 April 2025 and 12 June 2025. Should you be interested in volunteering it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact the President, Kevin Bray 0418875534 who can provide you with all relevant information."

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A MINISTRY AT MATER DEI?

The new rosters for all the Masses at Mater Dei are being prepared for April through to and including September 2025.

If you wish to join the roster for any of the Ministries – Coordinator, Reader, Minister of Communion please contact Annie Kirwan on 0416 192 411 or via email, annie3011@hotmail.com Training and support will be provided. Altar Servers will receive training from Cathy Kruij.



HOME ROSARY

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Anton & Ann on Monday 17th March.

Contact the parish office for further details.

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





**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Second Sunday of Lent 15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we
Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

Lenten Resources

Archdiocesan Ministries has developed a new Lenten reflection resource for the 2025 Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope", called *Start Anew in Christ*.



This resource is designed with both individuals and groups in mind, offering simple, easy-to-follow prompts for small group leaders to use each Sunday during Lent. Each weekday includes a short scripture text, a reflection upon it, as well as some thoughts to provoke prayer and discussion. **Cost \$5**

This Lent, embark on a journey of *metanoia*—a transformative change of heart inspired by the Gospels. Let this beautifully designed, 76-page, full-colour companion guide your spiritual renewal through daily reflections, Sunday readings and reflections, spiritual direction, prayers, and group discussion questions. The **Cost is \$10** and both books are available in limited numbers from the Parish Office.



An induction loop is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use please switch your hearing aid to 'T'

REMINDER: If you wear a hearing aid please make sure you switch it to 'T' position to allow you to hear clearer in mass.



What does it mean to discern?

As we pray for Pope Francis' wellbeing, we revisit some of his inspiring catechesis series on discernment, which formed part of the [JISA Discernment Series](#) during 2023/2024. Discover "What does it mean to discern?"

READ HERE



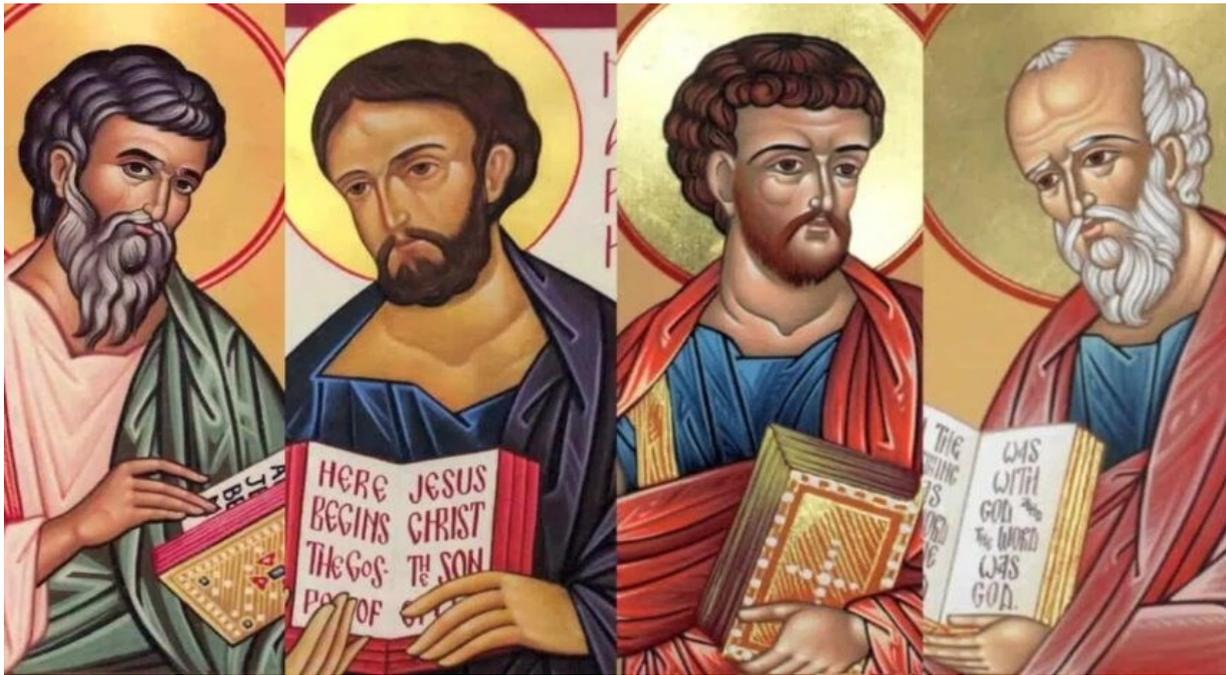
Palms Australia

Palms International Volunteering formerly known as Palms Australia invites you to join an intimate group of just eight to twelve travellers for an extraordinary journey that goes far beyond typical tourism.

Our Encounters program; **Timor-Leste from July 8-19, 2025** and **Samoa from 27th September to 4th October 2025**

At \$3,500, your Encounter includes accommodation, meals, activities, expert guides, visas, and in-country transportation. Reserve your place today by clicking on the link: <https://palms.org.au/encounters/>

FREE ONLINE EVENT – Journey Through the Gospels with Bishop David



Reading the Gospels with Bishop David Walker: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Bishop David Walker has spent a lifetime reflecting on the Gospels, studying Scripture, and exploring how they guide Christian discipleship. Now, he invites you to join him in a series of enriching discussion on the Gospels.

What to Expect: Weekly Gospel Video Access – FREE

- * Live Online Discussions Every Saturday (4:00 – 5:00 PM AEDT)
- * Ask Questions, Share Reflections, Seek Clarification
- * Connect with Like-Minded Catholics

Schedule:

Mark – March 2025 – 4 Sessions

Matthew – April 2025 – 6 Sessions

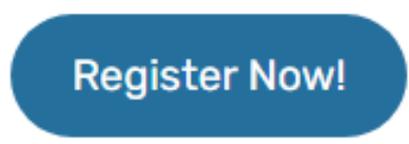
Luke – June 2025 – 6 Sessions

John – July 2025 – 6 Sessions

Ideal for **Parish Bible Study Groups** or anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of Scripture.

Sign Up & Stay Notified!

Get weekly reminders and video access before each session.



ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS

The Annual St Patrick's Day Mass, organised by the St Patrick's Day Parade Association, will be celebrated again this year in the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth Street at 10.00am on 17 March 2025. Fr Gerard McMorro will be the celebrant.

All are welcome to attend. And, for those who may be unable to do so, the Mass will be live-streamed on this link - <https://www.youtube.com/@ArchdioceseofBrisbane>

You may wish to pass the link on to someone overseas.

And we invite you also to join your fellow attendees for morning tea afterwards in the Hanly Room.



A vocation View Second Sunday in Lent – C/1

Are you listening to Jesus, the Chosen One? Be open to what he reveals to you. Let his message dwell in your heart. (Luke 9:28-36)

Please pray for vocations.



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