

St. John's Wood/The Gap Parish

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Third Sunday of Lent Year C

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't Forget:

Date Change for Mass of Forgiveness: now

Wednesday 13th March.

men CONNECT

Breakfast

Next gathering on Sat 23 March - SPC Parish Hall, 7:00 am – 8:30 am. Good company, prayer and discussion. More details to follow.

****CHRISM MASS**

**Thursday 21st March
7.30pm @ St Stephens Cathedral**

Thank You

"The Society of St Vincent de Paul wishes to thank parishioners for raising \$5,200.00 towards the recent Bushfire Appeal and for their continuing generous support in aid of Queenslanders affected by recent flooding."

This week's Catholic Leader:

Only \$2.00

- Farewell to the Pope
- Peace activists –troubles of the Afghan people
- Possible 'job description for new Pope
- Sr. Julianne Hayes-Smith

Making a difference

We all need love and happiness for our physical and spiritual well being. Materials of this world are suppose to serve as a vehicle to help us discern God's love in the world but some are mistaken for believing that materials of this world can offer us love and happiness. The material world offers some comfort and makes life easier but this is not always the case. We can't deny the reality of the burden of stress and the pressure that we all experience from time to time. To ease the heavy burden of life Jesus offers us everlasting love and happiness which we can obtain from the spiritual world and that will bring inner peace and liberation. Inner peace can be obtained through openness to God, to nature, to one another and to have faith in Jesus and practice his teaching. When we place our faith in Jesus we know the way, truth and life because Jesus is the Way, Truth and Life. His way becomes our way. His truth liberates us from life's heavy burden and His life offers us life everlasting. When we fail to follow the teaching of Jesus we lose the inner peace. Jesus doesn't abandon us but gives us time to come back to him. The way of regaining the inner peace is to buy time. How can we buy when there is no seller? The dialogue between the master and the gardener helps to solve the problem.

For three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground. Sir, the man replied: leave it one more year and give me time to dig around it and manure it; it may bear fruit next year, if not, then you can cut it down. V.7-9

One more time is what the gardener asks of his master for mercy. One more time enables us to change, abandon our own affairs and self focus to make God, who is the priority in our lives. Buying time doesn't mean the 25th hour of a day. It means God's mercy born out of God's love given to us freely and God is active, patiently waiting for us to respond to God's love, to make a move, returning to God. God's mercy has the power to change our lives for the better, to make anew our lives and for better productivity. How often the Church offers us 'one more time'? It happens yearly at different liturgical seasons. It is the time to ponder God's mercy and love that is truly present in our lives and our troubled world. The Church offers it year after year calling us to return to God, to abandon our own will and to adopt God's will, to make anew our lives and return to God who is the Way, Truth and Life.

Fr. Vudinh Tuong



Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is kind and merciful*

Introduction: As we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, let us remain faithful to the penances we took upon ourselves as a remedy for sin.

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8

God called to Moses: "The place on which you stand is holy ground."

Second Reading: Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

All that happened was written down as a lesson for us.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9

For three years the tree bore no fruit; but give it another chance.

Parents' notes

Lent should be a different time. There are things in all our lives that need to be changed. We told the children that if we do that, we will open ourselves to the always-present love of God.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

For The Sick: Bill Holt, Margaret Lucey, Bishop Michael Putney, Dylan Child, Paul Sharpe, Liam Kennedy, Kate Chapman, Peter Eldridge, Margaret Crowther, John Bouman, Jenni Rolfe

Recently Deceased: Betty Marshall, John Croft

Anniversaries: Leonore Parker, Fred Price, Errol Davis

Rosary

The Rosary will be prayed at the home of Therese Fry, 21 Kinkade Ave., Ashgrove, on Monday 5th March, at 7.30pm. If you would like to pray the Rosary in your home please contact Bruce Bonney on 3300 2959 or the Parish Office.

PARISH EVENTS

Wednesday 13th March	Mass for Forgiveness	7.30pm	Mater Dei
Thursday 28th March	Holy Thursday	7.30pm	Mater Dei
Friday 29th March (Stations of the Cross)	Good Friday Liturgy	10.30am 3pm 5pm	Mater Dei Mater Dei St Peter Chanel
Saturday 30th March	Easter Vigil	6pm	St Peter Chanel
Sunday	Easter Sunday	8am 9.30am	St Peter Chanel Mater Dei

Please note: The date for the Mass of Forgiveness has been changed to **Wednesday 13th March** at 7.30pm at Mater Dei.

Welcome

This Sunday at 8am Mass we welcome the children who are to be baptised and their family members who present their children to the congregation.

After the presentation The following Sunday will be Baptismal Preparation after 8am Mass at SPC. The third and fourth Sunday's will be the Baptism.



Pot Luck Dinner

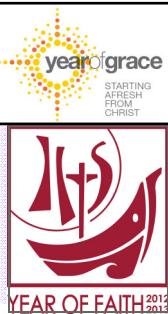
A big Thank You to the committee who organise the Pot Luck Dinner and thanks to the parishioners who attended the Pot Luck Dinner on the 24th Feb. It was a great night with plenty of food. Congratulations to Bill Reilly who won the raffle and a big thank you to little Sam Mead who helped to recycle and take out our rubbish for the night. We couldn't have done it without you, mate. Thanks

Please note: we hope to schedule our Pot Luck Dinners on the last Sunday of every second month. Dorene.

Our Lenten Journey

We wish to see Jesus Lenten Program is an opportunity to hear, reflect and appreciate the Word of God more fully. When asked what parishioners thought of the Lenten journey this is what they said:

- The Lenten Program proved to be positive and worthwhile experience
- Given me a better appreciation of what the Gospel actually says
- An enlightening experience with a group of wonderful people. To make new friends and renew my friendship with Jesus.
- To help me hear Jesus' voice more dearly in my life

**Grapevine Magazine**

If any group or committee or anyone who has any interesting stories would like a column in the next edition of the magazine please contact the Parish Office or email thegap@bne.catholic.net.au.

men CONNECT Breakfast

All men of the Parish are invited to our next gathering on Sat 23 March - SPC Parish Hall, 7:00 am – 8:30 am. Good company, prayer and discussion. More details to follow.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

If you know anyone who is sick or unable to attend Mass there is a group of people who would be happy to visit and take communion to them in their home. Please contact the office for more details.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Invites you to the annual CHRISM MASS on Thursday 21st March, 2013 at 7.30pm at the Cathedral of St. Stephen (A celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.)

Mater Dei Race Day

Saturday 9th March 2013, Doomben Racecourse Tickets \$50 include Entry, lunch and buses back to Iceworks. Tickets available NOW from Mater Dei School Office ph35144100

Archbishop Coleridge

The Archbishop took part in an ABC TV Compass special called "Beyond Benedict" which was shown on ABC24 digital channel at 6.15pm yesterday (Sunday 24th February). The link is as follows: ABC News Special Presentation Series 2013 Beyond Benedict <http://www.abc.net.au/iview/#/view/31365>

AN INVITATION TO ANYONE

who can sew on a sewing machine, simple hand stitching, to help flood victims. You will be sewing together pre cut strips or squares of material that will be supplied. For hand stitching we can provide squares with simple designs affixed, The patchwork and needlecraft group will make them into quilts, for the people who have lost everything. Either can be done at home or at any of our group days, 1st, 3rd, 5th Thursday mornings of the month, anytime from 9.30am until 12.30pm at SPC Parish hall. Contact Von Delaney on 3300 4338 who is looking forward to hearing from you.

Year of Grace

The Central Deanery invites you to a day of contemplation and meditation to reflect on The Year of Grace. You are all welcome. Saturday 23 March 2013 9am- 2.30pm Sr Mary Franzman - Praying the scriptures. Mass in the Cathedral 11.30am Lunch (Please bring a plate to share) Afternoon Session - Sr Mel Finish Approx 2.30pm Call Vanda 3358 2770 or 0418 785 110 Bookings not required.

The Children's Ministry team

A 3-week Course on Sacraments of Initiation over three Thursdays -- 7th, 14th, 21st March commencing at 6pm with a light meal and concluding at 9pm. Venue is our Seminar Room, MacKillop Place, 61 Fernberg Road, Paddington. Bookings essential Ph Percy 3109 6810, Lorraine Ph 3109 6813 or Carole Ph 3109 6812.

Pastoral Care Ministry for the Psychiatric area

The training course is held at the Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Centre each Wednesday from 1st May to 20th November from 9am to 3.30pm. We require a voluntary commitment of eight hours per week on completion of the Course in the various ministries e.g. Day centre, Hospitals and Hostels. Final applications is Monday 15th April, 2013. Apply in writing to Fr Jim Smith, Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care 58 Morgan St., Fortitude Valley or Phone 3252 5461 or email cppc@bne.catholic.net.au

- The Editor retains the right to edit any items that are submitted to the Bulletin.
- Names will be placed in the sick list for a period of four (4) weeks, if you wish to continue after that please contact the Parish Office.
- The cut off for the Parish Bulletin is Wednesday 3pm.
- If you have any queries please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8.30am to 3pm
Monday to Friday

RECONCILIATION

Mater Dei
Saturday 5.20-5.50
St. Peter Chanel
Sunday 4.30-4.45

	MASS TIMES	MATER DEI CHURCH	ST PETER CHANEL CHURCH	FEAST DAYS
	Monday			9AM Mass at Regis
	Tuesday	9AM		
	Wednesday		9AM	
	Thursday		9AM Healing Mass	
	Friday	9AM 7.30pm Stations of the Cross		
	Saturday	6PM		
	Sunday	9.30AM	8AM AND 5PM	Fourth Sunday of Lent

PARISH SCHOOLS

Mater Dei Primary:
Ph: 3514 4100

St Peter Chanel Primary:
Ph: 3300 1202

BAPTISMS

Mater Dei
3rd Sunday
St Peter Chanel
4th Sunday

BAPTISM

PREPARATION
Details available on
our website under
Parish Activities

**Parish Pastoral
Council**

Brenda Cahill (Chairperson)
Steven Foley (Deputy
Chairperson)

New Parishioners are welcome
Please place your name in the
Book at the back of the church.

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

- Are you 16-19? • Do you enjoy a challenge? • Do you want to develop your leadership skills? Then **MOVERS & SHAKERS 2013** is for YOU! Find out more by visiting www.moversandshakers.org.au or speak with your local Parish Youth Coordinator / Parish Priest. The program is running from 2-6 April. Registrations close 8th March. Become the best leader you can be! **APPLY NOW!**

Grow: Youth Ministry Workshop Series

A new youth ministry workshop series designed for youth ministry coordinators and workers, campus ministers and volunteers from parishes, deaneries, schools, movements and organisations to explore areas that directly affect their ministry. The first workshop is "Program Ideas for Youth Groups" on Wed 6 March, 6.30-8.30pm at MacKillop Place, 61 Fernberg Rd, Paddington. Cost \$10. Register at www.cymbrisbane.org.au/bookings

Stuartholme School is holding their **Open Day** on **Saturday 9 March** from **10am to 2pm**.

Find out how Stuartholme School can open doors for your daughter/s. For more information and to register your attendance, visit www.stuartholme.com

WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING!

As we begin to celebrate the Irish month of March, I invite parishioners to join us on the trip of a lifetime - the 2013 Celtic tour of Ireland (commencing 20 September) For 15 days we will discover the beauty of Ireland's north and south. We begin our adventure in Dublin, heading north to Belfast, Derry, making our way down the west coast to beautiful Kerry. Travelling through Galway, Clare, Limerick, Kerry, Cork and beyond we will experience the magical scenery of Erin's Isle while also listening to the beautiful music of the Ireland's musicians including the Benedictine monks of Glenstal Abbey and our host: singer song writer Maria Forde. We will be driven by our Irish driver and enjoy 3 and 4 star accommodation. If this small sized tour appeals to you please visit our website: www.mariaforde.com contact Chris for an itinerary at Emerald Travel on 03 96709696 or chris@emeraldtravel.com.au or call Maria on 0411158593. Seats are limited to 20.

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