



# St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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## **PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD**

**First Reading:** [Is 50:4-7](#)

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

**Second Reading:** [Phil 2:6-11](#)

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

**Gospel:** [Luke 22:14-23:56](#)

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

### ***This week's Gospel reflection:***

#### **A PLACE FOR US IN GOD'S KINGDOM**

The liturgy of Palm Sunday is designed to reflect the dramatic mood swing that accompanies the events of that day when Jesus was triumphantly welcomed into Jerusalem, only to face his rejection and crucifixion a few days later. On one occasion, I experienced the excitement, especially among the children, when a live donkey led the procession into the church. More difficult is the challenge of helping the congregation adjust to the change of mood as we read the Passion a few minutes later.



This year the Passion is from Saint Luke. Unlike the Passion of Saint John, which we read on Good Friday, the narratives of Matthew, Mark and Luke are very different. John has Jesus in control: indeed, we could almost say triumphant, as he dies on the cross, "accomplishing" all he had been sent by the Father to achieve.

By contrast, in the synoptic gospels there is little to lift the darkness surrounding the events that lead to Calvary. However, in Luke, who was a doctor and throughout his gospel concentrated on Christ's compassion for the sick and the sinner, there are a few unique encounters, which are worth noting. Firstly, we are told that large numbers of people followed Jesus as he carried his cross.

Turning the attention from himself to them, he said: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children." Then, after he had been nailed to the cross, he offers this remarkable prayer to his Father: "Forgive them, they do not know what they are doing." And finally comes the intense exchange with the two criminals who were being executed with him. As one begins to abuse Jesus and challenge him as to whether he is the Christ, the other rebukes him with the reminder that the two of them deserve punishment, at the same time, noting that Jesus had done nothing wrong. Then comes his heartfelt request: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom," and the most wonderful promise in reply: "Today, you will be with me in paradise."

As we enter Holy Week, I suggest that we guard against being overwhelmed by the darkness of the events that surround Christ's Passion or even the darkness we may be experiencing in our own lives and times. Certainly, across the world there is a great deal of tension and anxiety as people view the rise of extremist views along with the dangers of climate change that are beginning to threaten the very existence of our planet. The pope has declared this year a Jubilee Year in which we see ourselves as pilgrims in hope.

Accordingly, I suggest we listen attentively to the Lord, praying to his Father to forgive us, with the promise – also to be found in St John – that he is going to prepare a place for us in his Kingdom, where there will be room for us all!

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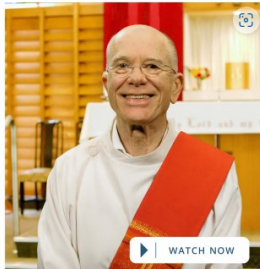
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TWO-MINUTE HOMILY

**Palm Sunday**

Dcn Andrew O'Brien



Jesus says little during His trial and crucifixion, yet His words are profound. Similarly, we can learn to say little and instead be attentive to suffering. [Watch now.](#)

### **Deceased**

Anthony Peterson, Robert Connelly, John Blythe

### **Anniversary**

Eileen Cahill, Joseph Sharpe, Robert and Margaret Minns

### **Sick**

Dorothea Feodoroff, Yvonne Harrison, Suzanne Black, 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, Les Grimson

**WCCM** (Christian Meditation)  
Monday at 9.30am Parish Office.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Mater Dei: Monday & Friday 6 - 7pm

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Dear Parishioners,

This is a gentle reminder of our commitment to nominate spirit-filled men and women, cutting across the different cultural backgrounds in our parish, well suited for the leadership role in our parish council. It is a moment of careful discernment.

**We now have a nomination form which is available both online and at the back of our churches (please see page 3 of bulletin for further information).**

Wishing you all a spirit-filled Lent as you discern whom to nominate. You can nominate yourself or one other parishioner for the role.

Kind regards, Anthony

Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Monday 14/04/2025	Holy Week	9am	Mater Dei
Wednesday 16/04/2025	Holy Week	9am	SPC
Thursday 17/04/2025	THE LORD'S SUPPER	7pm (Altar of Repose & Adoration till 9pm)	Mater Dei
Friday 18/04/2025	Friday of the PASSION of the LORD	10.30am Stations of the Cross 3pm The LORD'S PASSION	Mater Dei
Saturday 19/04/2025	HOLY SATURDAY (Easter Vigil)	7pm	SPC
Sunday 20/04/2025	EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD	8am (Father Stephen Byrnes) 9.30am <b>NO 5PM MASS</b>	SPC Mater Dei

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Mon, Wed, Fri:- 8:30am - 3:30pm  
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#### [Mater Dei Primary School](#)

**T:** 3514 4100

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

**T:** 3300 1202

### THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in our Reconciliation Evening on Monday night at Mater Dei. A very special thank you to Fr Jojo, Fr Ignas, and Fr Rodel for joining our community and leading us in this sacred time of reflection. Though our gathering was small, the spirit of Lent was alive among us — a time to return to the Lord with all our hearts. *“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning”* (Joel 2:12). It was a truly grace-filled evening of renewal, peace, and encounter with God’s mercy.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



This weekend the next group of children are receiving their first Holy Communion. We ask that you support these children through prayer and perhaps having a chat with the families after Mass. We welcome them and hope this is an experience they will remember and cherish for the rest of their lives. God bless!!

### CHANGE OF SUNDAY MASS TIME FOR MATER DEI

**PLEASE BE ADVISED:** To allow Father Anthony time to arrive from 8am Sunday Mass at St Peter Chanel to Mater Dei there will be a **change of Mass time** for the morning Mass **at Mater Dei to 10am. This will commence on April 27th** (Divine Mercy Sunday) and this will give Father Anthony time to speak with parishioners after the 8am Mass and to arrive safely at Mater Dei without rushing. We trust this won't inconvenience our parishioners.

## menCONNECT+ DATE CLAIMER

Gary last spoke at our night Gathering on 31 May 2014 and among other things outlined his vision for caring for veterans. Following his talk several members assisted him in establishing Veterans Care Association Inc. He is most grateful. The Gathering commences at **6pm** in the Parish Hall, 41 Chaprowe Rd, The Gap. The 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 6<sup>th</sup> May.



### HOME ROSARY

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Chris & Ron on Monday 14th April. Contact the parish office for further details.

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



### ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Single Working Middle Aged Male seeking Granny Flat to Rent or Room to House Share even if it's only Available Short term, Non Smoker, Cooks Meals But Always Cleans up etc .

Contact Kevin please on +61 435275728 Or Email [k\\_richardson@live.com.au](mailto:k_richardson@live.com.au)

*"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life's plan"*



### HOLY HOUR FOR THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

To celebrate the canonisation of our first millennial Saint, Catholic Collective are putting on a Holy Hour, with Adoration, Benediction, Reconciliation and the opportunity to pray with and venerate the relics of Carlo Acutis. What better way to celebrate in the way Blessed Carlo loved to pray.

For more info check out the event website <https://www.catholiccollective.org.au/stcarlo>

*"To live with Jesus, for Jesus, and in Jesus"*

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND?

There is a small group of parishioners who would like to attend the Carlo Acutis Holy hour and would like to car pool. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.



### Palm Sunday 12-13th of April 2025

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season. This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity.

*But the work isn't done yet.* There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent.



**UNITE AGAINST POVERTY**

this Lent

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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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### MAHJONG SOCIAL GROUP



There is a group of ladies who are interested in starting a Mahjong Group in the Parish.

Beginners are welcome and they would like to meet on Thursday's commencing on Thursday 24th April from 12.30 - 2.30 in the Parish Hall.

If you or someone you know would like to join the group please contact the Parish office.

**JUST A REMINDER** Don't forget to bring your project compassion boxes and envelopes to **Holy Thursday Mass**

and place them in the basket at the beginning of Mass so they can be processed in and placed on the altar. If you are not attending this Mass the donations can be left at the back of both churches.



### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Scan the QR or use link to join



<https://forms.office.com/r/VP4cuJ9UbU>

Copy link

The Pastoral Council assists in promoting pastoral action in the parish." The mission of the council is to play a co-responsible and collaborative role of leadership in our parish, alongside the priest, staff and the parish community. Any parishioner can nominate a fellow parishioner for a seat on Parish Council.

If you nominate someone for Parish Council, the person will be contacted and provided an opportunity to decide if they wish to proceed with submitting an application. Everyone nominated will be contacted for the next step of the process.

If you would like to nominate someone or yourself for the Parish Pastoral Council please use the link below or scan the QR code and fill out the forms.

<https://forms.office.com/r/VP4cuJ9UbU?origin=lprLink>

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE ON 30TH APRIL**

so please make sure all nominations are in by then.

### A vocation View Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - C/1

Surrender your life to God. You are promised eternal life. (Luke 22:14- 23:56)



Scan the QR code to find out more, or call 1300 133 544 [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com) Follow us on socials @vocationbrisbane





# Safeguarding Survey 2025



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OF BRISBANE

The protection and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is at the core of Church mission, and setting the right approach to safeguarding is important.

Please help us keep everyone safe by completing one of the below surveys.

## Child Safeguarding Survey (Children 5-12 yrs)

Parental consent required.



[Child Safeguarding Survey](#) (5-12 yrs)

## Youth Safeguarding Survey (Children 13-17 yrs)

Parental consent required.



[Youth Safeguarding Survey](#)  
(13-17yrs)

## Parish Safeguarding Survey (Adult)



[Parish Safeguarding Survey](#) (Adults)



## We value your feedback!

### SOMETHING FOR A LAUGH

An Irish bloke sitting at a bar in New York turns to the gentleman next to him.

“Hey there friend! Where do ya hail from?”

“I’m from Ireland.”

“No kidding! I’m from Ireland myself! What part of Ireland?”

“Grew up in Wexford.”

“Wexford?! No kidding! I grew up in Wexford myself!”

“Well, what are the chances of that? Say, what secondary school did you go to?”

“I went to St Peters Secondary.”

“St Peters Secondary! I went to St Peters Secondary! I’ll be darned! What year did you graduate?” “1979.”

“1979?!! That’s the year I graduated! What are the chances of that?”

Well as these two fellas are just flabbergasted at the chances of this meeting, another guy at the end of the bar is watching curiously. He calls over to the bartender and asks, “Hey, what on earth is going on over there?”

To which the bartender replies, “Ah nothing. Just the O’Malley twins drunk again.”

😊😊 Enjoy your week ahead.....

