

OUR Lady OF THE Angels PARISH

Chermside West Wavell Heights

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SUNDAY 28th May 2023
Pentecost Sunday Year A

A Message from Archbishop Mark Coleridge THE LORD'S DAY

When the COVID pandemic struck, I joined other bishops in this country and beyond in deciding for a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Now that the pandemic seems to be receding, it is good for us to reflect not only upon the Sunday obligation but upon the meaning of Sunday itself.

In English, the first day of the week preserves the Roman name – the day of the sun. But from the dawn of Christianity the first day was called the Lord's Day; and in other languages that is what you find. Christians saw the Risen Christ as the true light of the world, worshipping him rather than the sun. The Lord's Day was the weekly Easter, when Christians celebrated above all the Resurrection of Christ, the pivot of all time which looked back to the first day of creation and ahead to the last day of the Lord's return in glory. Sunday recognised what we proclaim at the Easter Vigil: that "all time belongs to [Christ] and all the ages". It not only marked the succession of time but revealed time's deeper meaning.

The Lord's Day was not only the weekly Easter but also the weekly Pentecost, because the Lord not only rose from the dead on the first day of the week but he also sent the Holy Spirit on the first day. The link was made between the light of the Risen Christ and the fire of the Holy Spirit; and that link is never stronger than on the Lord's Day. Sunday is the day of encounter with the Risen Lord who breathes the Holy Spirit into the Church as he did into the disciples after his Resurrection (John 20:22), so that they could then go out on mission.

The Lord's Day was also seen as the eighth day. The Sabbath is the seventh day, the day of rest when God himself rested (cf Gen 2:2-3); and each Sabbath Jewish people pray that this Sabbath will never end, that the eighth day of eternity will come. Christians saw the day of Resurrection as that eighth day, as an image of eternity. It anticipated the End which St Augustine describes as "the peace of quietness, the peace of the Sabbath, a peace with no evening" (Confessions).

In the early centuries, Christians everywhere kept Sunday holy on a regular basis. A text of the third century says, "Leave everything on the Lord's Day and run diligently to your assembly, because it is your praise of God" (Didascalia). This continued even through times of persecution when Christians paid with their life for attending the Sunday assembly. As one martyr declared before the judges, "Without the Lord's Day we could not survive".

What began in those early times as a spontaneous practice later became an obligation in Church law. But that took time. Spontaneous practice became exhortation and then eventually canonical precept. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law the Sunday obligation became universal law, except in unusual circumstances like the pandemic.

Yet law can never obscure what lies deeper still. Before his passion and death, the Lord said to his disciples, "I have longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer" (Luke 22:15). None of those invited had earned a place at the Last Supper. "All had been drawn there by the burning desire that Jesus had to eat the Passover with them" (Pope Francis, Desiderio Desideravi). Before ever we respond to the

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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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Please approach Fr John

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Lord's invitation there is his desire for us. It is this which gives his invitation the urgency of a call; and it is that urgency which the Sunday obligation recognises.

Without us even realising it, the deepest reason we go to Mass on Sunday is not because we have decided or because the Church's requires it but because "we are drawn there by his desire for us" (ibid). In coming to Mass, we surrender to the Lord's love and let ourselves be drawn by him who wants to speak to our heart and share his feast with us.

The Sunday obligation may not have the power it once had, and changes in the culture have made it more difficult for many to observe. Yet people have returned to Mass now that the pandemic is receding, not so much because they feel obliged but because they feel the need and are drawn by the urgency of the Lord's call.

Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Pentecost Sunday of this year (28 May) the pandemic dispensation will be withdrawn and the Sunday obligation will be restored. The obligation does not apply to those for whom it is impossible to attend Mass, those who are sick or frail or those who are caring for the sick, especially sick children. Those unable to attend Mass can honour the Lord's Day in other ways, so that all of us, responding to the Risen Lord's call, may say with one heart and voice, "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane
4 May 2023

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Seven: Embedding Synodal Governance

We have begun the long and complex process of moving towards a synodal mode of governance in the Church, but the process is far from complete; and there is much to be done to embed synodal governance more securely at every level in the Archdiocese... Synodality implies inclusion, and therefore we will have to keep asking how we might at every level include women in the decision-making processes of the Archdiocese. So too synodality requires transparency and accountability, and we will have to keep asking what we need to do make the Archdiocese more transparent and accountable.



Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

Mila Price
Chloe Jacobson
Fiadh Mewett
Adelaide Napa

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.

Dear Volunteers,

Last week was **National Volunteer Week** and it's heart-warming to have so many volunteers at Our Lady of the Angels' Parish.

The pandemic, new technology, international conflicts, and economic instability are shaping and re-shaping society around the world in quite dramatic ways.

One thing that remains constant is our need for community; and at OLA our large band of volunteers is the glue that makes our community steadfast, loyal, and devoted.

OLA Parish acknowledges the more than 245 volunteers helping in all kinds of ways. *The Parish extends its deepest thanks to you all for the gift of your time and talents.* You are what holds the Parish together, and your kindness and helpfulness is undeniably making our community stronger and stronger. For your kind generosity the Parish is deeply indebted to you all.

2023-05-22

Thank you Thank you Thank you

to all who supported the
Biggest Morning Tea
We successfully raised \$1600.00

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St Gerard's Ladies Group

Stewardship

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

(Accessed on April 29, 2023 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weeklybible-reflections)

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Brief Messages

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

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Retreat opportunities. See noticeboard or website:
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Office Phone Issue

The office phone is currently not working. Until this issue is sorted the office can be contacted on the Parish Emergency Number **0493 636 632**.

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.

St. Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

Our Winter Appeal will be held on the Weekend 3rd June. This appeal is an important fundraiser. As we enter this winter, we rely heavily on your generous donations to help those families in our area, who are experiencing poverty, homelessness and loneliness.

Envelopes will be available on the seats for your generous contribution.

Choral Kaleidoscope

Come and join us for an afternoon of singing and repertoire sharing, led by a range of skilled musicians from around the Archdiocese. We are delighted to welcome the following leaders of song who will share music which is loved by their people.

Dr Damien Hoey – St Brigid's choir, Red Hill – celebrating the tradition.

The Mater- Dei African Choir – Directed by Simone Buloze – in the groove!

Mr Michael Mangan - Composer and leader of music ministry at All Saints' Parish, Albany Creek – music of welcome.

Assoc Prof Maeve Heaney – Composer, musician and theologian from ACU – music of consolation.

The Tongan Community Singers – Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Acacia Ridge and St Bernadine's parish, Regents Park – part singing power!

St. Laurence's College – Directed by Dr Anthony Young – bridging school and parish.

Event: Choral Kaleidoscope

Venue: St Laurence's College Chapel
82 Stephens Road, South Brisbane

Date: Sunday 4 June

Time: 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased on the registration page.

Register for this event at

<https://liturgybrisbaneworkshops.weebly.com/choralkaleidoscope-individualregistration.html>

Retention and deletion of personal information collected in complying with Archdiocesan Safeguarding requirements and Legislation.

The Parish is mindful of our obligations in the Australian Privacy Principles (APP) which requires that reasonable steps be taken to protect personal information and for personal information to be destroyed or de-identified once it is no longer needed.

As a response to the Archdiocese's request for personal information to be obtained for Police Checks and to comply with Legislation: the *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000* (the Act) and the *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2020*, and if this personal information has been collected by the Parish for progressing onto the Archdiocese, the Parish, upon notification from the Archdiocese that the volunteer's personal information has been received, will delete any personal information as soon as it is no longer needed.

Carmela Knauth – Local Safeguarding Representative and Work Health & Safety Coordinator – 18 May 2023

Sacramental News

Year 4 students who were confirmed last year will start preparation for 1st Communion this week.

For students in year 3 or others not yet confirmed, enrolments for the next sacramental programme will be taken in June for Confirmation in October.

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Recently Deceased: Betty Bell, Joan Palmer, Alan Brearley

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

4 June 2023 - The Most Holy TRINITY

1st Reading: Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9

Psalm: Daniel 3: 52-56

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Gospel: John 3: 16-18

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
21/05/23				\$2659.15

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: 29 May - 2 June 2023

Mon 29/05 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm

Thurs 1/06 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10:00am

Op-Shop OPEN

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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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