

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 1st October 2023 **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

The Good Friday general intercessions include a prayer for the Jewish people, 'to whom the Lord our God spoke first to, that God may grant them to advance in love of God's name and in faithfulness to God's covenant'. In this prayer, the Church prays that the Jewish people who were the chosen people may reach fullness of redemption. Another petition is for those who do not believe in Christ, that they may enter on the way of salvation. We also pray for those who do not believe in God, that is, those who have rejected God and refused to acknowledge God's active presence in every human life, that following what is right in sincerity of heart, they may find the way to God Himself. There is something quite remarkable about praying for the people who believe in God but not in Christ as the Messiah or people who do not believe in God at all. But is it enough for us as Christians to pray for others and yet not consider how well our profession of faith and practice of faith meet and match daily. In baptism we have said 'yes' to Jesus Christ but are there times when we advertently or inadvertently say 'no' to Christ or live in ways which are unworthy of the gospel?



This is what we are called to contemplate in the gospel this weekend - where Christ narrated a parable of two sons, who were told by their father to go and work in his vineyard. At the appeal of their father, the first son who bluntly told his father that he had no business going to work in his father's vineyard, changed his mind and obeyed his father's appeal. The second son who assured his father that he would work in the vineyard, did not keep to his promise. Neither of these boys represented the kind of son who can bring joy to a father. The ideal son would accept his father's appeal with obedience and respect, and unquestioningly and fully carry it out.

But, beyond the meaning which this parable may have had for those who first heard it, it also spells out truths for all situations. As Christians, by virtue of baptism, we have all said 'yes' to Christ. We have committed ourselves to professing and practising our faith. It can become a contradiction when our profession and our practice do not meet and match. Perhaps we can reconsider in the light of this parable, how often we say 'Yes'- 'Amen' and receive our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, and afterwards leave the walls of the Church building and make ourselves another Body of Christ broken and shared. We are meant to become what we receive. Our reception of the Eucharist is supposed to result in a dramatic spiritual transformation. This means that we are meant to become nourishment for the people with whom we walk the journey of life. We say 'Yes' to Jesus Christ before we receive His Body and Blood. Let our 'Yes' be 'Yes' (Matthew 5:37).

Furthermore, in our modern world, there is no doubt that making moral choices can be confusing and difficult. With so many temptations and influences pulling people in all directions, and the pressures of life driving people toward the seemingly "easy" path, it is comforting to know that Jesus Christ, through His Church, has blessed us with clear moral framework to guide us toward a happy, fulfilling life. While the church's moral teachings, when properly interpreted and embraced, can lead to a peaceful life, observing them can also be nerve racking. Navigating our

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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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ways through some of the Church's moral teachings such as on abortion, euthanasia, contraception, human sexuality, sin and even life after death can be challenging. It's important to note that as demanding as these moral teachings might be, they, in themselves, are not anti-life. In fact, they are pro-life. They are built on the promise of Christ: "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the fullest." (John 10:10) What we teach and believe as a church cannot be a matter of preference and choice. There have been hard core atheists who embraced the truths of the gospel, and who had done so with firm conviction.

As Christians may we, with firm conviction, profess and practice our faith and all things to which we have said 'yes' - especially our vocation in life, whatever it might be.

Wishing you all a blessed new week ahead.

God bless you all,

Fr. John

Aussie Parish Celebration

The organising committee for the Aussie Christmas in July Parish celebration is pleased to announce that with the help of a favourable discount from Golden Roast, \$906.52 has been donated to the St Vincent De Paul church team to help the disadvantaged in our community.

Thank you again for your support in making this night a great success.

RETREAT DAY SATURDAY 7th October

(Sponsored by the Knights of the Southern Cross)

We are holding our annual retreat day, open to all adults, on Saturday 6th October in Nolan Hall, Leslie St Nundah, adjacent to Corpus Christi Church.

Fr. Chris Hanlon will conduct the retreat with the theme the 'Discipleship in Jesus'.

The day begins with morning tea (supplied) at 10am. The first session is from 10.30 until 11.30am followed by Mass at noon. Lunch follows, with the second session from 1.30 until 2.30pm.

After summing up and questions the day concludes before 3pm. BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

For info and booking contact **John James 0459 950 070, John Carr 07 3266 1119 or Tom Cusack 0419 643 987**

Stewardship

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." Philippians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

(Accessed on September 13, 2023 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections)

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.

Blue Card News – September 2023

Keeping kids safe is a shared responsibility, and each organisation is responsible for reducing risks of harm to children within their service environment.

Blue Card Services is always hard at work, assessing the eligibility of blue card applicants and holders. Blue Card Services is sharing some statistics that shed light on the size of the system keeping kids safer in Queensland.

Between 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023:

- * **184,350** blue and exemption cards were issued, and
- * **Blue Card Services** identified and finalised **1,878** cases resulting in high-risk individuals being prevented from working with children. This includes **490** blue or exemption cards that were cancelled or suspended because of changes in police or other relevant information.

As at 30 June 2023, **941,612** individuals were monitored by the blue card system. This includes **928,423** blue card holders and **13,189** applicants.

Carmela Knauth – Local Safeguarding Representative

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Tuesday 7 November 2023

It's going ahead! Please plan your tables now! Bookings and sweep tickets will be available from next week.

If you are willing to help in any way, please add your name to the list at the door today.



Women of The Way Retreat.

13-15th October

Ladies would you like to take time out to Reflect and Re-charge? 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.

Weekend includes Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise and Worship, inspirational teachings, prayer ministry and time for fellowship.

For brochure or info phone Rosa Montegrando - Mobile 0400755516 or email wowqld@gmail.com

Redcliffe City Parish 1 Day Retreat

Women of the Way Retreat 2023

Mass - Monday 2nd October

Monday is a public holiday but Mass will be celebrated at 9am at St Gerard's as usual.

Name Badges

Name Badges have arrived and can be collected from the Office.

Learning about the Gospel of St Mark October 2023

Last year, Mother of Mercy Parish explored the Gospel of Matthew in some detail in preparation for this liturgical year. Next year, we will use the Gospel of Mark as the predominant source of our Sunday Gospel readings. With this in mind, we have prepared a short (four week) course on Mark's Gospel which will be offered during October 2023. The dates and session time are:

Wednesdays: 4, 11, 18, 25 October at 9:30am in the Mother of Mercy Parish Centre at 9 Bowman Street, Hendra.

The session will be repeated as below:

Wednesdays: 4, 11, 18, 25 October at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.

Come and increase your appreciation and knowledge of Mark's picture of Jesus' life and ministry. You might be surprised.

(Adult Formation Team)

Fr John Wallis Memorial Lecture SUNDAY 22nd October at 1.30pm



Rev Tim Costello has been invited to deliver this memorial lecture by the Missionary Sisters of Service and their mission entity "Highways and Byways". This congregation of Sisters was founded in Tasmania by Fr John Wallis in 1944 to reach out to the isolated

and marginalised. Their unique ministry was quite visionary, and their numbers were never large, but they had a vast outreach in Australia. Like many religious congregations, their members are aging. In 2010 they established Highways and Byways which funds projects in the spirit of the Sisters' vision. Each year Highways and Byways provides small grants to community-led organisations for projects that address disadvantage and exclusion within towns and communities, especially in rural and regional Australia.

WHERE: St Theresa's Parish Centre
Cnr Campbell & Curzon Streets
Toowoomba

WHEN: Sunday October 22 1.30pm for a 2.00pm start

COST: \$25 afternoon tea included children 14 and under free

Bookings & Payment by Thursday October 12 using the following TryBooking link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1082911>

This event is sponsored by the Missionary Sisters of Service and their mission entity "Highways and Byways" which continues the work of the Sisters. Tim will share his thoughts on "The Big Picture" Living in hope and awareness.

St Don Bosco's Relic Visit to Brisbane

The Salesians of St Don Bosco are celebrating 100 years since they arrived in Australia to work in the spirit of St Don Bosco. The Relic is touring Australia to give people the opportunity to pray to St Don Bosco in a special way with the relic. Brisbane is its last stop!

Brisbane Program - 13th to 22nd October, 2023

FRIDAY 13th - Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane City - 8am to 6pm

SATURDAY 14th - Stella Maris, Maroochydore - 9am to 6.30pm

SUNDAY 15th - Mary Immaculate, Annerley - 6.30am to 7pm

MONDAY 16th - Mary Immaculate, Annerley - 8.30am to 11am and 3pm to 8.30pm

TUESDAY 17th - Holy Spirit, Bray Park - 11am to 9pm

WEDNESDAY 18th - Little Flower, Kedron - 8am to 7pm

THURSDAY 19th - Guardian Angels, Wynnum - 4pm to 7pm

FRIDAY 20th - Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills - 4pm to 9pm

SATURDAY 21st - Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills - 6.30am to 10am and 1pm to 3pm

SUNDAY 22nd - Marian Valley Shrine, Canungra - 9am to 6pm

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Recently Deceased: Rowan Bird

Anniversaries: Please pray for Francisco Bagkus, Esperanza Agris, Esperanza Bagkus, Sofia R Bagkus and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.

Sick: Please pray for Pat O'Shea and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of the Sick.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

8 October 2023 **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
24/09/23	\$343.00	\$662.00	\$1660.85	\$2665.85

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: 2 – 6 Oct 2023

Mon 2/10	Christian Meditation	St P	5.45pm
Thurs 5/10	Thursday Ladies Group	St G	10.00am

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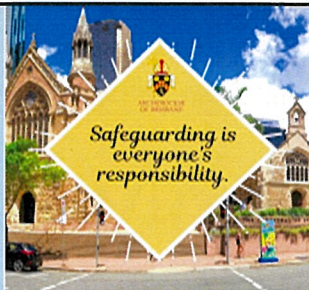
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