

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 13th August 2023

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

One of the famous American golfers, Lee Trevino, once said: 'there are two things people got to get their head down in order to do well- one is golf and the other is prayer'. I am sure the golfers in our Parish will agree with Lee Trevino that this is a golden rule of golf. However, it's not quite true about prayer. We don't necessarily need to have our head down to pray well. We can assume any posture and still pray well. This is because prayer begins with centering ourselves before God. One of the obvious facts about prayer is that the less we choose to pray, the harder prayer becomes. These days if we are not praying as much as we would like, it is not because prayer is out of touch with contemporary human experience, it's because we have lost the knack for it. Christ was a man of prayer. Christ never did the 'work of God' and forgot 'the God of the work'. Christ held the 'work of God' and 'the God of the work' in perfect harmony.



In the gospel of this weekend, 'Jesus made the disciples get into a boat so that they could go ahead to the other side, while He would send the crowds away.' When everyone had gone, Jesus went up the hill by Himself to pray. During His earthly ministry, Jesus always went from God to the people and from the people back to God.

As the gospel pericope continued, while Jesus was praying, the journey, on which His disciples had embarked in a boat turned into a battle 'with a heavy sea, because there was a head wind.' When Jesus appeared walking on the water towards them, the disciples were terrified that Jesus was a ghost, but Jesus calmed their fear and assured them that He was not.

The reassuring words from Jesus didn't quite satisfy Peter's curiosity. He was determined to put Jesus to the test. 'Lord, Peter said to Jesus, if it is you; tell me to come to you across the water.'

Peter was always the man of action, given to acting upon impulses without thinking about the consequences of his actions. When Jesus commanded Peter to come, he responded with alacrity. He began to walk on the water and while his faith in Jesus lasted, Peter was fine. However, when Peter took his gaze, faith, and trust, off Jesus, and succumbed to the pressures of the waves, he began to sink.

'Lord save me, Peter cried to Jesus. Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him. 'Man of little of faith', Jesus addressed Peter. 'Why did you doubt?' As soon as Jesus got into the boat with Peter, the wind dropped.' The tremendous fact about Peter was that he didn't fail - because in his moment of failure, he clutched at Jesus.

As Christians, in our journey of faith and life, whenever we find ourselves battling with the wildest storms of life, the presence of Jesus Christ will always bring peace, serenity and calmness - if only we can remember to reach out to Jesus like Peter did when he was sinking into the sea.

Wishing you all a blessed new week ahead.

God bless you all, Fr. John

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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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Congratulations to Fr Jack Agnew on the 40th anniversary of his ordination. Thank you for your presence in the Parish and your help with Mass. It is very much appreciated. *Happy Anniversary.*

Op Shop NEWS

If there are any Parishioners that can spare a bit of time to help out at the Op Shop it would be very much appreciated. Please email or phone the office on 3359 0239. **Thank you.**

Youth Group NEWS

The youth group will be sending kids to the Ignite Conference coming up in September. This conference is a great opportunity for the young people in our community to experience faith and connect with other young Catholics.

Tickets to the conference cost \$325 so we are reaching out to ask parishioners if they could generously sponsor part of a ticket to make it more accessible for our youth to attend this event. Thank you for all the support the youth group has received over the last two years. If you would like to read more about the conference visit the website at:

<https://igniteconference.squarespace.com/>

Stewardship

“He said, ‘Come.’ Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.”- Matthew 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He’s doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say “yes” to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

(Accessed on August 7, 2023 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)

Our Lady of the Angels’ Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

Joseph Tomas Painter

Indiana Rose Lee

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.

Please check the Parish website for documentation required when making a booking.

Baptism preparation sessions will be held on the 1st Sunday of the month at St Paschal’s Church following a Welcome Mass at 9:30 a.m. During mass the family will be presented with their child(ren)’s Baptismal candle to keep for the day of their baptism.

St. Gerard’s Ladies Group Guest Speaker

THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST at 10.00am in the Church Hall our **GUEST SPEAKER** will be **Anne McDonald** from **UNIFORMS 4 KIDS**. Uniforms 4 kids is a world first community programme repurposing Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Organisations uniforms (which otherwise would have been shredded and sent to land-fill) into beautifully tailored clothing articles made with love for children who have a need no matter who they are or where they are located. Please come along and hear Anne’s story and how we may be able to assist.

Everyone Welcome

Sacramental News

Information sessions for parents of children who are commencing the new 2023/24 Sacramental program are as follows:

Saturday 19th August at 3:00pm—St Gerard’s

Sunday 20th August at 10:30am—St Paschal’s

NEW Altar Servers

Training for new Altar Servers will commence in both churches shortly. Invitation especially to children who have recently received First Communion but also to older children and even adults.

Please take a form from the front of the church.

Annual Catholic Campaign

The 2023 Annual Catholic Campaign, will take place on the weekend of **19—20 August 2023.**



Your gift today is a blessing to your local community

The face of the Church can seem ordinary enough, as can the face of each of us. But if we open the door of faith and allow God’s mercy to flow through us into the lives of those in need, people will see in the Church and in each of us the face of Christ himself. May God, who is the giver of all gifts, bless you in every way.



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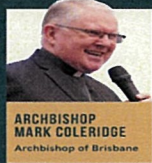
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The first unit is not a pre-requisite for the second, so all are welcome to register for module two even if they haven’t yet completed module one.

Mass for the Feast of the Assumption

Date: Monday 14th August

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: St Gerard's Church

Brisbane City Pops Orchestra Concert

Friday 18 August at 7:00pm

St Paschal's Catholic Church, Wavell Heights

Tickets \$35.00 pp (includes a light supper)

Tickets purchased online via the parish website:

www.olaparishchermside.org.au or

contact the office on 3359 0239.



Workplace Health & Safety News

Dear Parishioners,

The parish has had two audits this past week – WH&S audit and the Safeguarding audit. We are still awaiting the reports on these audits. I will keep you informed of the outcome from both of these reviews as they come to hand.

Carmela Knauth – Safeguarding and WH&S.

Virtuosic Violin
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St Stephens Concert Series
Cathedral of St Stephen
Sunday 3rd September | 3pm

Trybooking

150

Multicultural Mass 2023

Mass will be presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese. Cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds will follow.

When: 2:30pm, Sunday 24th September 2023

Where: Cathedral of St Stephen

(249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane City)

RSVP: app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM23

All are invited and all are welcome!

eSafety education | August 2023



National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence virtual classroom

Australia's leading bullying prevention initiative, [National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence](http://www.nationaldayofactionagainstbullyingandviolence.gov.au), is on Friday 18 August 2023.

To support this event, eSafety is holding a virtual classroom for students in Years 3 to 6.

Register your class for [Be an eSafe kid: Take action against online bullying](http://www.esafety.gov.au), and help your students to identify cyberbullying and know what to do if they're bullied online. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>



Women of The Way Retreat.

13-15th October

Ladies would you like to take time out to Reflect and Recharge?

Treat yourself to some quality time with God.

BOOK NOW for The Women of The Way Retreat.

Theme: "Open the eyes of My Heart, Lord"

Retreat Facilitators: Sr Therese Mills, Leader of The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters and Sr Judy Bowe, are inspirational speakers, with a passion for sharing God's love.

Where: Watson Park Convention Centre, 337 Old Gympie Rd, Dakabin.

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Anniversaries: Please pray for Bryan Atchison, Ines Dwyer, Kelvin McCourt, Frank Celledoni, Celine Fernandes, Antonio Cirsten and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

6 August 2023 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Psalm: Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
6/08/23	\$456.30	\$717.25	\$1949.90	\$3123.45

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: 14 -18 Aug 2023

Mon 14/08	Christian Meditation	St P	5.45pm
Thurs 17/08	Thursday Ladies Group	St G	10.00am
Fri 18/08	Youth Group	St G	6.00pm
18/08	Golden Memories Concert	St P	7.00pm

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