

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 17th March 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

As human beings, we might be earthly, mortal, frail and broken creatures but we are fundamentally made to live beyond earthly life. 'Right from the beginning God has set eternity in the heart of every human person' (Ecclesiastes 3:11) and as a result, we can never be satisfied by the temporal. We long for a future life of unending love and joy—and with a King who will bring all our hopes to perfect realisation.

This is why we cannot be content with the present world of injustice, pain and suffering. Eternal, true and lasting joy comes in anticipating, and living in the light of our future life with our God, who made us for Himself. Saint Augustine aptly captured this when he said: "Thou hast made us for Thyself O God, and the heart of man is restless until it finds its rest in Thee." In another place, he also said that, 'the whole life of a good Christian is a holy desire to live with God in eternity.'

In the gospel this weekend, the Greeks who approached Philip with an ardent request 'to see Jesus' were craving after the deepest longing of the human heart, and the ultimate desire of the human soul. The expression 'to see Jesus' does not just mean an attempt to have a physical glimpse at Jesus or an ordinary glance at the person of Jesus Christ. It was more than that. They were after an intimate, deep and personal encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. In his book 'Mere Christian,' C.S. Lewis, wrote: "I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that other country and to help others to do the same."

The ache in every human heart is an ache to see God face to face when we are done and dusted with this mortal life. Therefore, 'there is within every human person a God-shaped vacuum, an emptiness that only God can fill,' said a one-time French Philosopher and Catholic Theologian Blaise Pascal. The Greek pilgrims were not in Jerusalem for a fanfare, but on a journey of encounter. It was a spiritual journey for them, since there was in each of them 'a God-shaped vacuum, an emptiness that only God can fill.'

Since Ash Wednesday, we have been on the same journey of encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. In these Lenten days, we have been contemplating while at the same time making efforts to imitate Christ's life, passion, death and resurrection. In fact, the whole point of our Lenten journey has been to lead us to the heart of who Jesus Christ is, and what Christ has done for us. John the Evangelist did not reveal what happened to the Greeks who wanted to 'see Jesus.' However, the Evangelist rather reported what appeared to have been the response of Christ to them: "unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his or her life loses it; anyone who hates his or her life in this world, will keep it for the eternal life." (John 12:24-25)

This is one of the central truths of human life and this truth is also at the heart of the Christian faith. The ultimate desire of every human soul which is to see God face to face at the end of this mortal life, will be impossible without some sort of *kenosis* - self emptying. Therefore, let's not allow fear of the unknown to deprive us of what is not just the ultimate desire of the human soul but also the one and only ultimate longing of the human heart. Saint Augustine had an undying longing for a life with God when he said: "all my empty dreams suddenly lost their charm and

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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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my heart began to throb with a bewildering passion for the wisdom of eternal truth...My God, how I burned with longing to have wings to carry me back to you, away from all earthly things, although I had no idea what you would do with me!"

In these final weeks of Lent, may our longing and desire to celebrate the Paschal mystery continue to deepen in us and may our celebrations of that mystery always give us a foretaste of our eternal destiny with our God and Father.

God Bless you all,
Fr John

Palm Crosses

If you would like to learn how to make these little Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday we will be holding a workshop at St Gerards on **Saturday 23rd March at 9am**. If anyone in the Parish has Cocos Palms and would be happy to donate some branches that would be great, please deliver to the church on **Friday 22nd March** or **Saturday Morning**. Morning tea will be provided. It will be a fun communal morning while we all get to learn a new skill. Look forward to seeing you there.



Youth Volunteers Needed

Good Friday Pageant

Youth under 18yrs are welcome to costume and act as characters for the Stations of the Cross.

10am Good Friday March 29th at St Paschal's Church, Wavell Heights.

All volunteers will need to rehearse after 9:30am Palm Sunday Mass at St Paschal's on 24th March.

To express interest or for more info, please approach Alice and Joseph at 9:30am Mass or contact yc.chermsidewest@bne.catholic.net.au or Parish Office 07 3359 0239.

Holy Week / Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday—28th March

The Lord's Supper

7:00pm St Gerards & St Paschals

Good Friday—29th March

Stations of the cross

10:00am St Gerard's & St Paschal's

Individual Reconciliation

10.45am St Paschal's with Fr. John

Passion of the Lord

3:00pm St Gerard's & St Paschal's

Saturday—30th March

Easter Vigil

7:00pm St Gerard's & St Paschal's

Sunday—31st March

The Resurrection

8.00am St Gerard's (No Morning Tea after Mass)

9.30am St Paschal's (No Morning Tea after Mass)

There is NO 5.30pm MASS on Easter Sunday

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

Rome Stewart

Cali Stewart

Archibald Ciapocha-Cooke

Harvey Barnes

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.

Parking Notice—St Gerard's

We need volunteers to help direct parking at St Gerard's before Easter Masses. Please contact the office if you are able to help out. Extra parking is available at the property (White House) next to the church at the Easter Masses.

Alarm System—St Gerard's

A new alarm system has been installed at St Gerard's Church and the Op Shop. If you have keys to these buildings please contact the Parish Office.

CCR Bardon Healing Mass

Anyone needing healing prayer or a spiritual boost in their lives, is invited to attend the first Friday monthly Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 5th April 2024 at 7.30pm. Fr. William Aupito Luliano will be the celebrant.

The Sacrament of Healing will be administered during Mass together with a personal prayer by Fr. Will. Additional personal prayer will also be offered after Mass. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

God Bless, LP Seow

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And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

Christian Meditation Group

Special Guest Speaker – Jo Hayes

Monday 18th March 5.45pm—7pm

Next Monday 18th March, the Christian Meditation Group is privileged to be joined by Jo Hayes – TV journalist, evangelist and Benedictine Oblate, who will share her experience of how **meditation changed her life**. On the evening, we will have the usual short teaching on meditation and 20 minutes silent meditation followed by Jo's sharing. It will be held inside St Paschal's church, 30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights. Don't miss this amazing evening!





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VERSE FOR VINNIES

North Pine Poets will be our performers,
thirty years since these poets began,
and their members have been Aussie Champions,
scaled the heights of the bush poet clan.
There'll be nine of these poets performing,
with a mix of both ladies and men.
There'll be humour and pathos and stories,
some of which have been etched with their pen.
You will get a whole range of bush poems,
the traditional, the modern, their own.
Variation is what they'll contribute,
entertainment will be their touchstone.
There'll be Anzac Day tributes to Diggers,
there'll be Paterson poems you'll know,
there'll be poems you've never encountered,
all of these you will get in this show.
So we'd love you to come to this concert,
as it's real entertainment you'll get;
and the dough from this show we can promise,
goes to battlers we're prone to forget.

Sunday April 7 at 1.30pm \$15 - Only Cash.
St. Williams School Hall Dawson Parade Grovely.
Book seats noel@noelstallard.com

CHILDRENS LITURGY

St Gerard's currently only have sufficient volunteers to have Children's Liturgy twice a month.

If you are willing to help as a Leader or Assistant please contact the Parish Office. Parents of the children would be very welcome.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS 2024/2025

Children in Year 3 and above are now invited to participate in the 2024/2025 Sacramental Program. Enrolments are now open! You can collect an enrolment form from Our Lady of the Angel's school or parish offices and from the front entrance of both churches. **Enrolments close 26th July 2024.**

We look forward to further welcoming you to our parish community.

Larissa Skuce | Sacramental Coordinator

Email: sacramental.chermside@bne.catholic.net.au

Young Adults Group

The sign up sheet for anyone interested in joining the Young Adults Group can be located at the entrance of both churches. Please contact Antonio for more information.
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"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33

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(Accessed on March 8 2024 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)

Archbishop Mark Coleridge
invites you to the annual

CHRISM MASS
Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7:00pm
Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street,
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Recently Deceased: Kirk Geraeds

Anniversaries: Please pray for John D'Silva and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

24 March 2024 - PALM SUNDAY

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
 Psalm: Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
 Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47



Our Lady of the Angels Parish

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
10/03/24	\$335.30	\$475.00	\$2050.60	\$2860.90

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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

Stations of the Cross - 8.30am (during Lent)

Thursday at St Paschal's & Friday at St Gerard's

What's on this Week: 18 — 22 Mar 2024

Mon 18/03 Meditation Group St P 5.45pm
 Thurs 21/03 Ladies Morning Tea St G 10.00am

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