

OUR *Lady* OF THE *Angels* PARISH

Chermside West Wavell Heights

St Gerard Majella
146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermside West

St Paschal Baylon
30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

SUNDAY 14th May 2023 Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

This weekend, as we continue to read and reflect on the 14th chapter of John's gospel, Jesus encourages His disciples to be prepared for the life ahead of them. Life without the physical presence of Christ would not be easy. This was why Christ reassured them that even though He might not be present in the flesh, He would not abandon them. Christ promised that He would send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit who, as the third Person in the Blessed Trinity, would continue to lead them and all believers in Jesus Christ into deeper truths about God and about themselves. This would have been quite comforting for the disciples, when they were left bereft of His physical presence and teachings.



One of the challenges of the Christian faith is its often-seeming abstractness. There are times especially in the midst of the vicissitudes of life when faith seems pointless and meaningless. It's a fact of life that there are times when we find ourselves at a crossroad - due to sickness or bereavement, or just when we are struggling to make ends meet. When we feel confused, helpless and dejected, what do we do? In such circumstances, the challenge lies in finding meaning and value in our faith. This might sometimes seem pointless and empty - but it is never so. The Holy Spirit, Advocate and Helper, promised by the risen Lord to the first disciples over 2000 years ago, is still alive and remains an active presence in the Church and in the hearts of believers who are open to its transforming power and restorative presence. There have been, and there will be, many bleak moments as we continue our journey through this passing life, but in some mysterious ways, we will never be defeated because of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

As Christians, the Holy Spirit walks with us as companion on our journey of life, reminding us of the truth of the Good News which Christ proclaimed in words and deeds. However, our capacity to receive the truth of this Good News lies in our openness - and it is not just the truth of the good news that we discover and receive when we are open and receptive to the Holy Spirit, we also discover the truth, meaning and purpose of authentic human love.

In the incredibly complex web of loving and being loved, human love can easily become abstract, with no roots in the pressures of human experience. I must say that one of the first cultural shocks I experienced when I arrived in Australia was seeing the level of public display of affection amongst people. I wasn't brought up in a culture where married couples, for example, kiss in the public. It was in Australia I first saw this, and I thought it was great that such love could lead to creative affection that is bold and expressive. For me, it is a profound way of witnessing and expressing one's inner conviction. However, I must also admit that I have found alarming the level of domestic violence amongst people who have hitherto been in love and have actually expressed their love not only privately but also quite publicly. It seems irreconcilable that that a person who had once claimed to love another human being, could later hate, harm or even kill the same person.

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MASS TIMES

St Gerard Majella - 146 Maundrell Tce, Chermside West

Mon: 9.00am **FRI:** 9.00am

Sat 4:30pm **Sun:** 8:00am & 5:30pm

St Paschal Baylon - 30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

Wed: 8.45am (During School Term)

Thu: 9.00am **Sat:** 6:00pm **Sun:** 9:30am

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Real love for Jesus is not about mere sentiments and emotions. Real love is not only expressed in words but also in genuine mutual respect and unconditional acceptance of the other person. This is the point Jesus Christ makes, when He says: "if you love me, keep my commandments." This might sound like a demand but actually, it is an invitation into an intimate relationship with Christ. Real love, which issues in mutual respect, understanding and acceptance never imprisons nor restricts, but rather shows itself in fullness of life.

As Easter people, we have been plunged into a world that is often filled with the mess of human existence. As we continue on our life journey, may we take each step aware that the Holy Spirit, the Advocate and Helper, walks with us reinforcing for us the truth of who we are as beloved daughters and sons of God.

God bless you all.
Fr. John

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Five: Engaging Anew with First Nations Peoples

The injustice done to First Nations peoples in this country is a running sore at the heart of the nation. It is contemporary Australia's original sin... We need a genuinely new engagement of the Church with the First Nations peoples, especially in an Archdiocese like this where the Indigenous presence is strong. A new engagement will mean, first of all, listening to Indigenous voices, and believing that we can learn if we really listen. In the past, non-Indigenous Australia has struggled to believe that we could learn anything from First Nations peoples. They could learn from us, but not we from them. That has to change, both in the Church and in Australia more generally. Then the listening and learning need to lead to action.



Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

Mimi Sofia Gilbride

Rocco Giovanni Seminara

Isabelle & Evan Fong

Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday mornings at 10:00am alternately at St Gerards' and St Paschals'. Bookings to be arranged in person at the Parish Office Monday - Friday between 9am - 3pm.



Happy Mother's Day!

You're so many things to so many people. And today, you're celebrated for the beautiful person you are.

St Gerard's Ladies Group

Invites you to

Biggest Morning Tea *to support Cancer Research*

Date: Thursday 18th May 2023

Time: 10.00am

Venue: In the Parish Hall



Entry \$10 includes Morning Tea & a ticket in the Lucky Door Prize

Raffle tickets available on the day—3 for \$5.00

Come along to support a worthy cause.

RSVP Jan 0408 741 172

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CHILDRENS LITURGY - St Gerard's

Children's Liturgy has re-commenced at St Gerard's at the 8:00am Sunday Mass. Parents & grandparents bring the little ones along to begin their journey to knowing God better.



St Paschal's Feast Day

Wednesday 17th May

St Paschal Baylon, also known as Paschal, was a Franciscan lay brother. He was born on May 16 1540 in Torrehermosa, Aragon Spain and died on May 17 1592 at the age of 52 in Villarreal, Aragon, Spain.



Paschal's Spanish parents were poor and pious. Between the ages of seven and 24 he worked as a shepherd and began a life of mortification. He was able to pray on the job and was especially attentive to the church bell, which rang at the Elevation during Mass. Paschal had a very honest streak in him. He once offered to pay owners of crops for any damage his animals caused!

In 1564, Paschal joined the Friars Minor and gave himself wholeheartedly to a life of penance. Though he was urged to study for the priesthood, he chose to be a brother. At various times he served as porter, cook, gardener, and official beggar.

Paschal was careful to observe the vow of poverty. He would never waste any food or anything given for the use of the friars. When he was porter and took care of the poor coming to the door, he developed a reputation for great generosity. The friars sometimes tried to moderate his liberality!

Paschal spent his spare moments praying before the Blessed Sacrament. In time, many people sought his wise counsel. People flocked to his tomb immediately after his burial; miracles were reported promptly. Paschal was canonized in 1690 and was named patron of eucharistic congresses and societies in 1897.

(Accessed on 12 May 2023 from <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-paschal-baylon/>)

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

THE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN DARKNESS -- JOHN 8:12

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

2PM Sunday 11TH JUNE 2023

We are organising a bus to leave from the Church of Our Lady and St Dymphna's carpark at 479 Robinson Rd Aspley to go to St Stephen's Cathedral for the Corpus Christi procession. We need to confirm numbers of people who are interested in travelling on the bus within the next 3 weeks so that we can finalise arrangements for bus hire etc. The cost is \$5.00 per person, maximum \$20 per family.

Please ring Louise 0407 023 603 to book your seat.

The bus will leave the church carpark at 12.25pm and return after the procession.

Brief Messages

Morning tea after 8.00am mass has recommenced.
Please join us for a cuppa.

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Baptism Classes

Baptism classes for school aged children will take place on 3 & 10 June at St Gerard's at 3.00pm.

Please contact the Parish office to book in.

Extra Ministers of Communion

With the return to the reception of both Body and Blood of Christ, we need extra Ministers to distribute Communion at Mass.

If you would like to volunteer for this important ministry, please take one of the forms at the door of the Church, complete it and hand it in after Mass. Please note that you do not need any special qualifications to undertake this ministry. All Parishioners who regularly receive communion are welcome to volunteer. Some training will be provided and a new roster will be prepared by June.

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Recently Deceased: Gilbert Luk, Beryl O'Connor

Anniversaries: Please pray for all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.

Sick: Please pray for all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of the Sick.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

21 May 2023 - The ASCENSION of the LORD

1st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

Psalm: Psalm 46: 2-3, 6-9

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
7/05/23	287.80	592.00	1586.15	\$2465.95

All donations are greatly appreciated

Regular Parish Activities

1st Friday: Adoration after 9.00am Mass St Gerards

2nd Friday: Anointing Mass 9.00am St Gerards

Rosary : before Friday Mass (but not during Lent)

: after Friday Mass

What's on this Week: 15 - 19 May 2023

Mon 15/05 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm

Thurs 18/5 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10:00am

(Biggest Morning Tea)

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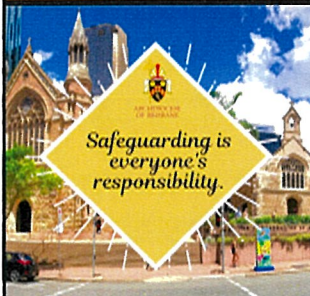
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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Turrbal Peoples, who have walked this Country in ages past, who walk it now and will walk it in the future. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge their profound connection and respect for the land and waterways of this Country. Spirit and Creator God, may you guide us in the traditions of this land as we walk gently and humbly, in kinship with all of creation.



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