

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 3rd September 2023 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

What a stark difference between Peter in the gospel of last weekend when he proclaimed Jesus as the "Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt 16:13-20) and Peter in this weekend's gospel when he tried to dissuade Christ from suffering and dying on the cross in Jerusalem (Matt 16:21-27). Although Peter and the other disciples had a sense of Jesus as the Messiah, it appeared they had not fully grasped its wider implications. Their idea of Messiahship was totally different from Christ's understanding. They were still thinking of His Messianic mission in terms of a political or conquering Messiah or a warrior king who would vanquish the Romans. Christ must have been shocked at their ignorance. They had been with Him for so long without fully grasping that His kingdom was not of this world. But regardless of the shocking display of their ignorance, there would have been no sign of anger when Christ spoke to Peter.



At the beginning of Christ's ministry, Satan tempted Christ to take the way of power, materialism and sensationalism when the devil said to Christ: "command these stones to become bread, throw yourself down or bow down and worship me," (Matthew 4:1-11). Christ was never taken in by any of these deceitful offers. He fought gallantly and defeated the devil. Peter appeared to be setting up again for Christ, the battles He had already fought and won in the wilderness. The sharpness and the poignancy of Christ's response to Peter were simply because Peter was trying to lure Him to abandon the way of the cross. Christ was born to live, but also to die on the cross for the good of the whole human race. 'The Son of Man was destined to go to Jerusalem, and to suffer grievously at the hands of the elders, chief priests, and the scribes, and to be killed and raised up on the third day,' (Matthew 16:21). Peter made himself 'Satan' when he tried to offer Christ an escape route. Etymologically, the word 'Satan' comes from the Hebrew word which means 'accuser or adversary.' The word 'Satan' primarily means to obstruct or oppose. Peter wanted to oppose and obstruct the way of the cross for Christ, hence Christ temporarily banished Peter from His presence. Interestingly, Christ never gave up on Peter and neither did Peter give up on himself. Peter differed from Satan in that he had the grace and humility to be a follower. Satan in his diabolical pride would never submit to be a follower of Christ.

In the second reading, Saint Paul was quite explicit in identifying the human mind as where it all starts. 'Think of God's mercy, brothers and sisters...do not conform yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind.' (Romans 12:1-2). Sometimes in our lives, when we, like Peter, speak or act as Satan would, let us not forget what God can do for us if only we are receptive to His redeeming and transforming graces. One of the mysteries of

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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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(Continued from P1.) life is that God's grace awaits us, if we carry our cross - just as resurrection awaited Jesus after He died. On the contrary, to deny that the crosses we carry hold a pertinent place in our lives is to lose out on the grace God has planned to give us.

May we always have the grace to reject the false and illusory message of "no cross, all crown," and embrace the message of "no cross, no crown."

Wishing you all a blessed new week ahead.

God bless you all,
Fr. John

A blue graphic with the text "Happy FATHER'S Day" in a white, cursive font. The word "FATHER'S" is in all caps and larger than "Happy" and "Day".

To all the wonderful men in our lives, the Dad's, Granddad's and those men who may have been an inspiration or mentor, we **thank you.**

Lots of Love and Many Blessings on this special day.

Choir NEWS

Choir practice takes place on the first and third Mondays from 7pm—8pm at St Gerard's Church.

All Welcome.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
3 - 9 September 2023



The National Child Protection Week campaign runs from 3-9 September. The campaign aims to engage, educate and empower Australians to understand the complexity of child abuse and neglect and work together to prevent it. This year, the message that 'Every child in every community needs a fair go' will be complemented with the theme 'Where we start matters'. Where we start our lives in terms of where we live, the resources available to us, and the opportunities presented to us make a significant difference to our life outcomes. Of course, where we start isn't where we finish.

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Supporting Safe Communities

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023
10 SEPTEMBER



Safeguarding Sunday

The Catholic Church in Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday on **September 10**. The day seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the abuse, exploitation, and neglect of children and vulnerable adults within the Catholic context.

It makes a commitment to safeguarding practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all. It also invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

The Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference has prepared a series of resources with a theme 'Safe and Supported' which will be shared with Diocese and parishes around Australia soon.

Carmela Knauth – LSR, 2023-08-24

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

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.

Thank You

To Fr John & all the Parishioners at 9A.M. Mass
Friday 25 August 2023

Thank you all very much for so warmly welcoming our family friend - Fr Kerry Crowley (P.P. Innisfail Nth Qld and currently the Administrator of the Cairns Diocese) at 9a.m. Mass last Friday. The date was exactly 50 years since he was ordained in his home town of Gatton, in his parish church of St Mary's Gatton. He said that concelebrating Mass with Fr. John last Friday and the ever so warm welcome he received at St Gerard Majella (not to mention the hearty "For he's a jolly good fellow" started by Fr. John) commenced three wonderful days of Golden Jubilee celebrations and Masses in Brisbane and Gatton.

Our thanks to you all.....Eric & Sally Cooper

Season of Creation Mass and Discussion

Catholic Earthcare and the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, invites you to celebrate the Season of Creation with Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen, presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Parishes and community groups are encouraged to bring a jar of water (river, sea or rainwater) from their area to add to an Archdiocesan urn that will be blessed and used to bless the congregation. Mass will be followed by a free workshop in the Hanly Room (in the Francis Rush Centre next to the Cathedral) from 7pm to 8pm.

Date: Saturday, 9th September 2023 **Time:** 6:00pm Mass

Location: Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth, Brisbane

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SOCMass23>

Position Vacant—Youth Coordinator

Chermside Catholic Parish is seeking applications for the position of a Parish Youth Coordinator. This is a part-time position offering flexible hours.

To apply, please use the link below -

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=762686>

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!

Christian Meditation Group NEWS

There will be no Christian Meditation on Monday 4th September at St Paschal's.

Ageing Wisely

The greying years are often a difficult time for parishioners as we try to navigate changing living arrangements, health and financial circumstances.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane's free Ageing Wisely seminar provides advice and information on a range of pertinent matters, as a service to older parishioners. The seminar will feature professional guest speakers and a range of information sessions on estate planning and legal advice, retirement planning and financial advice, charitable gifts in Wills and perpetual endowments, funeral planning and in-home community support services.

Agenda

9:30am Morning Tea and Registration

10:00am Welcome by Parish Priest

10:15am Charitable gifts in Wills & memorial Endowments

10:35am Legal advice and Estate Planning

11:00am Retirement Planning - financial

11:30am Lunch and fellowship

12:30pm Pre-arranging funerals 12:45pm In-home support services

1:15pm Give us your feedback 1:30pm Finish

Please join us

Date: Tuesday, 26th September Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm

Venue: Sandgate Brighton Parish Hall108, Brighton Road, Sandgate

Morning tea and lunch will be provided free of charge For catering purposes, please RSVP names of attendees on or before **Thursday, 21 September** by email to sandgatebrighton@bne.catholic.net.au

Annual Season of Creation Ecumenical Liturgy

Each year, we join with our Christian brothers and sisters to recognise the importance of, and celebrate together, our care for our common home. This year's liturgy is being held in the Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens, and Christians from all denominations are invited to gather together in unity to celebrate this Season of Creation – Let Justice and Peace Flow. The liturgy is followed by a guided contemplative walk.

Event Details

Date: Wednesday, 6 September 2023

Time: 12 noon

Location: Lychee Lawn, Mt Coot-Tha Botanic Gardens, 152 Mount Coot-Tha Rd, Mount Coot-Tha.

Cost: Free

Stewardship

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” -Matthew16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

(Accessed on August 18,2023from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Morning Tea at St Paschal's
Please be advised there will be **NO** morning tea at St Paschal's this Sunday.

VERSE FOR VINNIES

I have heard there are some who are still yet to come to St Williams on Dawson Parade. Verse for Vinnies' the show and you know that your dough goes to battlers who struggle for aid. And **Veronica Weal** has a bush poet's spiel that will captivate, hold you in awe. She's a Mount Isa girl and her verse she'll unfurl at St Williams on Sep. 24 And four times she has won, far above anyone, the prestigious Bronze Swagman Award. So please be a good sport, come and give your support, show Veronica how you applaud. This will be the first time that her metre and rhyme will appear at our V-4-V gig. So we'd love you to come, to this Sunday of fun for we're hoping this concert is big. **Sunday Sept. 24 1.30pm \$15 (cash only)** 67 Dawson Parade Grovely to book seats use noel@noelstallard.com

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Anniversaries: Please pray for Ailsa Mousdale, Suzanne King, Angela-Maria Trovato, Mark PieKut, John Kelly and 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

10 September 2023 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm: Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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| Weekend | 1st | 2nd | Loose | TOTAL |
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| 27/08/23 | \$411.00 | \$802.40 | \$2203.30 | \$3416.70 |

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: 4 – 8 Sept 2023

Thurs 7/09 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10.00am

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