

# OUR Lady OF THE Angels PARISH

St Gerard Majella  
146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermside West

St Paschal Baylon  
30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

Sunday 24 April 2022

2nd Sunday of Easter

Year C

## 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 also 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 from 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. Do you remember when a well-known television reporter went in search of mystics and stigmatics? The television network ratings soared. Everyone from the true believer to the cynic wanted to see if the hands really bled, or the wounds really wept. Whatever the truth of these private revelations and experiences, it seems words and wounds still make a claim on us today.

You and I know, however, 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 are 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.

I remember struggling with some personal issues in the Jesuit novitiate. I'm told that's what these places are for! One day, when I felt lowest about myself, the novice master, adapting Psalm 118, 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 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 fear, his doubts and his disbelief and through the wounds of healing and peace 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 that which God wants to use as the cornerstone. And when this happens we can cry with the psalmist, '

***This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.***

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**Principal:** Mrs Kirsten Karey (Acting)

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### MASS TIMES 25 April - 01 May 2022.

**St Gerard Majella - 146 Maundrell Tce, Chermside West**

**MON:** 7:00 am Anzac Day Mass (BBQ after)

**TUE:** 8:30 am

**FRI:** 8.30 am

**SAT:** 4.30 pm Vigil Mass

**SUN:** 8.00 am Sunday Morning Mass

**SUN:** 5:30pm Sunday Afternoon Mass

**St Paschal Baylon - 30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights**

**WED:** 8:45 am

**THU:** 9:00 am

**SAT:** 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

**SUN:** 9:30 am Sunday Morning Mass

**Reconciliation is by Appointment Only—contact the Parish Office to book appointment.**



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## To discard the elderly a grave sin, says Pope

During his weekly meeting with the public in St Peter's Square yesterday, the Pope said, "this commandment to honour the elderly gives us a blessing". "Please, care for old people," he urged, "because they are the presence of history, the presence of the family. And it is thanks to them we are here. Please, do not leave them alone."

Honouring seniors is a form of love, giving life not only to those honoured, but to those doing the honouring, he said. For the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pope's Wednesday general audience was back in St Peter's Square. His lesson focused on seven verses from the book of Sirach, including Sirach 3:12-13: "My son, be steadfast in honouring your father; do not grieve him as long as he lives. Even if his mind fails, be considerate of him; do not revile him because you are in your prime."

"Honour is a good word to frame this aspect of returning love that concerns old age," Pope Francis said. "We have received this love from our parents, now we return this love to our parents, to our grandparents."

"Love for the human person that is common to us, including honouring a life lived, is not a matter for the old. Rather it is an ambition that will bring radiance to the youth who inherit its best qualities. May the wisdom of God's Spirit grant us to open the horizon of this true cultural revolution with the necessary energy," he said.

Pope Francis encouraged parents to bring their children around seniors often. And if their grandparents are in a nursing home, to bring them to visit.



**FULL STORY**  
Pope Francis:  
To discard the elderly  
'is a grave sin'

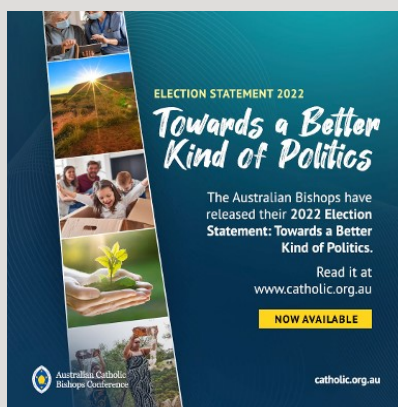
(By Hannah Brockhaus, CNA) 21 April 2022.

## Federal Election 2022-Bishops' Statement

Read the Australian Catholic Bishop's 2022 election statement, *Towards a Better Kind of Politics*, to help you reflect on the good you can do for the community by using your vote for the common good of all.

The statement includes a Prayer for the Election and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

Download a copy from [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)



## Our Lady of the Angels' Parish Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism:

Harriet Koosmen

Nora Dowling Oliver Dowling

2022 Baptisms will be 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 - 5pm.

Please check the Parish website for documentation required when making

## Plenary Council Second Assembly- Walking in the Spirit



The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the Walking in the Spirit prayer campaign.

Walking in the Spirit begins on Easter Sunday, April 17, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities.

Find out more at: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/)

### Daily Gospel Reflections

Stay centred in your faith with this daily series of theological reflections on the Gospel of the day. Sign up to receive a one page reflection each week day in your inbox.

Sign up here: <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>

### JOURNEY

A space for young women to explore their vocation.

Are you looking for a space to connect with other young women who are discerning their future?

"Journey" is for young women to join together with others who are discovering God's plan for their life. It's a place of sharing community together and being supported by others to explore their vocation. Facilitated by Sr Mel Dwyer, "Journey" meets one Sunday morning per month, usually for a bushwalk and brunch. All young adult women 18-40yrs are welcome to come together and share the journey of discernment.



The next "Journey" walk and brunch will be meeting at 7:30am, Sunday 22 May at Mount Coot-Tha from JC Slaughter Falls carpark. Register here: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/Journey0522>



## Upcoming Verse for Vinnies Concert

Sunday April 24, 1.30pm 67 Dawson Parade Grovely. Cost \$15. Earlier this month our Feature Performer, Marion Fitzgerald was one of the celebrity poets at the successful Oracles of the Bush Festival in Tenterfield.

She is so keen to perform at our Verse for Vinnies.

Marion was the first female poet to be selected to represent Australia in America. She is a farm girl, heart and soul country. She is the daughter of a digger and will give a very moving poem in remembrance of Anzac Day, but this is no sombre occasion as she will have you laughing like you've never laughed before- good country humour.

Please join us on this occasion and bring a friend.

If you have been before just email your name but if it is your first time, then NAME ADDRESS PHONE AND EMAIL are needed. To book email [noel@noelstallard.com](mailto:noel@noelstallard.com)

## ST IGNATIUS' WOMEN'S NIGHT OF SPIRITUALITY

St Ignatius' Women's Night of Spirituality presents Joan Chittister osb for Toowong Parish's annual event celebrating women's spirituality.

**When:** Friday 3 June 2022 - **Time:** 7—9pm (AEST)

**Where:** Stuartholme School Chapel,  
365 Birdwood Tce, Toowong.

**Tickets:** \$35 each (Early Bird Special: \$30 each, until 30 April, 2022).

**Bookings:** [www.trybooking.com/BYQTJ](http://www.trybooking.com/BYQTJ)

For more details please refer to parish website

[www.stignatiustoowong.org.au](http://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au)

## CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

**A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:**

**Why do some people like you or are your friends?**

**What are the good times you have had together?**

**Have there ever been times when things did not go so well?**

**Jesus shares with us his peace and shows forgiveness.**

**How can we also share peace and show forgiveness?**

**What can we do this week to pass on the peace and forgiveness that Jesus shares with us?**

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## STEWARDSHIP

*“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” (JOHN 20:21)*

*Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.” Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.*

Accessed 21.04.2022 <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

## Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Blue Card – April e-news

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Carmela Knauth – Local Safeguarding Representative

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**ANZAC DAY MASS**

LEST WE FORGET

**Monday 25  
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St Gerards**

**BBQ B/fast to  
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**Everyone is  
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**ANZAC  
DAY**

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**WE PRAY FOR**  
Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Please pray for 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**

01 MAY 2022 - 3RD SUNDAY of EASTER YEAR C

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

Psalm: Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13.

2nd Reading: Rv 5:11-14

Gospel: Jn 21:1-19

**OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH**

Weekend	1st Coll	2nd Coll	Loose	TOTAL
17.04.22	344.60	622.00	3669.55	<b>\$4636.15</b>

**March 2022**

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*All donations are gratefully received.*

**Regular Parish Activities**

Christian Meditation:

Monday evenings 5:45pm at St Paschals.

1st Friday: Adoration after 8:30am Mass St Gerards

2nd Friday: Anointing Mass 8:30am St Gerards

Rosary : before Friday 8:30 Mass (but not during Lent)

: after Friday 8:30am Mass

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Anzac Day Mass**

Monday 25 April 7:00am at St Gerards  
BBQ Breakfast to follow.

**Parish General Meeting**

St Gerards Wednesday 4 May

St Paschals Wednesday 29 June

**New Parish Website now up and running**  
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