

# 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 5th November 2023 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

During Jesus' earthly life and ministry, the Law or the *Torah*, held a central place among the Jews. To them, the *Torah* referred to all that God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had revealed about God's self. The *Torah* articulates the history, behaviours and practices that have been outlined for the chosen people. Given the central place the *Torah* held, and still holds in Judaism, Jewish religious groups were categorised according to how each group, including the Pharisees and the Scribes, understood and interpreted the law. While the Pharisees, often referred to as 'the separated', were comprised of lay people who had strict understanding of the law as the guarantee of piety, the Scribes were mainly the professional teachers of the law, the '*Rabbis*.'



Like other religious groups in Judaism, Jesus never got on well with the Pharisees and the Scribes because of their hypocrisy. Jesus always challenged the apparent contradictions that existed between what they said and what they did. They appeared to be good and holy in the Temple but were entirely different outside. They concealed their true identities in the Temple; in other words, they masked themselves in order to mislead people. Jesus did not mince words when it came to having a go at their hypocrisy. In fact, their hypocrisy provoked Jesus' greatest anger and His strongest language was directed at them as hypocrites.

In the gospel this weekend, 'addressing the people and His disciples, Jesus said, "the Scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say, but do not be guided by what they do, because they do not practise what they preach.'" It is undeniable that the Scribes and the Pharisees were custodians of Jewish religious principles. They were handing on the faith which came from the law given to Moses by God, and which was later transmitted from Joshua to the elders, the prophets and finally to them. Never for a moment, did Jesus undermine or doubt the task, which the Scribes and the Pharisees had undertaken. In fact, Jesus maintained that as long as they taught the people the great law which Moses originally received from God, people must obey them. However, Jesus was deeply concerned with their hypocrisy. They had received the authentic teachings of the law, and they were giving authentic teaching, yet they were not practising what they were teaching.

Throughout history, the Catholic Church remains one of the churches with a formalised creed. Not all religions have a creed as we do in the Catholic Church. The word 'creed' which comes from the Latin word, '*credo*' means 'I believe' or '*credimus*' which means 'we believe.' As a church, our faith is articulated in the Apostles and Nicene Creeds. Every weekend, when we recite either of these Creeds, what do we really mean? When we stand and profess these words: "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth," what are we really saying? The words of the Apostles creed like the Nicene creed, contains in sublime simplicity and unsurpassable brevity, what we as a Church teach and believe. Therefore, the things we profess in our creed need to provide us with statements of personal commitment to justice, love, mercy, and forgiveness through all the days of the week.

As Catholics, not only do we believe in the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament but when we come to receive Holy Communion we also commit ourselves to living and acting as Jesus did and does. This is why we say "Amen"

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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

**RECONCILIATION is available after Parish Mass  
Please approach Fr John**

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before we receive the Body and Blood of Christ. It is sheer form of hypocrisy if as Catholics we say "Amen" before receiving Holy Communion and yet are unable, at the end of each Mass, to find concrete ways and means to be another Body and Blood of Christ broken and shared for the good of other people.

Let our "Amen", that is, our 'Yes' be 'Yes' - for anything to the contrary makes us no different to the Scribes and Pharisees.

Wishing you all a blessed new week ahead.

God bless you all,

Fr. John

## Welcome

The Parish would like to welcome **Alice Grogan** and **Antonio Cunha** who are our new Youth Co-ordinators.

## Volunteer Thank You Evening

All volunteers in any ministry in our Parish are invited to attend the Parish Volunteers Thank You Evening to be held at St Gerard's on **Friday 24 November at 6pm**. These ministries include the usual Mass ministries as well as morning teas, children's liturgy, RCIA, Sacramental team, collections, counters, greeters, op shop volunteers, florists, musicians, maintenance, and any other task you can think of.

Please come along and enjoy an evening with refreshments and good company. To assist with catering, please reply by adding names to the lists at the doors of the churches.

## Final Call—Book Order for 2024

Anyone interested in ordering the books listed below please fill in the order form at the front of the church.

**Break open the Word 2024—\$32**

**2024 Daily Mass Book—\$32**

**God's Word 2024: Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary—\$22**

## Rosters

Everyone is invited to take part in the ministries of Minister of Communion, Reader, Altar Server or Musician at our weekend Masses.

If you would like to do so and have not yet submitted your form, please do so **urgently**. This applies especially to those who were on the last roster. We need to know whether you are continuing.

We are still very short of the numbers of Ministers of Communion required to allow us to return to receiving the Precious Blood. Please consider this essential ministry.

## Roster Training for Mass Coordinators, Ministers of Communion and Readers.

Training sessions will be held on three occasions over the next few weeks. It is essential that all who have nominated to be on a roster should attend one of these sessions.

The sessions will be at:

St Gerard's on Wednesday 14 November at 7pm

St Paschal's on Thursday 15 November at 7pm

St Paschal's on Sunday 19 November at 10.30am

Please select one of the sessions and mark it in your diary. The same material will be covered at each session and will include specific content for each ministry. It will enable everyone to have a common understanding of each of the roles.

## Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

*Michael Henry*

*William Henry*

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

## OLA Youth Ministry Coordinator

Hi, my name is Alice Grogan, and I'm excited to be the new OLA Youth Ministry Coordinator. I enjoy working with children and am studying my ACU Master of Teaching (Early Childhood and Primary) with a Certificate in Religious Education. My family's been active in St Stephen's Cathedral parish for over ten years, where I was Young Adult Mass Volunteers coordinator.



My siblings and I shared World Youth Day 2016 in Poland, and Lourdes pilgrimages in 2017 and 2018.

Recently, I've supported Youth Ministry friends at St Joseph and St Anthony.

As my family settles into OLA Parish Chermerside, I look forward to continuing Abbey's Youth Ministry momentum, nurturing faith, friendship, and fun.

For more information, please feel welcome to contact me via [yc.chermersidewest@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:yc.chermersidewest@bne.catholic.net.au)

## RCIA

### (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The RCIA team is looking forward to assisting people who may wish to become part of our Catholic community. These could be people with no previous religious commitment, ones who have been members of another Christian or non-Christian tradition or former Catholics who have been separated for some time. Please contact the Parish Office on 3359 0239 or email [chermersidewest@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:chermersidewest@bne.catholic.net.au).

## Stewardship

**"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - Matthew 23:12**

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

(Accessed on October 23, 2023 from [www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections](http://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections))

## CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children's Liturgy at St Gerard's is at the 8:00am Sunday Mass and St Paschal's at the 9:30am Mass. Parents & grandparents bring the little ones along to begin their journey to knowing God better.

## Blue Card News – October 2023

When it comes to any job involving kids, safety is always the top priority.

For regulated organisations employing people to work with kids, it's crucial that they comply with their legal obligations under the blue card system.

Most organisations know that they cannot start a person in regulated employment without first checking that they have a current and valid blue card.

But it's also a legal requirement that organisations notify us of their intention to engage new people in regulated employment with their organisation before they start any child-related work.

This notification "links" the blue card holder to the organisation in our database, allowing us to notify the organisation of any changes to the person's blue card status, such as a suspension or cancellation.

Without it, we cannot advise your organisation of any change in the person's blue card status.

Not only does this pose a risk to children at your organisation, under blue card laws the employer is committing an offence. Penalties may apply if an organisation doesn't follow this important step.

**Carmela Knauth – Local Safeguarding Representative**  
2023-10-24

## HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist with the setting up for the Melbourne Cup Luncheon.

**Monday 6th November after 9am Mass**  
(access to the church will be from 10.30am)

Move tables from hall and set up tables and chairs in the church.

**Tuesday 7th November around 2.45pm.**  
Move tables back to hall and set up church.

*Your help would be greatly appreciated.  
Thank you and God Bless. Melbourne Cup Organisers.*

## Queensland Irish Choir A Celtic Christmas Celebration

The *Queensland Irish Choir* presents its Christmas Concert to be held at the Chermside-Kedron Community Church, Gympie Rd, Kedron on Sunday, **26 November 2023 at 2 PM.**

Come along and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of Celtic song and music. The Choir will present a number of well-known Christmas carols and hymns (but with stunning arrangements) and also many carols of Celtic origin with which you may not be familiar.

It will be a wonderful way to prepare for the most beautiful time of the year which heralds the birth of Jesus Christ.

Tickets at \$20 per adult and \$10 children (U15) can be obtained online <https://www.trybooking.com/CLTCA> or at the door.

Enquiries **0493 455 487**

## All past members of All Saints Albany Creek SVdP Conference are invited to the 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS

**Sunday 12 November 2023, at 9am**

All Saints Parish Church, 4 Faheys Road East, Albany Creek, followed by Morning Tea.

All current SVdP members and All Saints Parish look forward to your being able to join us in this wonderful celebration.

**RSVP by Friday 10.11.23 to: [as4035@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:as4035@svdpqld.org.au)**

## Verse for Vinnies Final Concert for 2023

Now you really should go to our next Vinnies Show as it's Suzie and Mel from the West.

It's four years since they've been which is almost obscene for this pair are up there with the best.

But this two-sheila show 'round Australia does go and they even do cruises at sea.

So to get them at last has been really a blast and who knows when the next time will be.

They've both been Aussie Champs done the Festival Camps and perform with the top echelon.

They'll be humour galore for what they've got in store will resemble a huge laugh-a-thon.

So it's Suzie Carcary that you're coming to see and beside will be Melanie Hall.

They're a scream, they are fun and you'll see when you come these two-sheilas are not very tall.

So we'd love you to come to this Sunday of fun as it's all Aussie Verse that you'll get.

And the doe from this show will all go as you know to those battlers were're prone to forget.

**Sunday Nov. 26, 1.30pm Cost \$15 Cash Only**  
**St. Williams School, 67 Dawson Parade, Grovely**  
**Book using [noel@noelstallard.com](mailto:noel@noelstallard.com)**

## Choir NEWS

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

**All Welcome.**

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## WE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Salvatore Vitale, Jose Fernando da Silva, Irene Searles

**Anniversaries:** Please pray for Benedict and Hyacinth Pereira and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.

**Sick:** Please pray for Denise Watson, Judy Armstrong, Amanda Whitfield, Pat O'Shea and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of the Sick.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**12 November 2023 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16  
Psalm: Psalm 62:2-8  
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
29/10/23	\$318.45	\$741.00	\$1626.45	\$2685.90

*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: 6 – 10 Nov 2023

Mon 6/11	Christian Meditation	St P	5.45pm
Tues 7/11	Melbourne Cup Luncheon	St G	10:30am
Thurs 2/11	Thursday Ladies Group	St G	10.00am

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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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