

# 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 7th April 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Easter — Year B**

## HOMILY by Richard Leonard

The earliest Christian community focused strongly on the wounds of the Risen Lord for two reasons: to affirm the fact that Christ, now raised from the dead was the same person who had lived with them; and to make sense of the physical wounds being inflicted on them for Christ's sake.

The story of Thomas, even with its mystical details, counters a magical notion of what the resurrection is about. Jesus bears the marks of his torture and death. His glorified body, though different, is connected to how the disciples knew and loved him. They can recognise him through his words and his wounds.

We know the community of Ephesus, for which this Gospel is written, was experiencing great persecution. Is it any wonder, one generation after the earliest disciples, that the sign of Christ's Risen presence are his marks of suffering?

Our own world continues to be intrigued by manifestations of Jesus' wounds. Over recent years films like *Stigmata*, *Dogma*, *Agnes of God* and even the appalling *Daredevil* give a hysterical and cynical prominence to the stigmata. There are regular 'believe it or not' documentaries that usually follow suit. Even some pilgrims flocked to Padre Pio's monastery in the south of Italy to see if his hands really bled, or if his wounds really wept. This desire to see outward signs of inner faith is a long way short of Jesus telling us today, 'Happy are those who believe without seeing.'

Our day-to-day lives should be the clearest manifestation of the cross and resurrection of Christ.

It seems, however, that words and wounds still make a claim on us today. You and I know that we don't have to go to a stigmatic to see Christian battle wounds. We carry within us the death of the Lord. We all have our wounds. And we also know that, for many of us, it is precisely when we are wounded most deeply by life, that our doubts in the presence of God can be greatest.

The Easter story is not that we should be ashamed of this, or pretend it doesn't happen. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is into this chaos that Christ comes with words of peace, with empathy from the one who was wounded for our sake and with the mission to forgive as we are forgiven.

Years ago I remember struggling with some personal issues during a retreat. One day, when I felt lowest about myself, the retreat director, adapting today's psalm, 117, said to me, 'you realise that the stone rejected by the builder becomes the corner stone'. By this he meant that often God takes that part of ourselves we don't like, forgives it, heals it, and uses it most powerfully to

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### PARISH SCHOOL

**Our Lady of the Angels Primary School**

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### Leadership Team:

**Principal:** Mr Matthew Beacroft

**APA Acting:** Miss Casey Wood

**APRE:** Mrs Kirsten Karey

**PLL:** Mrs Liz O'Brien

### 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**  
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demonstrate that the pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Christ continues in all believers who bear his name and carry his wounds.

And that's what happened to Thomas. Christ took his fears, doubts and disbelief and transformed them into a powerful Christian witness that has sustained generations of us who struggle with life and faith.

So at this Easter Eucharist we are offered the same opportunity to discover that the stone rejected within us, or among us, is the one which God wants to use as the cornerstone. When we see this happening, when we see God taking the part of us we consider most unlovable and using it for good, then we want to cry out with the psalmist, 'This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

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### Weekday Masses

There will be NO mass on Monday 8th of April. Normal weekday masses will re-commence on **Thursday 11th of April 2024.**

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Damian Stayne is a lay Catholic evangelist with a ministry of prophecy, physical healing and miracles. He has ministered across the globe, equipping the church to exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Wherever he has set foot, many thousands have been healed from their physical and mental distress. Others have received life impacting prophecy and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into their lives. He is the founder of the Cor et Lumen Christi (The Heart of light of Christ) community in London.

**Thursday 18 April: 'Empower' Young Adults Night**

7:00 - 9:30pm at Emmanuel City Mission, 19 Merivale St, South Brisbane

**Friday 19 April: Maturing in the Prophetic**

9:00am - 8:30pm at Twelve Apostles Church, 111 Yallambee Rd, Jindalee

**Saturday 20 April: Healing, Signs and Wonders**

9:00am - 9:30pm at Twelve Apostles Church, 111 Yallambee Rd, Jindalee

### 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 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.

### Stewardship

*"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - Acts 4:3*

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

(Accessed on March 27, 2024 from [www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections](http://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections))

### Archbishop's Dinner for Women

The Archbishop's Dinner for Women, hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, offers a chance for women discerning their vocation to connect and gain insights into their journey. The event features personal stories from the Archbishop to assist in discernment and the questions they are currently facing. It's set for April 18th at Wynberg in New Farm. Interested attendees should email: [vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au) to submit their interest.

Places are strictly limited.

**When:** Thursday 18th April, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**Where:** Wynberg, New Farm



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### A Morning's Prayer

Individuals and groups are warmly invited to attend the next A Morning's Prayer Retreat, facilitated by Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation team. The morning consists of input, prayer, reflection, morning tea and group discussion.

**When:** Saturday 27th April, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Where:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

**Register:** [www.tinyurl.com/AMP24-2](http://www.tinyurl.com/AMP24-2)







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## 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 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

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

Larissa Skuce | Sacramental Coordinator

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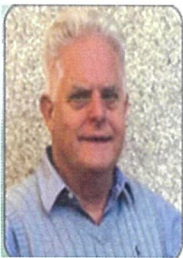
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You are invited to take time out for a morning retreat of liturgy-focused input., experience and reflection.

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An internationally renowned liturgist, Tom Elich earned a Doctorate of Theology in Paris subsequently widely in liturgy and theology. He was secretary for liturgy with the ACBC for 10 years and took part in the work of ICEL in the 1990's. Tom served 15 years as parish priest at Bulimba and spent 35 years as director of Liturgy Brisbane until September 2023.



**Sr Jill O'Brien**

Jill O'Brien is a Sister of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict. Her ministries have included teaching in Catholic and public schools, parish work, university chaplaincy and adult education with a particular emphasis on Liturgical education. Jill is currently chaplain at Yarra Theological Union in Melbourne.

**When:** Saturday 20th April 2024

**Time:** 9:00am—12:30pm

**Where:** Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, Cnr Earnshaw Rd & Approach Rd, Banyo

**Cost—**\$15.00 (\$12.00 for bookings of 5 or more)

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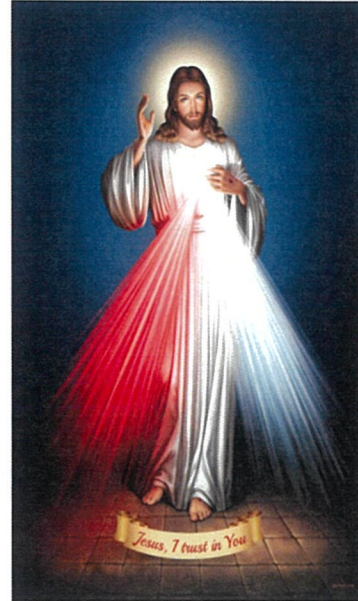
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**From 1.30pm**

**Holy Mass at 4pm**

Enquiries:

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**Anniversaries:** Please pray for Kevin Horrigan, Brian Byrne, 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**

**14 April 2024 - Third Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  
 Psalm: Psalm 4:2, 4, 5, 9  
 2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5  
 Gospel: Luke 24:35-48



**Our Lady of the Angels Parish**

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
31/03/24	\$	\$	\$	<b>\$4922.75</b>

*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: 8 — 12 Apr 2024**

Mon 8/04 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm  
 Thurs 11/04 Ladies Morning Tea St G 10.00am



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